

WATER POLO
TEAM GERMANY / 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 Germany

- **Olympics:** so far **no participation**
- **World Championships:** so far **7 participations** (first in 1986) – Last participation: 2009 10th – Best results: 1986 and 1991 6th
- **European Championships:** so far **18 participations** (first in 1985) – Last participation: 2024 11th – Best result: Bronze medallist 1985; 1987 4th; 1989 5th; 1991, 1993 and 1997 6th
- **World Cup:** so far **no participation**
- **World League:** so far **1 participation** (first in 2012). Last participation/Best result: 2012 6th

1	Darja HEINBICHNER <i>Goalkeeper / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2020</i> TM: 12 – TG: 1 – TS: 1 – TGKS: 79 – TGKSR: 179 – TPT: 288:14	DoB 22 AUG 2004 (21) PoB Omsk, RUS Residence Moers Height / Weight 181cm / 77kg Occupation Club SV Blau-Weiß Bochum Coach (Club) Evangelos Charachles Active since 2011	Results ECh: 2022 10 th , 2024 11 th U20-WCh: 2021 12 th U17-ECh: 2019 11 th U17-ECh: 2021 10 th U19-ECh: 2022 17 th University Games: 2025 1 st	
2	Belén VOSSEBERG <i>Attack, Right Wing /</i> <i>Lefthanded</i> <i>International since 2014</i> TM: 34 – TG: 56 – TS: 176 TPT: 812:40	DoB 15 DEC 1997 (26) PoB Moers Residence Barcelona, ESP Height / Weight 166cm / 61kg Occupation Student (Business administration) Club CN Catalunya, ESP Coach (Club) Javier Belmonte Active since 2010	Results ECh: 2016 and 2018 8 th , 2022 10 th , 2020 and 2024 11 th Note Played for FTC Budapest, HUN in 2022/23, before for Wfr. Spandau 04/GER. Reached the Euro Cup Finals in 2023 with FTC.	
3	Emma SEEHAFFER <i>Point / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2022</i> TM: 5 – TG: 2 – TS: 3 TPT: 55:22	DoB 02 JUN 2003 (20) PoB Hannover Residence Long Beach Height / Weight 174cm / 79kg Occupation Student Club Waspo 98 Hannover, California State University Long Beach, USA Coach (Club) Shana Welch	Results ECh: 2024 11 th (1 st participation) University Games: 2025 1 st Note Daughter of Karsten Seehafer (former head coach men's team Waspo 98 Hannover and team coach Germany). Will only play the first 2 matches and then return to the USA State College.	
4	Sinia PLOTZ <i>Point / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2019</i> TM: 12 – TG: 11 – TS: 32 TPT: 199:48	DoB 03 MAY 2004 (21) PoB Oberhausen Residence Los Angeles, USA Height / Weight 180cm / 70kg Occupation Student Club Uerdinger SV 08, Univ. of Southern California, USA Coach (Club) Casey Moon, USA Active since 2013	Results ECh: 2022 10 th , 2024 11 th U20-WCh: 2021 12 th U17-ECh: 2021 10 th , 2019 11 th U19-ECh: 2022 17 th University Games: 2025 1 st	
5	Ira DEIKE <i>Attack, Left Wing /</i> <i>Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2012</i> TM: 23 – TG: 12 – TS: 41 TPT: 367:43	DoB 30 APR 1998 (27) PoB Hannover Residence Berlin Height / Weight 160cm / 55kg Occupation Student (medicine) Club Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 Coach (Club) Marko Stamm Active since 2010	Results ECh: 2018 8 th , 2016 8 th , 2022 10 th , 2020 and 2024 11 th European Games: 2015 7 th Note Younger sister of Gesa Deike.	



