



TOURNAMENT RULES, DETAILS AND INFORMATION 2023

Tournament Rules

- All players must be registered with the club they are playing for.
- All Players must be registered to New Zealand Water Polo.
- Players can play in ONE team only.
- Only players born on or after 1 January 2011 are eligible to play.
- Teams may have up to 11 players per team. A minimum of 3 girls and/or 3 boys per team.
- Games will be 4 X 4 minute running time quarters.
- Shots off of a foul are not allowed. If this happens, the referees will call for a change of possession.
- Exclusions will last 20 seconds, as per World Aquatic rules.
- White caps start on the left side of the duty table.
- Standard World Aquatic rules apply to players or officials who are red carded or have been excluded for brutality or misconduct.
- FINA rules apply to tied positions in the preliminary round.
- Games drawn that require a definite result (semifinals and non-medal playoffs) will move to 'Golden Goal' sudden death (first goal wins).
- If a gold medal or bronze medal match is drawn at the end of regular time, World Aquatics rules will be applied with a penalty shootout.
- Points will be awarded as follows: Win = 2, Draw = 1, Loss = 0
- Official game ball #3 Kap7 for A/B/C Grade.

Entry to Pools

Entry to pools is free for all players and team staff. The venues may charge spectators.

Important Notes

- No changing on pool side
- No warm up on pool deck parallel to the field of play
- Please use rubbish bins provided

Team Lists

Teams may consist of up to eleven (11) players and a maximum of five (5) team officials, unless granted an exemption by NZ Water Polo prior to the start of the tournament – however no more than eleven (11) 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 six (6) players, one (1) of whom shall be the goalkeeper and shall wear the goalkeepers cap. Up to five (5) 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.

Substitution Guidelines

There will be no time outs available during the games at this tournament. After the first quarter, coaches must ensure that players which haven't played yet are substituted into the field of play. Coaches must also ensure all players get equal game time, in each game and are expected to make substitutions after each quarter. This is to ensure maximum participation and enjoyment amongst the athletes.

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/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)

Nb: The above might not apply in a different set up. Please ask the referee if this is unclear.

Teams with customised caps might be ordered by the referee(s) to revert to wearing standard white/blue caps if their cap color is deemed of not enough contrast with the other team.

Warm Up

Warm Up is only allowed inside the Field of Play prior to the game. Remaining areas of the competition venues are not reserved for the event and could be public use and are not accessible to competitors. Hire of these areas may be arranged upon application to the pool management. Dry land warm up is not allowed in the immediate vicinity of the Field of Play.

Table Duty

Teams are not required to do table duty at this tournament.

Entry into the Competition Venues

Misbehavior in or outside the venues may result in a venues' ban.

No pool side changing. No alcohol or smoking permitted in and around any of the competition venues.

Opening Ceremony

The Welcoming ceremony for Tournament of Olympic Hopefuls will take place as early as possible to the beginning of the Festival, at a time to be confirmed. Further information will be distributed to the clubs closer to the date of the tournament.

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.

Unforeseen Circumstances

In any circumstances not covered by the above rules, New Zealand Water Polo reserves the right to decide upon any matters arising at its sole discretion. Please note that NZ Water Polo has the right to change the order of games in the game schedule.

Thank you, good luck and have fun!