

WAIKATO WATER POLO CLUB RULES AND PROCEDURES



Waikato Intermediate Schools Water Polo Competition Series 2024

This event will be run during school terms 1 & 4 , 2023 (**Term 1 starting Sunday 11th Feb 2024** and finishing date will be confirmed dependent on entries). We are playing at:

- Te Rapa Pool – Waterworld on Sundays between 12pm and 6pm. If Te Rapa is not available for any reason we will confirm another venue with plenty of notice.

There will be no play during statutory and school holidays.

The fees for the competitions are \$450 (inc GST) per team entered.

If you require training, please contact poolbookings@waikatowaterpolo.co.nz (Michelle Bull) for times available.

Pool bookings are an additional cost to your entry fee. The cost for half the dive pool for an hour is \$35.00.

Every player in a team must be registered as a student in Year 8 or below at the school they are representing, at the time of the match being played. The only exception is where Waikato Water Polo have officially placed players in another school's team, in which case the players must be registered at a Waikato School that has not entered a team.

If your school cannot enter a team, but has players interested in playing in a composite team, please send through an email to Olivia on competitions@waikatowaterpolo.co.nz Waikato Water Polo will place players into other team solely at their discretion. Composite teams can win the championships.

If a team has fewer than 5 players for the start of a game, they will lose by default. A maximum of 13 players may play for the team in any one game. There is no maximum limit to the number of players who may play for a team over the course of the championships.

Players can only play for one team in each division of the competition and Division 1 “starting” players cannot play in lower Division teams. (*ie If a School enters 2 teams, the “starting 7” Division 1 team cannot play for the Division 2 team. Division 2 players can play in Division 1, if required*).

For the Intermediate Schools Competition games, there will be two Divisions (may increase this to 3 divisions depending on entries). Division 1 for stronger and skilled players, Division 2 for development and introduction to water polo players. (*Division 1 players should not play in Division 2 unless absolutely necessary, and refer to note above, **and then they only play in goal and must not go past the 2 metre line or outside the goal posts***)



No player may wear jewellery, watches etc. while playing. All players must have their fingernails and toenails clipped as short as possible while playing. Nail checks will be done by the refs.

All teams are required to complete the team list on the score sheet at least 10 minutes prior to the start of their game. Team Lists must be legible, correct as to cap numbers and display each player's first and family names. Remember that cap numbers need to remain consistent during the course of the competition as this helps identify award recipients at prize giving.

All players, officials and spectators must abide by the rules of Te Rapa Pools, any other school we may play at and Waikato Water Polo as displayed on the website.

Points will be awarded in the Championships as follows:

Win	4 points
Draw	2 points
Loss by 3 goals or less	1 point
Loss	0 points

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of FINA and the New Zealand Water Polo Association, with the following specific exceptions:

Duration of Game: Four periods of time as follows:

All Divisions:

- Four quarters of 5:00 minutes running clock
- Division 1 will have a shot clock
- 1 minute between 1st and 3rd quarter
- 2 minutes half time
- There will be NO timeouts
- 7 players in a team (1 goalie and 6 field players)

Disputes and protests must be in writing to the Waikato Water Polo appointed pool controller within 30 minutes of the completion of the game to which they relate. The disputes committee shall comprise: the appointed pool controller, a Waikato Water Polo committee member and one of the match referees. All refereeing decisions will stand, and no matches will be replayed, either in whole or part.