

WATER POLO

TEAM FRANCE / WOMEN










EUROPEAN AQUATICS
WOMEN WATER POLO
CHAMPIONSHIP
FUNCHAL-2026

European Champion 2024
World Champion 2024
Olympic Champion 2024
World Cup Champion 2025
World Champion 2025

Netherlands
USA
Spain
Greece
Greece

Best results France

- **Olympics:** so far **1 participation** (first in 2024 / as host) – Last participation/Best result: 2024 9th
- **World Championships:** so far **9 participations** (first in 1991) – Last participation: 2025 12th – Best results: 2022 8th, 1991 and 2002 9th
- **European Championships:** so far **15 participations** (first in 1985) – Last participation: 2024 6th – Best results: Bronze medallist 1987 and 1989; 4th 1991









1	Eszter LEFEBVRE <i>Goalkeeper / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2026</i>	DoB 03 JAN 2003 (23) PoB Budapest, HUN Residence Lille Height 172 cm Occupation Athlete Club Lille UC Natation Coach (Club) Anestis Pesmatzoglou	Results WCh: 2025 12 th Note Celebrated her 23 rd birthday on January 03	
2	Lara ANDRES <i>Defender, Centre Forward /</i> <i>Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2023</i> <i>TM: 6 – TG: 0 – TS: 3</i> <i>TPT: 48:11</i>	DoB 04 JUL 2006 (19) PoB / Residence Lille Height / Weight 168cm / 70kg Occupation Athlete Club Lille UC Natation Coach (Club) Anestis Pesmatzoglou	Results Olympics: 2024 9 th WCh: 2023 9 th , 2025 12 th , 2024 13 th ECh: 2024 6 th	
3	Jade BOUGHRARA <i>Ce Attacker / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2025</i>	DoB 14 OCT 2005 PoB Chambray-les-Tours Residence Taverigny Height 173cm Occupation Athlete Club Taverny SN 95 Coach (Club) Thomas Michaeli	Results WCh: 2025 12 th	
4	Camelia BOULOUKBACHI <i>Defender, Centre Forward /</i> <i>Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2019</i> <i>TM: 22 – TG: 20 – TS: 57</i> <i>TPT: 310:13</i>	DoB 09 SEP 2003 (22) PoB Paris Residence Arizona, USA Height 179cm Occupation Athlete, Student (sports) Club Arizona State Coach (Club) Active since 2013	Results Olympics: 2024 9 th WCh: 2022 8 th , 2023 9 th , 2024 13 th ECh: 2024 6 th , 020 and 2022 7 th ECh Juniors: 2019 8 th 2019 Note No participation WCh 2025	
5	Arianna BANCHI <i>Attacker, Driver /</i> <i>Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2026</i>	DoB 18 JUL 2006 (19) PoB / Residence Genoa, ITA Height 170cm Occupation Athlete Club US Locatelli Genova, ITA Coach (Club)	Results WCh: 2025 12 th	
6	Kahena BENLEKBIR <i>Attacker / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2025</i>	DoB 05 APR 2002 (23) PoB Livry-Gargan Residence Nancy Height 166cm Occupation Athlete Club Grand Nancy Aquatique Coach (Club) Rémi Garsau	Results WCh: 2025 12 th	
7	Lana DI-FRAJA <i>Defender / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2026</i>	DoB 26 JUL 2006 (19) PoB Aix en Provence Residence Lille Height 173cm Occupation Athlete Club Lille UC Natation Coach (Club) Anestis Pesmatzoglou	Results	

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8	Valentine HEURTAUX (C) <i>Attack, Wing / Righthanded</i> TM: 9 – TG: 2 – TS: 11 TPT: 103:08	DoB 04 JAN 2005 (21) PoB Marseille Residence Lille Height / Weight 174cm Occupation Athlete, Student Club Lille UC Natation Coach (Club) Anestis Pesmatzoglou	Results Olympics: 2024 9 th WCh: 2023 9 th , 2005 12 th , 2024 13 th ECh: 2024 6 th , 2022 7 th Note Celebrated her 21 st birthday on January 04	
9	Ema VERNOUX <i>Attacker, Wing / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2019</i> TM: 21 – TG: 32 – TS: 77 TPT: 299:08	DoB 25 MAR 2004 (19) PoB / Residence Marseille Height / Weight 170cm / 70kg Occupation Athlete, Student Club Hawaii Wahine Water Polo Coach (C) Active since 2010	Results Olympics: 2024 9 th WCh: 2022 8 th , 2023 9 th , 2025 12 th , 2024 13 th ECh: 2024 6 th , 2020 and 2022 7 th ECh JUN: 8 th 2018 (Kirichi), 8 th 2019 (Volos) Note: Sister of Lily Vernoux, not competing in Funchal. Their cousins Thomas Vernoux and Romain Marion-Vernoux are members of the French National WP Team and competed in the 2026 European Championship in Belgrade, finishing 9 th .	
10	Elhyne KILIC-PEGOURIÉ <i>Centre Back / Righthanded</i>	DoB 13 MAR 2007 (18) PoB Villeneuve-Saint-Georges Residence Lille Height 173cm Occupation Athlete Club Lille UC Natation Coach (Club) Anestis Pesmatzoglou	Results WCh: 2025 12 th	
11	Tiziana RASPO <i>Centre Forward / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2022</i> TM: 11 – TG: 2 – TS: 7 TPT: 103:56	DoB 03 OCT 2005 (20) PoB Nice Residence Paris Height 178cm Occupation Student Club Grand Nancy Aquatique Club Coach (Club) Rémi Garsau	Results Olympics: 2024 9 th WCh: 2023 9 th , 2024 13 th ECh: 2024 6 th , 2022 7 th Note No participation WCh 2025	
12	Emma DUFLOS <i>Attacker / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2025</i>	DoB 23 JUL 2007 (18) PoB Niort (79) Residence Toulon Height 168cm Occupation Athlete Club Toulon Water Polo Coach (Club) Raphaël Pirat	Results WCh: 2025 12 th	
13	Romane SECHERESSE <i>Goalkeeper / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2026</i>	DoB 06 JUL 2009 (16) PoB Niort Residence Bordeaux Height 172cm Occupation Athlete Club Union St. Bruno Bordeaux Coach (Club) Tristan Colaço	Results	
14	Léopoldine BURLE <i>Attacker, Driver / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2026</i>	DoB 20 SEP 2009 (16) PoB Troyes Residence Toulon Height 170cm Occ. Athlete, High school student Club Toulon Water Polo Coach (Club) Raphaël Pirat	Results	
15	Ona POURTEAU SIRE <i>Centre Forward / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2026</i>	DoB 25 MAY 2009 (16) PoB / Residence Barcelona, ESP Height 172cm Occupation Athlete Club Club Esportiu Mediterrani, ESP Coach (Club)	Results	


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COACHES

<p>Lorene DERENTY <i>Head coach</i></p>	<p>DoB 04 SEPT 1994 (31) PoB Aix-les-Bains Residence Nationality FRA <i>Until 2023 assistant coach. Since 2025 head coach.</i></p>	<p>Results as coach: WCh: WCh: 2023 9th, 2024 13th ECh: 2024 6th as player (goalkeeper) Former National player WCh: 2017 11th, 2015 14th ECh: 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 7th</p>	
<p>Stefania GIULIANI <i>Head coach</i></p>	<p>DoB 30 AUG 1982 (43) PoB Residence Nationality ITA <i>Since 2025 assistant coach.</i></p>	<p>Results</p>	