

# water polo

**ELITE INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT CAMP**

Koper, 21. - 27. July 2026



**ELVIS  
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**GUEST  
COACH**

**Water Polo Development Camp Koper** is an elite player development program designed exclusively for **players aged 13–17** (male and female) who want to improve their individual performance, technical execution, tactical understanding, and positional specialization in a professional training environment.

## WHY THIS CAMP?

In everyday club work, **coaches often lack time for detailed individual development**. Players train hard, compete regularly, but many technical and tactical elements remain insufficiently developed.

**This camp was created to fill that gap.**

Water Polo Development Camp Koper focuses on:

- improving individual technical skills
- developing positional specialization
- enhancing tactical intelligence
- individual performance feedback
- educating coaches through practical examples

Our objective is simple:

***“Help players become more complete water polo athletes through structured individual development.”***



## COACHING STAFF

Participants train under the supervision of internationally recognized coaches:



### ELVIS FATOVIĆ

**Elvis Fatović** is a former Croatian international water polo player and **Olympic head coach** with extensive experience at the highest level of the sport. As a player, he earned **128 caps for Croatia**, won a **silver medal at the 2003 European Championship**, and captured **two LEN Champions League titles** with Jug and Mladost.

As a coach, he **won Olympic gold in 2012** as assistant coach of the Croatian national team under Ratko Rudić and later served for several years as **head coach of Australia's men's national Olympic team**. He also **led CNAB** to major domestic successes and a **Champions League Final Four**.

Today, he is **the head coach of Olympiacos**, one of Europe's most successful water polo clubs.

#### Expertise

- Shooting mechanics & offensive play
- Positional specialization
- Game execution under pressure
- Modern tactical systems



### DRAGAN JOVANOVIĆ

**Dragan Jovanović** is a former elite water polo goalkeeper who represented the former Yugoslavia, winning medals at **World and European Championships**.

As a coach, he led the **Canadian men's national team** to qualification for the **2008 Olympic Games and a Top 8 finish at the World Championship**, the country's best result ever. He later served as a **coach at the 2008 Olympics** and was part of the coaching staff of the **bronze medal-winning USA team in 2024**.

He has also worked as a **high-performance director** and technical development leader in North America, promoting professionalism and long-term development in water polo.

### OTHER COACHING STAFF

In addition, the camp will also host elite players and other top-level professionals, bringing knowledge from the highest level of the sport.

# PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## TRAIN LIKE A PROFESSIONAL

Join a high-performance environment where motivated players train, learn, and compete under elite standards.

**Improve your technical and tactical game by position.**

**Expand your understanding of water polo.**

**Experience international-level preparation.**

### Technical Development

- Body position and leg work efficiency
- Ball control and passing accuracy
- Shooting mechanics and shot selection
- Positioning
- Decision-making under pressure

### Positional Training

Players train in smaller groups according to playing positions:

- Centers
- Perimeter players
- Defenders
- Goalkeepers (specialized goalkeeper program)

### Tactical Development

- Transition play
- Man-up / Man-down situations
- Game reading and anticipation
- Offensive and defensive systems
- Small-sided situational games

## DAILY TRAINING STRUCTURE

*Morning practice:*

Technical fundamentals

Individual corrections

Positional drills

*Afternoon Practice:*

Tactical application

Situational play

Competitive training games

## What Players Will Gain

- Improved technical execution
- Better tactical understanding
- Position-specific knowledge
- Individual performance feedback
- Increased confidence in competitive situations
- Experience within an international Olympic high-performance environment

## Coach Education

Coaches accompanying players are welcome to observe all training sessions, learn from the best in the world, ask questions, and spend time with Olympic-winning coaches.

- Live observation of training methodology
- Training organization principles
- Exchange of coaching experiences



# ACCOMMODATION

Players will be accommodated in **student dormitories in Koper**.

There are three possible accommodation options, and final room assignments will be shared after all registrations are completed, once the full group schedule is arranged.

Accommodation options listed below:

## 1. STUDENT DORMITORY "BARKA"



Located in the center of Koper, approximately 1.8 km from the training facilities and close to local amenities and seaside areas.

