



Dates:	DIVISION 2: Girls/Boys, 23 rd -26 th September (Auckland) DIVISION 1: Boys/Girls, 28 th September – 1 st October (Auckland)
Location:	Auckland
Time:	Approx 9:00am start & 6:00pm completion (entries dependent)
Venues:	AUT Millennium, National Aquatic Centre, Diocesan, Sacred Heart College, St Cuthberts College

Entries Close:	Monday 31 st July 2023 (5pm)
Entry Fees:	\$ 1,755.69 GST inc. - Entry includes player and officials' passes if required. * Payment needs to be made on receipt of invoice.
Entry Forms:	Please enter online - www.nzwaterpolo.org.nz
Team Lists:	Are to be completed online by Wednesday 11 th September, 2022

2023 Under 16 National Championships Additional Information

1. To be played in two (2) divisions, numbers allowing (Division 1 and Division 2).
2. Player Age Eligibility: players must be born 1st January 2007 or later.
3. Players can only participate in one (1) Division and for one team.
4. A maximum of thirteen (13) players can participate per game in any one team. The total team size cannot exceed thirteen (13) athletes.
5. No more than four (4) Under 14 (born 2009 or later) players are allowed in any one team entry.
6. Rules pertaining to player eligibility; loans, transfers and NZ Water Polo registered membership apply.
7. Registered clubs are guaranteed one team entry, provided they are registered on time. If a maximum number of entries are reached entries will be accepted on a first in first serve basis. New Zealand Water Polo may, at its sole discretion, reserve the right to operate a selection process to determine final acceptance of entries. Please Note: No mixed teams are allowed to participate, unless granted an exception.

- a. The maximum amount of teams per grade is 16.
8. All players MUST register directly with NZWP to be eligible to participate in this event.
9. Participants who attempt to enter after the closing of the entry deadline, will be liable for a late entry of up to 10% on top of the original entry fee, if and when allowed to enter.
11. Teams withdrawing from the Championships after receiving notification of confirmation of entry by New Zealand Water Polo will **automatically lose their entry fee, and remain liable for payment of their entry fee.**
12. Games are anticipated to start from around 9:00 on the first day of competition of all divisions and finish with prize giving around 18:00 on the last day of competition of all divisions (subject to change dependent on # of entries). ALL teams are expected to be available for an early start on the first day of the tournament and must be prepared to plan return arrangements that do not coincide with finals or prize giving on the final day, or will risk disqualification.
13. The tournaments will be run as follows:
 - Entries/Draw/Finance/Overall control by NZ Water Polo
 - Pool Control and Host – Host Organization
14. The draw will be determined depending on number of entries and pool draws will be based on results from the U16 Championships in 2022.
15. NZWP reserves the right to have the final decision in placing a team in either one of the divisions.

Clubs who won the 2022 Under 16 National Championship Trophies will be required to ensure their title is engraved on the trophy and is brought back to New Zealand Water Polo prior to the final day of competition.

Appendix A

Protocols for National Championships 2023

The following protocols will apply to all National Championships:

1. All participating teams must be attired in the same uniform top when on pool side.
2. All those seated as team staff on the bench must be attired in the same top **and** in similar coloured pants, skirt or dress.
3. All players must wear the same uniformed swimsuits and playing caps.
4. Coloured water polo caps may be worn, however teams may be ordered by the referees to change caps to standard blue or white.
5. Bathing caps worn must be of the same/similar colour to the playing cap.
6. Participants not presenting in team uniform may be denied entry into the game and /or medal presentations.
7. Designated referees must attend the Technical and Referees' Meeting, unless otherwise directed or

agreed with the New Zealand Water Polo Representative.

8. Players and Team Staff have agreed to the NZWP terms and conditions, Rules and Regulations by being named on the team lists provided to NZWP.

For any further enquiries, please contact New Zealand Water Polo:

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