

## WATER POLO

### 1. General

- 1.1 The organising body is the West District Water polo Committee otherwise referred to as the WDWPC.
- 1.2 All matches will be played under FINA rules, subject to local conditions.
- 1.3 The WDWPC shall have the power to amend any rule affected by changes in the FINA rules of Water Polo.
- 1.4 All players must be registered.
- 1.5 A team playing an ineligible player in a match shall be deemed to have lost the match and a mandatory fine shall be imposed.
- 1.6 A team shall consist of a goalkeeper and six outfield players minimum.
  - 1.6.1 No more than 15 players may represent their club in any single venue tournament.
- 1.7 All teams must be present 15 minutes before the tournament/ first game starts. At this time the Team Captain shall give a written list of players to the Match Secretary.
- 1.8 Sufficient space must be provided to enable the Referee[s] to have free way from end to end of the field of play. Space must also be provided for the Goal Judges.
- 1.9 The organising body or the home team must provide a clear visual means for players to see the official score during the match.
- 1.10 All fines to be agreed at the AGM.
- 1.11 Fines - see SASA Bye Laws.
- 1.12 Protests, Complaints and Appeals - see SASA Bye Laws.
- 1.13 Approved expenses for District events will be paid for by the District.
- 1.14 A club withdrawing from a competition shall be fined.
- 1.15 A Club failing to fulfil any of its fixtures, without giving seven days clear notice to the convenor of the WDWPC, shall be fined for each offence.
  - i. Failure to play match on day and time specified may result in loss of points or tie at the discretion of WDWPC.
  - ii. Non-fulfilment of a fixture shall result in liability for any expenses incurred by the opponent team and officials.
- 1.16 Referees shall be appointed by the WDWPC, other officials, unless otherwise appointed, shall be selected by the WDWPC.
- 1.17 At the end of each match the Referee/s shall sign the match Record Sheet and the Match Secretary shall hand a duplicate to each team. The Referee/s shall send the top copy to the Convenor of the WDWPC within three days.
- 1.18 Any player committing an act of Brutality will be excluded automatically from the next two games in that competition.
  - 1.18.1 The player shall be subject to a disciplinary hearing.
- 1.19 A Referee who dismisses a player under FINA Water Polo Rule 22.9 [Brutality] shall complete a Disciplinary Form and submit it to the Scottish Water Polo Committee Convenor, who shall convene a Disciplinary Hearing.
  - 1.19.1 A Referee who dismisses a player under FINA Water Polo Rule 22.10 [Disrespect] shall complete a Disciplinary Form and submit it to the Scottish Water Polo Committee Convenor, who may convene a Disciplinary hearing.

- 1.20 In Knockout competitions, teams shall be drawn in pairs, first drawn shall have the choice of venues.
  - 1.20.1 Where byes are necessary, the last drawn teams shall form the byes.
  - 1.20.2 No team shall receive more than one bye in a competition in the same season.

### 2. West District Water Polo Cup Competitions

- 2.1 West District cup competitions are open to all Clubs affiliated to the West District.
- 2.2 No individual may play for more than one club throughout the ties.
- 2.3 Ties will be drawn by ballot.
- 2.4 The Convenor of the WDWPC shall intimate the result of the ballot and the timetable to each competing Club. At least fourteen days notice must be given.
- 2.5 The Club drawn first in the ballot to have choice of pool, except for the semi- final and final ties.
- 2.6 In the event of a draw, the game to be replayed within eight days in the away teams pool.
  - 2.6.1 If no decision is reached at the end of statutory time, extra time shall be played of three minutes each way and one minute interval at half time
    - 2.6.1.1 If the tie is still undecided the WDWPC shall fix a neutral pool for the next game, when the tie must be played to a finish. If no decision has been reached by the end of normal time, extra time of three minutes each way and one minute interval at half time shall be played. If further extra time is required, the teams shall toss for ends and the tie shall be played until the first goal is scored.
- 2.7 The semi - final and final ties shall be played in whichever neutral pool the WDWPC may determine.
  - 2.7.1 If all the Clubs agree, these ties may be played at the home pool
- 2.8 In the event of the semi - final or final ties resulting in a draw, extra time of three minutes each way and one minute interval at half time shall be played. If further extra time is required, the teams shall toss for ends and the tie shall be played until the first goal is scored.
- 2.9 The WDWPC shall have the power to appoint all officials for cup ties, but where a Referees Committee operates the Referees shall be appointed by the Convenor of such committee.
- 2.10 The Referee in all cup ties must not be a member of either club unless mutually members of neutral clubs.
- 2.11 Prior to the game Team captains shall hand to the Match Secretary a written list of names and cap numbers of the players in their respective teams.
- 2.12 The Referee shall send the match record sheet of each game to the Convenor of the WDWPC to arrive within three days of the match being played.
- 2.13 Any Club unable to play a club against which they have been drawn on the date specified shall be disqualified.
  - 2.13.1 A Club unable to form a team for any tie shall at once inform the Secretary of the club they are drawn against and shall advise the Convenor of the WDWPC and the Referees at least seven days before the date of the match, or be fined.
  - 2.13.2 Any Club that fails to compete in the semi - final or final ties after qualifying shall pay a penalty to the District.

### 3. West District Water Polo Leagues

- 3.1 The fixtures shall be arranged by the WDWPC.
- 3.2 Points shall be awarded as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw.
- 3.3 The team scoring the most points at the end of the competition shall be declared the winners.
  - i. In the event of two or more teams finishing on equal points there shall be a playoff in a neutral pool as determined by the WDWPC.
- 3.4 A Club failing to fulfil any of its fixtures without seven days clear notice to the Convenor of the WDWPC, the Secretary of the opposing team and the Referees, shall be fined for each offence.
- 3.5 Clubs withdrawing from the league shall be fined.
  - i. All matches shall commence at the time stated by the District or at the discretion of the Referee, whose decision is final.
- 3.7 Prior to the game Team captains shall hand to the Match Secretary a written list of names and cap numbers of the players in their respective teams.
- 3.8 The Referee shall forward the match record sheet of each game to the Convenor of the WDWPC within three days of the completion of the match