## 2. STUDENT DORMITORY "ČEBELNJAK"

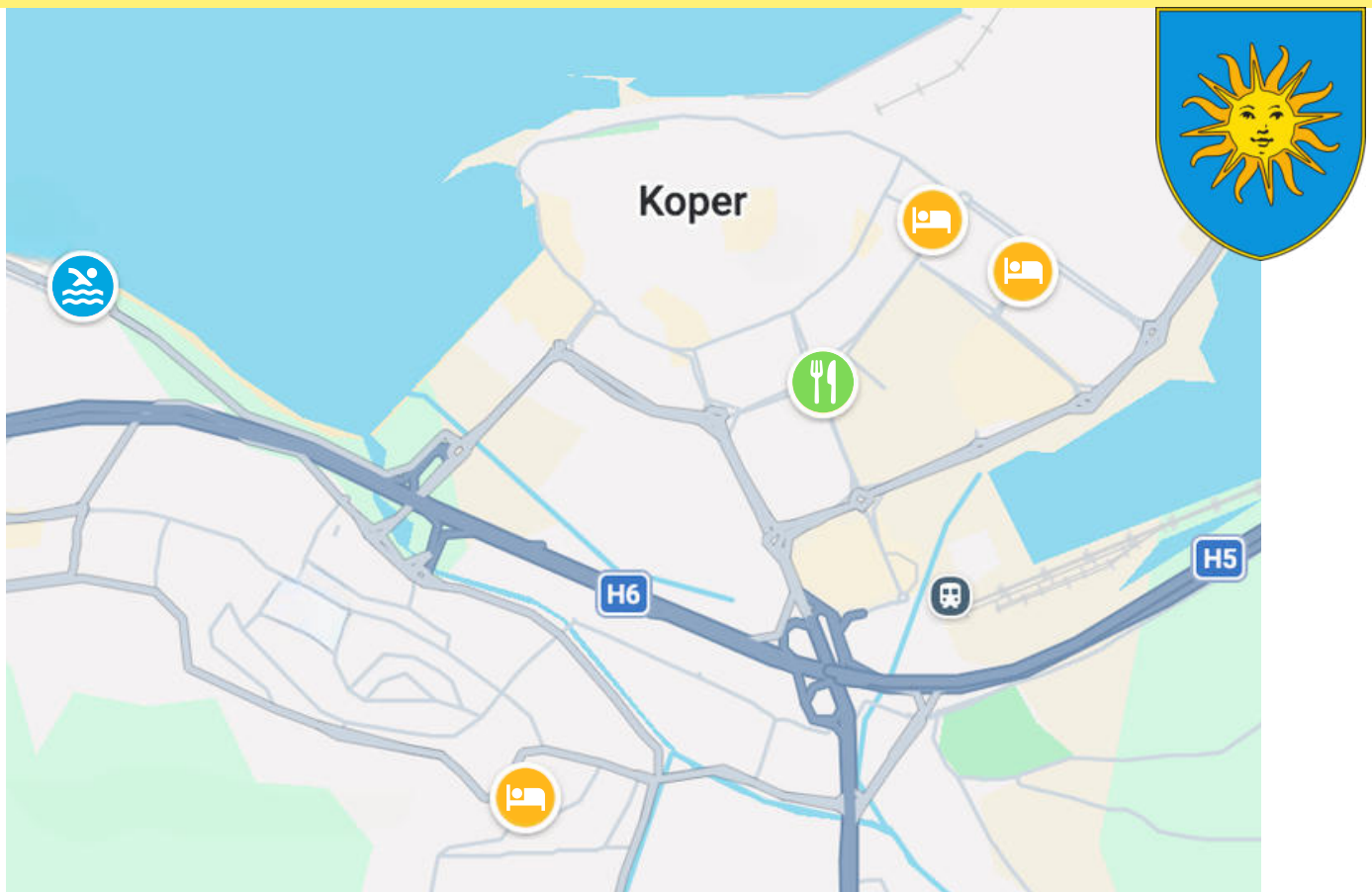


Located in a pleasant area close to the city center and the seaside, approximately 2 km from the training facilities, with convenient access to shops and daily amenities.

## 3. STUDENT DORMITORY "PRISOJE"



Located in the Prisoje district, approximately 1.5 km from from the training facilities, and with excellent access to the new Žusterna Beach area.



All key locations: accommodation, training facilities, and the restaurant where lunch and dinner are served, are located within a short and walkable distance of each other.

Koper is a beautiful Mediterranean coastal city, known for its safe environment, seaside atmosphere, and excellent sports infrastructure.

During the camp, players will also be able to enjoy:

- the **new Žusterna Beach area**, perfect for relaxing by the sea
- the lively **city center of Koper**, full of Mediterranean charm
- the **Bonifika sports and park area**, offering excellent recreational facilities
- the **seaside promenade (Riva)**, ideal for evening walks and team time
- a **wide selection of restaurants, cafés, and summer activities** typical for a vibrant coastal town

With everything located close together, Koper provides a safe, dynamic, and enjoyable environment for both training and everyday camp life.



## PARTICIPATION & COSTS:

Participation in the Koper Summer Water Polo Camp is open to all players, male or female. The camp takes place in **Koper, Slovenia**, where all training locations are **within walking distance** of one another - including an indoor pool, outdoor pool and a sea water polo field.

Due to the limited number of available spots, **early registration is recommended**.

**Date:** 21. July - 27. July 2026

**Location:** Koper, Slovenia

### THE PRICE OF THE CAMP IS 650 EUR, THAT INCLUDES:

- Accommodation
- Full board (3 meals per day)
- Two water polo pool training sessions per day
- Additional dryland training sessions
- Organized daily activities and social events
- Supervision by experienced coaches and staff

### COACH PARTICIPATION FEES:

- Coach bringing 10 players:  
The coach receives free participation (no fee).
- Coach bringing fewer than 10 players:  
The coach pays a fee of €250.
- Coach not bringing players (assisting role):  
A coach who does not bring players but helps with camp organization (e.g. supervising one group) pays a fee of €250.
- Coach attending for education only:  
A coach who attends the camp independently pays a fee of €450.

### Age category:

The camp is intended for male and female players aged 13 to 17.





## REGISTRATION

Registration is open, with a limited number of spots available.

To register for the camp, please contact us on [vdkoper1958@gmail.com](mailto:vdkoper1958@gmail.com) by email or reach out directly to one of the contacts below.

After your initial contact, you will receive detailed registration information.



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## NEARBY COASTAL TOWNS & ATTRACTIONS

The camp is located in a prime coastal area, surrounded by some of the most beautiful towns and attractions on the Adriatic coast, all within a short distance.

Nearby destinations include:

### Izola - charming coastal fishing town, 8 km away



### Piran - historic Mediterranean town, 18 km away



### Trieste (Italy) - historic Italian city, 15 km away

