

# WATER POLO

## TEAM SWITZERLAND / 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 Switzerland

- **Olympics:** so far **no participations**
- **World Championships:** so far **no participations**
- **European Championships:** so far **2 participation** (first in 1993) – Last participation/Best result: 1993 10<sup>th</sup>
- **World Cup:** so far **no participations**
- **World League:** so far **no participations**

<b>1</b>	<b>Leah FRIEDMAN</b> <i>Goalkeeper / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 37 since 2019</i>	DoB 24 MAR 2001 (24) PoB Chicago, USA Residence Brig Height / Weight 177cm / 75kg Occupation Athlete, Student (Intern Communication) Club WK Thun Coach (Club) Jochen Soder Playing WP since 2014	<b>Results</b>  <b>Note</b> Played high school varsity in the US.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Samira SCHWAB</b> <i>Left Driver / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 26 since 2022</i>	DoB 14 APR 2006 (19) PoB / Residence Zurich Height / Weight 174cm / 63kg Occupation Athlete, Chemical technician Club WP Winterthur Coach (Club) Edi Alijagic Playing WP since 2016	<b>Results</b> U16 WCh: 2022 U19 ECh: 2022 U17 ECh: 2023	
<b>3</b>	<b>Lotti VERHAGEN</b> <i>Left Driver / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 21 since 2022</i>	DoB 13 APR 2002 PoB / Residence Basel / Pfeffingen Height / Weight 179cm / 76kg Occupation Athlete, Student Class Assistant (primary education) Club SC Horgen Coach (Club) Ashkan Hesabian Playing WP since 2013	<b>Results</b>  <b>Note</b> Played two years (2022-24) in ZVL-1886 Leiden / NED. Played in the Euro Cup 2022 and Conference Cup with them.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Lena OBERLI</b> <i>Point / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 26 since 2022</i>	DoB 15 AUG 2003 (22) PoB Frauenfeld Residence Müllheim Height / Weight 181cm / 75kg Occ. Athlete, Medical assistant Club SC Horgen Coach (Club) Ashkan Hesabian Playing WP since 2015	<b>Results</b> U19 ECh: 2022  <b>Note</b> Captain of the U19 National team 2022 in Israel	
<b>5</b>	<b>Paola DE FEO</b> <i>Left Wing / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 65 since 2017</i>	DoB 13 JAN 1989 (37) PoB / Residence Basel Height / Weight 170cm / 67kg Occupation Global Product Manager Club WSV Basel Coach (Club) Michel Grasso Playing WP since 2001	<b>Results</b>  <b>Note</b> Played LEN Euro League Women with Basel 2004-2006.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Nina MIKULIC</b> <i>Center Forward / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 8 since 2025</i>	DoB 05 JUL 2007 (18) PoB / Residence Küsnacht / Horgen Height / Weight 174cm / 75kg Occupation Athlete, Commercial apprenticeship Club SC Horgen Coach (Club) Ashkan Hesabian Playing WP since 2017	<b>Results</b> U17 ECh Izmir U18 ECh Malta  <b>Note</b> Captain of the U18 National team in Malta.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Jacqueline KOHLI</b> <i>Point / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 27 since 2019</i>	DoB 12 MAY 1990 (35) PoB Burnaby, CAN Residence Zurich Height / Weight 178cm / 72kg Occupation Water Polo Coach Club SC Zug Coach (Club) Norbert Kerschbaum Playing WP since 1997	<b>Results</b>  <b>Note</b> Played at Indiana University in USA, then played professionally in Australia, Italy, and France.	









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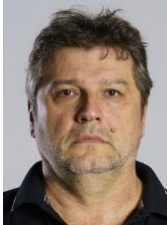


