



Intermediate Water Polo Competition

Competition Rules

- All players must attend the same school they are playing for unless dispensation has been granted prior to the tournament beginning.

Team format

Teams can be made up of any ratio of boys or girls. School composite teams must be approved by TWP, but we encourage schools who only have a few players, to combine with another school so all players have access to water polo.

Please contact tgawpcompetitions@gmail.com if you are in this situation and let the competition coordinator's know how many players you have.

Players transferring between teams

Any teams requiring "fill-ins" on the night have a choice: you may borrow from any team **from the same school** from the LOWER grade teams. Any teams borrowing from a higher ranked team must default with the table prior to the game starting. Players can only play 2 games per term in a higher graded team before transferring permanently to that team. Teams may play with fewer players and try to win to earn the competition points, OR advise the referee and other team you are defaulting before the game, and let someone else join your team for the game. The score for a default is 5-0.

Game Rules

- Games consist of 4 x 4 minute quarters with shot clock for A/B grade, and 4 x 5 minute quarters running clock for C grade, no shot clock.
- FINA rules apply to tied positions in the preliminary round.
- Games drawn that require a definite result (semi-finals and non-medal playoffs) will move to 'Golden Goal' sudden death (first goal wins)
- If a gold medal or bronze medal match is drawn at the end of regular time, FINA rules will be applied with a penalty shootout.

- Points will be awarded as follows: Win = 2, Draw = 1, Loss = 0
- Official game ball, size 4 for A/B Grade. Size 3 for C Grade.

Team Lists

Teams may consist of up to eleven (11) players and a maximum of five (5) team officials – however no more than eleven (11) players may play in any one game and no more than three (3) team officials are allowed on the bench.

A team shall start the game with no more than six (6) players, one (1) of whom shall be the goalkeeper and shall wear the goalkeepers cap. Up to five (5) reserves may be used as substitutes. Only one (1) goalkeeper needs to be on the game sheet and substitutions (for all positions) can be made during the games.

Coach location

Each team must have a parent/teacher on the side of the pool acting as a coach at all times. The coach is **not allowed** to stand behind the goal during a game. They must stand in the corner with their substitutes at all times.

Substitutions

With substitutes please ensure they are all wearing your teams colour cap. Please ensure they are in their respective corner for substitutions. The substitutes are only allowed in their corner and can't swim in the lane up to or past halfway. When making a sub during play, please ensure the swimmer in the game pool comes to their respective corner and goes under the lane rope without touching it before your sub enters the pool. The person subbing in cannot touch the lane rope either. If your player subs incorrectly they will be ejected from the game for 20 seconds. Subs can be made at any time once a goal has been scored.

Please note new rules:

- exclusion time will be brought back to 10 seconds
- shots from behind the five (5) meter mark will no longer be allowed off a foul. If this does happen, referees will call for a turn over and the ball will be awarded to the defensive team, receiving the shot.
- ALL players on the game sheet MUST play one (1) full period during the first half of the game; no substitutions (other than through injury) are allowed during play within the first two (2) quarters, i.e. a coach plays six (6) players during the complete first quarter of the game and then up to six (6) different players, including the goalkeeper if there is a second goalkeeper listed, during the second quarter. In the third and fourth quarter, a coach may sub without limitations when possible.

Timeouts

No time outs will be available to coaches.

Goal Judges

You will not need to do this in our local competition, but please be aware when you go to tournaments you will need to do so.

Caps and Uniform

White/Light Caps: Left hand side of the Table Duty (as seen from Table Duty) Blue/Dark Caps: Right hand side of the Table Duty (as seen from Table Duty)

Teams with customised caps might be ordered by the referee(s) to revert to wearing standard white/blue caps if their cap colour is deemed of not enough contrast with the other team.

Gear

Team members will need appropriate swimming gear. We will supply the referees and balls, but we do expect schools to have their own caps.

Polytechnic rules

Showers must be taken before entering the pool at the Polytech.

No balls or players not involved in the game are allowed in the side lane whilst a game is being played.

Warm Up

Warm Up is only allowed inside the Field of Play prior to the game. Remaining areas of the competition venues are not reserved for the event and could be public use and are not accessible to competitors. Dry land warm up is allowed on the grass area.

Entry into the Competition Venue

Toi Ohomai have free entry for players and spectators.

Red Cards, Misconducts and Brutalities

In case a team official or player is red carded, there will be an automatic 1 game stand down for that individual unless the judicial committee decides otherwise. It is at the discretion of TWP to judge the gravity of the offense and award further penalties and/or suspensions. In the case of misconduct there will not be a suspension unless the judicial committee decides otherwise. For brutalities, there will be an automatic one game stand down, and potentially further suspensions depending on the gravity of the offense as decided upon by the judicial committee. Individuals will be notified by TWP accordingly in regards to their suspensions.

Cost

The cost is \$450.00 per team. This covers pool entry, use of gear, referee, medals/certificate etc.

Accounts will be issued to schools by Tauranga Water Polo Club. Payment terms will be listed on the accounts.

Please fill out your team entry google form; this will be sent to your school. Any questions please email tgawpcompetitions@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving entries from your school.

Thank you

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