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6	Gesa DEIKE (C) <i>Attack, Left Driver / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2013</i> TM: 33 – TG: 29 – TS: 81 TPT: 632:28	DoB 26 JUN 1995 (30) PoB Hannover Residence Berlin Height / Weight 170cm / 63kg Occupation Student (exercise science and coaching) Club Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 Coach (Club) Marko Stamm Active in WP since 2011	Results ECh: 2016 and 2018 8 th , 2022 10 th , 2020 and 2024 11 th Note Older sister of Ira Deike.	
7	Anne RIECK <i>Point / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2019</i> TM: 11 – TG: 7 – TS: 23 TPT: 182:53	DoB 01 MAR 2004 (21) PoB / Residence Potsdam Height / Weight 173cm / 62kg Occupation Student Club Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 Coach (Club) Marko Stamm Active since 2013	Results ECh: 2022 10 th , 2024 11 th U20-WCh: 2021 12 th U17-ECh: 2021 10 th , 2019 11 th U19-ECh: 2022 17 th University Games: 2025 1 st	
8	Aylin FRY <i>Attack, Left Driver / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2014</i> TM: 26 – TG: 20 – TS: 69 TPT: 433:44	DoB 01 DEC 1999 (26) PoB / Residence Krefeld / Bochum Height / Weight 164cm / 66kg Occupation Student (Teacher – german + economics) Club SV Blau-Weiß Bochum Coach (Club) Evangelos Charachles Active since 2008	Results ECh: 2018 8 th , 2022 10 th , 2020 and 2024 11 th JUN-WCh: 2016 12 th JUN-ECh: 2015 and 2017 7 th European Games: 2015 7 th	
9	Elena LUDWIG <i>Attack, Left Wing / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2021</i> TM: 6 – TG: 2 – TS: 7 TPT: 90:24	DoB 02 FEB 2005 (18) PoB / Residence Esslingen / Berlin Height / Weight 164cm / 60kg Occupation High school student Club Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 Coach (Club) Marko Stamm Active since 2016	Results ECh: 2022 10 th , 2024 11 th U20-WCh: 2021 12 th U17-ECh: 2021 10 th University Games: 2025 1 st	
10	Barbara BUJKA <i>Centre / Lefthanded</i> <i>Caps: +200 since 2006</i> TM: 14 – TG: 31 – TS: 66 TPT: 267:59	DoB 05 SEPT 1986 (39) PoB Budapest, HUN Residence Krefeld Height / Weight 173cm / 80kg Occupation Athlete Club Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 Coach (Club) Marko Stamm Active in WP since 1994	Results For HUN: Olympics: 2012 and 2026 4 th WCh: 2013 3 rd , 2007 4 th , 2011 and 2015 9 th ECh: 2016 1 st ; 2006, 2008, 2012 and 2014 3 rd , 2010 5 th For GER: WCh: 2005 8 th , 2003 10 th ECh: 2003 7 th Note Former GER and HUN national player. Eligible to play for Germany again since December 2025	
11	Jana STUEWE <i>Centre Forward / Righthanded</i> <i>International since 2019</i> TM: 10 – TG: 4 – TS: 12 TPT: 127:00	DoB 23 JUN 2003 (20) PoB / Residence Bochum Height / Weight 185cm / 80kg Occupation Student (Teacher for primary school) Club SV Blau-Weiß Bochum Coach (Club) Evangelos Charachles Active since 2015	Results ECh: 2022 10 th , 2024 11 th U20-WCh: 2021 12 th U17-ECh: 2019 11 th U19-ECh: 2022 17 th University Games: 2025 1 st	
12	Georgia SOPIADOU <i>Point / Righthanded</i> TM: 4 – TG: 0 – TS: 1 TPT: 42:29	DoB 04 JUN 2005 (18) PoB Esslingen Residence Berlin Occupation FSJ (Currently completing a voluntary social year) Height / Weight 173cm / 57kg Club Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 Coach (Club) Marko Stamm	Results ECh: 2024 11 th (1 st participation)	
13	Maria SEKULIC <i>Goalkeeper / Righthanded</i>	DoB 09 AUG 2009 (16) PoB Stuttgart Residence Esslingen Height / Weight 180cm / 78kg Occupation High school student Club SSV Esslingen Coach (Club) Zaferios Chalias	Results ECh: 1 st participation Note Daughter of former GER national coach (men) Milos Sekulic, SRB.	

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14	Emiliia KHMIL <i>Wing / Righthanded</i>	<p>DoB 19 NOV 2006 (19) PoB Petach Tikwa, ISR Residence Bochum Height / Weight 180cm / 75kg Occupation High school student Club SV Blau-Weiß Bochum Coach (Club) Evangelos Charachles</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Note</p> <p>Lived in the Ukraine, then fled to Bochum/GER in 2022. Eligible to play for Germany since November 2025.</p>	
15	Nele POLITZE <i>Center Defender / Righthanded</i>	<p>DoB 23 SEP 2008 (17) PoB / Residence Berlin Height / Weight 175cm / 73kg Occupation High school student Club Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 Coach (Club) Marko Stamm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Results</p> <p>ECh: 1st participation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note</p> <p>Daughter of former German national player Marc Politze (Vice-record national player, 2-time Olympian and multiple German Champion, 5x WCh, 8x ECh) as well as granddaughter of GER water polo legend Hagen Stamm.</p>	

COACHES

Karsten Seehafer <i>Head coach</i>	<p>DoB 31 OCT 1969 (56) PoB Garbsen Residence Hannover</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Team coach since 12/2024</i> <i>Former Head coach of the Men's team of Waspo 98 Hannover, GER</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Results</p> <p><u>as coach:</u> University Games: 2025 1st</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note</p> <p>Father of German national player Emma Seehafer, competing in Funchal.</p>	
Peter ROEHLE <i>Assistant coach</i>	<p>DoB 06 MAR 1957 (68) PoB / Residence Berlin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Note</p> <p>Former German water polo player (414 caps for GER), won bronze medals at the Olympics 1984 and World Championships and two-time European champion.</p>	
Sven SCHULZ <i>Team leader</i>	<p>DoB 28 FEB 1972 (51) PoB Karl-Marx-Stadt Residence Chemnitz</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Head coach from 2019-12/2024</i> <i>Club coach SC Chemnitz 2002-2019</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Results</p> <p><u>as coach:</u> ECh: 2022 10th, 2020 (assistant coach then) and 2024 11th University Games: 2025 1st</p>	