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<b>8</b>	<b>Amy NUSSBAUMER</b> <i>Right Wing / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 30 since 2022</i>	DoB 25 JUL 2006 (19) PoB / Residence Zug Height / Weight 169cm / 62kg Occupation Athlete, Student (civil engineering) Club SC Zug Coach (Club) Norbert Kerschbaum Playing WP since 2016	<b>Results</b> U16 WCh: 2022 U19 ECh: 2022 U17 ECh: 2023	
<b>9</b>	<b>Julia MATTOSCIO</b> <i>Point / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 8 since 2025</i>	DoB 11 DEC 2000 (25) PoB / Residence Schaffhausen Height / Weight 177cm / 75kg Occupation Athlete, Master Student (food technology) Club WP Winterthur Coach (Club) Edi Aljagic Playing WP since 2022	<b>Results</b>  <b>Note</b> Competitive Swimmer until 2021.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Eliane DE BUE</b> <i>Right Wing / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 42 since 2019</i>	DoB 27 AUG 2000 (25) PoB Rorschach Residence Szentcs, HUN Height / Weight 165cm / 65kg Occupation Athlete Club VK Szentcs, HUN Coach (Club) Gyula Tóth, Gábor Kis Playing WP since 2014	<b>Results</b>  <b>Note</b> Playing professionally in Hungary since Summer 2025.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Melanie ADLER</b> <i>Right Driver / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 81 since 2015</i> <i>TM: x – TG: x – TS: x –</i> <i>TGKS: x – TGKSR: x –</i> <i>TPT: x</i>	DoB 22 MAY 1993 (32) PoB / Residence Basel / Liestal Height / Weight 176cm / 70kg Occupation Athlete, Teacher 80% (sports science and mathematics) Club WSV Basel Coach (Club) Michel Grasso Playing WP since 2011	<b>Results</b>  <b>Note</b> Started playing water polo in a Texan high school with 18 years old.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Alina MORGENEGG</b> <i>Center Forward / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 34 since 2015</i>	DoB 29 AUG 1997 (28) PoB / Residence Bern Height / Weight 167cm / 75kg Occupation Jurist / Lawyer Club WK Thun Coach (Club) Jochen Soder Playing WP since 2012	<b>Results</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Meret SCHMIDT</b> <i>Goalkeeper / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 26 since 2022</i>	DoB 01 AUG 2003 (22) PoB / Residence Winterthur Height / Weight 180cm / 73kg Occupation Athlete, Student (energy + environmental technology) Club WP Winterthur Coach (Club) Edi Aljagic Playing WP since 2018	<b>Results</b> U19 ECh: 2022  <b>Note</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Lena ROHDE</b> <i>Left Wing / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 30 since 2022</i>	DoB 26 JAN 2005 (21) PoB / Residence Thun Height / Weight 174cm / 63kg Occupation Athlete, Nurse Hospital Club WK Thun Coach (Club) Jochen Soder Playing WP since 2014	<b>Results</b> U19 ECh: 2022  <b>Note</b> Celebrates her 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday on January 26. Did her first education with competitiv Sport School	
<b>15</b>	<b>Anouk SODER</b> <i>Left Driver / Righthanded</i> <i>Caps: 6 since 2022</i>	DoB 06 JAN 2007 (19) PoB / Residence Thun Height / Weight 174cm / 74kg Occupation Athlete, Student (primary education) Club WK Thun Coach (Club) Jochen Soder Playing WP since 2016	<b>Results</b> U18 ECh Malta  <b>Note</b> Celebrated her 19 <sup>th</sup> birthday on January 06.	

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**COACHES**

<p><b>Vladimir BAJKOVIC</b> <i>Head coach</i></p>	<p><b>DoB</b> 22 OCT 1965 (60) <b>PoB</b> Kotor, MNE <b>Residence</b> Belgrade, SRB <b>Nationality</b> SRB</p> <p><i>Head coach since 2022.</i></p>	<p><b>Results</b></p> <p><u>as coach:</u> European juniors Gold medals as assistant coach</p> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p>"Take the talent and give him lot of work."</p> <p>After his active playing career, Bajkovic worked as a coach at various clubs in Yugoslavia and Serbia, including 12 years with VK Crvena Zvezda and the nationals team. His international coaching career took him to the national teams of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, as well as to Greece. Between 2014 and 2018, he was the head coach of all Serbian women's national teams. He participated in European and World Championships with the national teams of Yugoslavia and Serbia, winning bronze, silver, and gold medals.</p>	
<p><b>Ashkan HESABIAN</b> <i>Assistant Coach</i></p>	<p><b>DoB</b> 19 SEP 1982 (43) <b>PoB</b> Ahwaz, IRN <b>Residence</b> Adliswil-Zurich <b>Nationality</b> SUI</p> <p><i>Assistant coach since 2025.</i> <i>Club coach SC Horgen.</i></p>	<p><b>Results</b></p> <p><b>Note</b></p> <p>"From chasing victories to guiding growth, the real game is now played in the heart"</p>	
<p><b>Vesselina VELIKOVA</b> <i>Team Manager</i></p>	<p><b>DoB</b> 23 JUL 1992 (33) <b>PoB</b> Sofia, BUL <b>Residence</b> Zurich <b>Nationality</b> SUI</p> <p><i>Team Manager since 2005.</i></p>		