



WATER POLO RULES (Men & Women)

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These championships are conducted in accordance with the current rules of New Zealand Water Polo and FINA http://www.fina.org/rules/WP/rules_wp.htm with the following exceptions and competition clarifications:

1. TEAM SIZE

- 1.1 Each team shall name a squad not exceeding thirteen (13) players.
- 1.2 Each captain/manager shall confirm their squad with the competition manager prior to the start of the competition at the Sport Technical Meeting.
- 1.3 The seven (7) starting players must be named for each match with the rest of the squad named as reserves, which can be substituted at any stage.
- 1.4 The minimum number of players that can be fielded without incurring a forfeit is six (6) (see forfeits section below for more details).

2. MATCH DURATION

- 2.1 Pool Matches, Progression and Play off Matches – four (4) x five (5) minute stop-start quarters, two (2) minute intervals at quarter time and half time breaks.
- 2.2 Gold and Bronze Medal Matches – four (4) x six (6) minute actual quarters, two (2) minute intervals at quarter time and half time breaks.

Please note: Match durations may need to be altered if circumstances warrant it (pool schedule allows it etc). Match durations will be confirmed at the sport's technical meeting prior to the start of competition.

3. POOL AND ROUND ROBIN POINTS

- 3.1 Points for each pool or round robin match shall be awarded as follows:

Winning Team:	4 competition points
Drawn Match:	2 competition points
Losing Team:	1 competition point
Forfeiting Team:	0 competition points (see forfeits section below for more details)

4. RESOLVING DRAWN SITUATIONS

- 4.1 Pools – (matches) In the event that a pool match is a draw at the end of time the result will remain a draw, with both teams receiving two (2) competition points.

Pools – (conclusion of pools) In the event that two or more teams are equal on points at the conclusion of pool matches teams will be separated using the following criteria (applied in order):

(a) The result of the match between the two involved (only to be used when two teams are equal on championship points, if more than two involved move onto (b) to separate)

(b) Number of matches won

(c) Goal difference (goals for less goals against)

(d) Goals for

(e) Toss of a coin with the team travelling the greater distance to compete in the championship to call.

- 4.2 Progression and Play-off matches, and Gold and Bronze medal matches – In the event that scores are drawn at the end of normal time there shall be two (2) x two (2) periods of three (3) minutes extra time played. If, at the completion of extra time, the match is still drawn it will be decided by a penalty shoot out to determine the winner as outlined in the National rules as confirmed at the Sport Technical Meeting.

5. FORFEITS

- 5.1 A forfeit will be declared ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to play.
- 5.2 The forfeit score shall be five (5) goals to nil with zero competition points rewarded to the team that forfeits.
- 5.3 Penalties for forfeiture of playing commitment are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.
- 5.4 If a team is found to have played an unaccredited player any matches this occurred in will be recorded as a forfeit. The forfeit score or actual completed match score will be recorded; whichever is higher.

6. PRESENTATION AND EVENT POINTS

- 6.1 At the completion of the championship gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the first three teams in both divisions (men's and women's). A trophy (if existing) will be awarded to the university that wins the competition:
- Men's Championship
 - Women's Championship
- 6.2 Event points will be allocated to both divisions as per the USNZ Awards and Points Scoring Policy – Team sports: Points allocation formula

7. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 General USNZ Uniform Requirements
- Each competitor shall wear the uniform of their university

- All required safety and protective equipment for that sport must be worn
 - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed or taped
- 7.2 Sport Specific Uniform Standards – The uniform requirements for each sport should be as per the National Sporting Organisations standard's with the following minimum requirements;
- **Water Polo** – Swimsuit is compulsory and must be in good moral taste. Caps are required and mouthguards are strongly recommended. Goggles with glass lenses are not permitted.

8. DUTY REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 The duty requirement for Water Polo will be:
- Each team shall be rostered to provide a duty team for a number of matches throughout the championship. Duty teams will consist of four (4) people from one team to fill the roles of goal judging and scoring. (Duty rosters will be available with the competition draw)
- 8.2 Penalties for not fulfilling the officiating requirement are outlined in the USNZ Event Bond Policy.

9. TOURNAMENT TEAMS

- 9.1 A tournament team will be selected for both divisions (men's and women's) of the Water Polo competition. The team will consist of up to the starting line up.
- 9.2 The competition manager will lead the selection process and will outline this process at the Sport Technical Meeting prior to the start of the competition.
- 9.3 This team will not represent New Zealand University Sport at any stage. Selection in the tournament team is in recognition of outstanding individual performance during the championship only. All selected members will receive a tournament team medal.