

**SINGAPORE SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL  
WATER POLO RULES AND REGULATIONS  
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**1 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The competition shall be conducted;

- 1.1 according to the laws/rules established by FINA and
- 1.2 as governed by the Rules and Regulations of the Singapore Schools Sports Council.

**2 CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

**2.1 COMPOSITION**

- 2.1.1 The Competition Organising Committee shall consist of the following:-

The National Convenor,  
The Game Adviser,  
The Zone Convenors,  
Organising Secretaries, and  
Any other co-opted members deemed necessary.

- 2.1.2 The Competition Organising Committee and the Zone Convenors are empowered to appoint sub-committees and individual members to assist in the organisation and running of the competitions as and when required.

**2.2 DUTIES**

**Refer to SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

**3 DIVISION**

Please refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

**4 ENTRIES**

- 4.1 Each school is eligible to enter one boys'/girls' team for:

- i the A Division
- ii the B Division
- iii the C Division

All entries must be received by the Convenor concerned on or before the stipulated closing date.

The registration forms must include the following particulars:

- a) Full Name as in NRIC / Student pass
- b) Date of Birth
- c) NRIC No. or Student Pass No.
- d) Race
- e) Nationality
- f) Baseline Acknowledgement Form

## 5 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 5.1 A team shall consist of a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 15. Only registered players shall be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- 5.2 Registration of the actual 13 players for any particular game must be done 30 minutes before the start of each match.

Please also refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

## 6 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 6.1 There must be a minimum of **three (3)** registered **teams** from **three (3) different schools** before a competition can be organized.
- 6.2 The competitions at the preliminary rounds shall be organized on an inter-school league. Where entries are grouped, each group shall have a minimum of **four (4)** teams.
- 6.3 For the semi-finals of the group league, the champion and runner-up of each group shall enter into a criss-cross competition. The winner of group I will meet the runner-up of group II and vice-versa.
- 6.4 The winners of the two semi-finals shall then play at the final to decide the champion and runner-up. The losers of the two semi-finals will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions.
- 6.5 For competitions involving less than 8 teams, the top 2 teams of the preliminary round will play again for the gold-medal, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> position teams from the preliminary round will play again for the bronze-medal.

## 7 Duration of Play

- 7.1 A Division (Boys) : 7 min of actual time per quarter  
B & C Division (Boys) : 6 min of actual time per quarter  
A Division (Girls) : 6 min of actual time per quarter

There shall be a 2 minute interval after the first and third quarter and a 4 minute interval during half time.

## 7.2 **During play**

The team bench shall consist of a maximum of 13 players, 1 Teacher-In-Charge, 1 Coach and 1 Assistant Coach. No other people shall be allowed to remain there.

During the progress of play, all players not in the game at that time shall sit on the team bench and not to move around.

## 7.3 **Timeouts**

Each team may request one timeout in each period of play. The duration of the timeout shall be one minute.

For A Division (Boys), Mikasa W6000W balls will be used. For A Division (Girls), B and C Division (Boys), Mikasa W6009W balls will be used.

## 8 **GRACE PERIOD**

Please also refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

## 9 **POSTPONEMENT**

The Convenor or his representative shall, at his/her discretion, decide to postpone a match if he/she thinks the venue is unfit for play, or for any other valid reasons for which he/she deems a postponement is in order. Teams must abide by the decision of the Convenor or his/her representative.

All matches suspended due to bad weather or poor ground conditions will be played on another day as stipulated by the convenor. The remaining time of the match will be played with the score at the time the match was stopped.

## 10 **WITHDRAWAL AND WALK-OVER**

Please refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

## **11 ABANDONED GAME**

Please refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

## **12 PROTEST**

Please refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

## **13 APPEAL**

Please refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

## **14 SUSPENSION**

Please refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

## **15 AWARD OF LEAGUE POINTS**

The following scoring system shall apply:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 point for a loss/walk-over

## **16 TIE IN LEAGUE POINTS**

- 16.1.1 If **2 teams** shall have equal points at the completion of the preliminary round competition, further classification shall be established as follows:
- 16.1.2 The team winning the game between them shall be placed higher.
- 16.1.3 If the game between them was tied, then the results against the highest placed team (s) in the group shall be considered.
- 16.1.4 The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.
- 16.1.5 The comparison shall be made first compared to the highest placed team (or teams, if tied) in the group.

- 16.1.6 If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.
- 16.1.7 If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed higher in accordance to FINA Rules.
- 16.2.1 If **3 or more teams** shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:
  - 16.2.2 The results among the tied teams shall determine which team is placed highest.
  - 16.2.3 If, at any time during the application of the procedure set out in 16.2.1, the number of tied teams is reduced to 2, then 16.1.1 shall be used to determine which of the 2 remaining teams is placed higher.
  - 16.2.4 The comparison shall be made first, upon the points of the games among the tied teams, second, the goal difference, and third, based upon goals scored.
  - 16.2.5 If still tied, the games played against the highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be considered.
  - 16.2.6 The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if tied, then based on goals scored.
  - 16.2.7 If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.
  - 16.2.8 If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed higher in accordance to FINA Rules.

## **17 PRIZES**

Please refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

## **18 TEACHER-IN-CHARGE OF TEAM**

- 18.1 Each participating team must be accompanied by a teacher who shall remain with the team throughout the duration of play.
- 18.2 Teachers-in-charge are not allowed to interfere with the final decision taken by the referee/umpire/judge on points of laws/rules after clarification has been sought. If such interference results in disruption of any match/game, a report shall be made by the Convenor and the matter brought to the attention of the Competition Organising Committee for appropriate action.

## **19 EXTERNAL INSTRUCTORS**

- 19.1 External instructors are expected to conduct themselves with decorum during competitions.
- 19.2 External instructors are not allowed to approach the game officials to query their decisions. Only teachers-in-charge are allowed to approach game officials to seek clarifications.
- 19.3 Schools must ensure that their external instructors adhere to the SSSC Rules and Regulations.
- 19.4 An external instructor who has breached any of the rules and the school which engaged him/her will be referred to the respective Competition Organising Committee by the respective convenors for appropriate action to be taken.

## **20 SUPPORTERS**

Schools sending supporters to any competition shall ensure that their students are in proper school uniform and there is sufficient number of teachers on duty to maintain discipline. All supporters are to remain seated within the spectator area and not to loiter around.

The organising committee has the right to stop any supporters from using any instruments or equipments that they felt may interfere with the match.

## **21 DISQUALIFICATION**

Please refer to **SSSC General Rules and Regulations for All Sports and Games 2017**

## **22 MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

All matters not provided for in these Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with by the respective Tournament Organising Committees.

## **23 AMENDMENTS**

The Singapore Schools Sports Council shall have the right to delete, add or amend the rules and regulations laid down herein.