

Hello and welcome to the TWP Senior College Water Polo Competition. The following is all the information you will need to get your school teams organised for the upcoming competition...

Venues: Toi Ohomai

Days: Thursdays

Times: 4pm – 9pm

Grades: A, B & Girls

Grading

First night of competition will be grading night, if needed.

Once the draw is out we do not like making changes so please if you have any request please email ASAP. (camps, school events....)

Rules

- Four quarters of 5 mins stop clock with shot clock
- One minute between 1st and 3rd quarters
- 2 minute half times
- There will be no timeouts in round robin play. Timeouts will be allowed in finals.

- All TWP competitions will be played under the FINA and the NZWP rules.

Team format

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

Composite teams must be approved by TWP, we encourage schools that only have a few players, to combine with other schools so all players have access to water polo, if this is the case please email

tgawpcompetitions@gmail.com

Teams can be made up of any ratio of boys or girls.

Teams may consist of up to thirteen (13) players and a maximum of five (5) team officials, however no more than thirteen (13) 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 seven (7) players, one (1) of which shall be the goalkeeper and shall wear the goalkeepers cap. Up to six (6) reserves may be used as substitutes.

Points System

Points for games will be awarded as follows: Win, 2 points. Draw, 1 point and Loss, 0 points.

- FINA rules apply to tied positions in the preliminary round.
- Games drawn that require a definite result will move immediately to a penalty shoot-out.
- Points will be awarded as follows: Win = 2, Draw = 1, Loss = 0

Note: in the event of a default, a 5-0 win will be awarded to the team being defaulted against.

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.

Gear

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

- Teams must have caps that resemble the colour they are appointed on the draw.
- Numbers must be clear in contrast to cap colour. Referees need to be able to read the numbers.
- In the case bathing caps are worn underneath the caps they need to be of the same colour.
- Official game ball #4

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.

Game time

The A and B grades will be playing 5 minute quarters with a 30 second shot clock. This timeframe allows the next teams 5 minutes in the pool to warm up before their game starts.

Timeouts

Teams are allowed two (2) timeouts during the complete duration of the game, this is only allowed in FINALS

Caps

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)

Warm Up

Warm Up is allowed inside the Field of Play prior to the game or dry land warm ups are to take place under the grandstand.

Brutality and Misconduct

Brutality will result in a one game suspension with the power to be increased by the judiciary. Serious cases of misconduct will result in judicial action. Serious cases are those cited by the referee. If a coach or manager is red carded, it is a minimum one game automatic suspension (as per FINA sanctions). Disrespect/misconduct after ejection for misconduct/brutality may result in a one game suspension with the power to be increased by the judiciary. This would equate to two games if the initial ejection was for brutality. Repeated offences will result in further penalties being imposed. All cases are now filed with New Zealand Water Polo which registers every athlete receiving sanctions.

- Standard FINA rules apply to players or officials who are red carded or have been excluded for brutality or misconduct.
- Disputes and protests must be in writing to TWP schools competition coordinator within 30mins of the competition of the game to which they relate.

Table Duty

- Teams scheduled for Table Duty must supply five (5) people for Table Duty: game sheet, clock, flags and foul board and two goal judges.

Mercy Rule

We have adopted a mercy rule for teams that win and lose by large margins. While playing you can ask the pool controller if you wish to default and play with an extra player.

Entry to Pool

There is a small entry fee to Baywave for players, please note this has nothing to do with TWP. There is no entry cost at Toi Ohomai.

Hope this information is helpful, any other questions please ask. Otherwise we will see you poolside soon.

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