

EVENT DETAILS AND RULES

Event Rules

- Teams may consist of up to 15 players (including goalkeepers)
- There can only be a maximum of 13 players plus 3 officials on the team bench for any one game.
- Games consist of 4 x 4 minute quarters with stop and 30-second shot clock (our clock in Hamilton cannot yet do 20-second shot clock functions)
- Standard FINA rules apply to players or officials who are red carded or have been excluded for brutality or misconduct.
- FINA tie break rules apply to tied table positions in the preliminary rounds.
- Games that finish in a draw, that require a definitive result will be decided with an immediate penalty shootout.
- Points will be awarded as follows: Win = 3, Draw = 1, Loss = 0
- Official game ball, size 4 for both boys and girls divisions
- Mixed teams are allowed but must play in the boy's division
- Combined or composite teams are allowed to enter and will be able to compete fully for overall results.
- All table duties will be provided by Waikato Water Polo as part of the tournament hosting
- Team Entry Fee is set at \$600 including GST per team. Schools may enter 1 boys/mixed team and 1 girls team. Teams may be composite teams (ie made up of students from more than 1 school). Subsequent teams from individual schools will only be granted entry after all schools have had a chance to enter first teams. Entries are limited due to pool space restrictions. Please enter ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Entry to Pools

- All players and officials will be given a complimentary Player Tournament Pass
- Spectator fees may be charged, this is still in discussion with pool management
- Non-players who wish to swim or use the hydro slides will need to pay for normal entry to the venue

Important Notes

- No changing on poolside
- No warm up on pool deck parallel to the field of play
- Use rubbish bins provided

Team Lists

Teams may consist of up to fifteen (15) 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 whom shall be the goalkeeper and shall wear the goalkeeper's cap. Up to six (6) 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.

Game sheets will be available to check at the pool control table up to 1 hour prior to any game beginning.

Team lists must be emailed to competitions@waikatowaterpolo.co.nz BEFORE Sunday 20th October to allow us time to compile and print game sheets. An online entry form is also provided on the Waikato Water Polo website (on the Challenge Cup team entry page).

Timeouts

Due to time restrictions, no timeouts are allowed during the round robin phase of the event. Teams are allowed the standard two (2) timeouts per game in the final rounds.

Presentation

Teams must be available to present themselves to the referee(s) no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled game start time.

Caps and Uniform

- White Caps: Left hand (Window) side of the Table Duty (as seen from Table Duty)
- Blue Caps: Right hand (Stand) 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. Waikato Water Polo will have a spare set of White and Blue caps available if required.

Warm Up And Team Talks

Warm up is only allowed inside the field of play prior to the game. Remaining areas of the competition venue are not booked for the event and will be public use/paid entry and are not accessible to competitors. Hire of these areas may be arranged upon application to pool management, please contact us if you require this as we will help arrange the bookings (at your cost). Dry land warm up is allowed on the landing above the stand seats. Please do not warm up pool side during other games. There are many spaces around Waterworld that are suitable for conducting team talks, Please respect that they are public spaces (do not block entry and access ways),

Please be considerate of other users of the facilities, Please obey all instructions by lifeguards, pool management or Hamilton City Council staff.

Table Duty

Table duties will be provided by Waikato Water Polo. Various Waikato teams will be doing this as part of their fundraising efforts for other events. They are all volunteers and are learning like everybody else. Players, managers, coaches and other school staff should refrain from any form of negative comments towards them. They will be trying their best however mistakes may still happen.

Officials

Waikato Water Polo is using this event to train/grade some of its referees. All refs have attended the 2-day NZWP Referees course run by John Waldo and have sat and passed at least the C Grade exam. Where possible, Waikato Water Polo will pair a junior ref with a senior ref to ensure oversight of the game is maintained. If you are unhappy with a refs decision (or lack of decision) please refrain from pressuring the refs. Treat it as a learning experience for your team as not every ref will call it your way in every game/tournament, your team will need to be able to play past a rough call, use this event to help your coach, manager and team learn how to do that. Every ref is being monitored, during each break, they are being mentored and at the end of the game, they will meet for a learning session with the head ref.

Entry into the Competition Venues

For competitors and officials, entry is by show of pass only. Any person suspected of misusing the passes will be liable to be banned from entering the competition venue. Misbehaviour in or outside the venue may result in a venue ban and/or trespass notice.

No pool side changing. No alcohol or smoking is permitted in and around the competition venue.

Waterworld is a commercial operation and has a full café with great coffee and an excellent range of food and smoothies. No commercially prepared food is allowed into the venue (team lunches prepared by the team/parents is not considered commercial food!).

Please note

A head coach must be listed on the team sheet. If the head coach is red carded and they are deemed to be coaching from the stands or any other area, they will be ordered from the venue and further sanctions will be applied following a meeting of the disciplinary committee. This applies to all red-carded team officials and/or players.

During a game an assistant coach is not accorded the privileges of the head coach; when the head coach is red carded, the assistant coach may only call timeouts and perform substitutions, however, has no privilege to 'coach' the team nor to move to the 5m line. They must remain seated on the team bench.

An assistant (replacing) coach will have the privileges of the head coach in the next game played by that team.

Players may NOT play in multiple teams across multiple divisions/grades. Players may only represent one team in this tournament.

Unforeseen Circumstances

In any circumstances not covered by the above rules, Waikato Water Polo reserves the right to decide upon any matters arising at its sole discretion. Please note that Waikato Water Polo has the right to change the order of games in the game schedule, please ensure you provide us with up to date contact information so that we can contact you wherever possible should your team be affected.