



## **TWP U12 Tournament Expectations & Rules (April 2026)**

To ensure a positive and respectful environment for everyone involved, we kindly ask that all attendees, including parents, coaches, managers, and players, familiarise themselves with and adhere to the following tournament rules and expectations.

### **TWP U12 Tournament Expectations**

- **Respectful Behaviour:** All attendees, including parents, coaches, managers, and players, should behave in a respectful manner towards each other, tournament officials including our referees and pool controllers, and other spectators. This includes refraining from using profanity, derogatory language, or engaging in aggressive behaviour.
- **Cooperation with Officials:** Attendees must always cooperate with tournament officials and follow their instructions, including adhering to any decisions made by officials during games.
- **Addressing Concerns:** If attendees have concerns about something that occurred during a game or another issue, they should communicate calmly with their team manager in the first instance. Only the team manager can approach the referees or tournament officials directly and attendees should take all concerns to the appropriate team manager first, who can then seek resolution through the appropriate channels.
- **Positive and Supportive Environment:** Everyone attending the tournament plays a role in creating a positive and enjoyable atmosphere. This includes showing good team spirit and sportsmanship, being friendly, cooperative, and considerate of others, and showing support for teams in a positive manner. Attendees should refrain from making negative comments or taking negative actions towards opposing teams or tournament officials.
- **Responsibility for Personal Belongings and Respect for Facilities:** Attendees are responsible for their personal belongings and should ensure they are not left in areas that may obstruct the tournament proceedings. Additionally, everyone should respect the tournament venue and facilities, including keeping areas clean and tidy and follow any venue instructions.
- **Health and Safety:** Attendees should prioritise their health and safety, following any relevant tournament and venue guidelines.
- **Appreciation for Volunteers:** Always show appreciation for the Tauranga Water Polo volunteers who make the tournament possible.
- **Compliance with Entry Fees:** Attendees should comply with venue entry requirements:
  - At Baywave
    - Players and two officials per team will receive free entry. Before the first game, please meet as a team outside Baywave and enter the venue together.
    - Spectators are required to enter via the main door on arrival and pay a Baywave spectator fee for a day entry pass (you can buy a pass for more than one day). You can exit and enter via the side door during the day by showing using your entry pass.
  - At Toi-Ohomai Aquatic Centre
    - There is no charge for spectators.

- **Responsible Social Media Use:** Be mindful of your social media use, respecting the privacy and rights of others.

## TWP U12 Tournament Rules

- Only players born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 are eligible.
- Maximum of 11 players per team
- Each team must have a minimum of three girls and three boys. They do not need to be in the pool at any one time. Please get in touch if you need dispensation.
- Each player to play for only one team during the tournament.
- 6 aside, one goalie and five field players
  
- Games played with a #3 ball for all grades.
- 4 x 4 minute running quarters with 1 minute half time
- No shot clock.
- No time outs.
- No subbing in the last minute of quarter four.
- Exclusion 20sec
- No shots off any fouls allowed.
- Standard FINA rules apply to players or officials who are red carded or are excluded for brutality or misconduct.
  
- No pool warm up – dry land warm up required
- No changing poolside
- At Baywave - White caps start at car park end, Blue caps start at hydro slide end
- At Toi Ohomai - White caps start at the classroom end, Blue caps start at the gym
  
- All players must play a quarter of a game minimum
- All bench players must be subbed into the game after the first quarter.
- There will be no subbing (during quarters) in the first half.
  
- No table duty or goal judge required to be supplied by clubs
  
- Points: Win(2 points), Draw (1 point) Loss (0 points).
- The draw has been generated in Friendly Manager which has the NZ Water Polo rules entered into the back end which will generate placings (see Page 16 of the 2025 General Competition Manual)
- Games drawn that require a definite result (finals, semi-finals and playoffs) will move to Golden Goal sudden death (first goal wins).
  
- If a situation arises that is not covered in the above rules, Tauranga Water Polo Club reserves the right to decide upon any matters arising at its sole discretion.

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***Thank you, and we hope you all have a great time at our tournament!***