



2020-2021

**BOYS WATER POLO
PREVIEW**



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TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION BOYS' WATER POLO COACHES

FROM: KRISTINE PALLE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

DATE: NOVEMBER 2020 ([updated 11/9/2020](#))

RE: CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION 2020-2021 BOYS' WATER POLO SEASON

The CIF Southern Section has put together this preview to assist schools with their water polo program. The purpose is to improve communications related to CIF Southern Section rules and regulations.

Be advised this is not a complete document; it does not discuss all rules and regulations. Coaches are reminded to refer to the Blue Book and to discuss issues with their athletic administration.

Once again, welcome to the 2020-2021 Boys' Water Polo Season!

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SPECIAL NOTE: The 2020-22 National Federation Water Polo Rules Book was mailed to your school in September.

WATER POLO COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The CIF Southern Section is continuing to utilize the concept of coaches' advisory committees for all sports. The role of the advisory committee may or may not include the following:

- Meetings
- Recommendations for playoffs sites
- Recommendations for procedural changes
- Recommendations for rule changes
- Evaluation of sport season
- Assistance to coaches and/or officials organizations
- Communications between coaches and the CIF-SS office
- Management/Supervision at Championship Events

The Coaches Advisory Committee is made up of member coaches and an administrator from the CIF-SS office staff. Coaches selected for the committee provide a cross-section of the organization and are selected based upon geographic, as well as competitive divisions. Should you have suggestions or questions regarding water polo competition, please make use of this excellent channel of communication; it is provided to serve your interests. The committee will meet on a regular basis during the season and your items will become part of our agenda.

WEEKLY POLL

The Southern Section will publish weekly rankings for each of the seven water polo divisions throughout the season. Rankings will be determined from input provided by member school coaches and distributed to over 250 media outlets. Determination of the weekly divisional polls shall be the responsibility of the Water Polo Coaches Advisory Committee members. The CIF-SS office will utilize the rankings as criteria for formulating playoff brackets.

Listed on the next page are the members of the CIF-SS Water Polo Coaches Advisory Committee responsible for notifying the CIF-SS office of the weekly poll. It is important for coaches to report their information at www.cifsshome.org on a daily basis. Please note, this is a coaches' poll and no students or parents are involved. The CIF-SS office will send the coaches' poll as part of our media mailing.

It is important that coaches enter results in CIFSSHome following each game and email poll changing results to the committee members named on the dates (Sundays) listed below:

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| ○ January 10 | ○ February 7 |
| ○ January 17; poll released January 19 | ○ February 14 |
| ○ January 24 | ○ Final Poll – Completed: February 19 |
| ○ January 31 | Released: February 20 |

The CIF-SS office will be doing seven polls during the season. **Please start your emails on Sunday, January 10, 2021. The committee members listed on the following page will email the poll results to the CIF Southern Section office on Monday following each of the above dates.**

2020-2021 BOYS WATER POLO COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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2020-2021 WATER POLO CALENDAR DATES

First Allowable Contest
Last League Contest

Monday, December 21, 2020
Thursday, February 18, 2021

PLAYOFF DATES - ALL DIVISIONS

Pairings Released – Saturday, February 20, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.
Playoff Brackets can be found @ www.cifss.org

Wild Card (16 Team Bracket)	Tuesday, February 23
First Round	
32 Team Bracket	Tuesday, February 23
16 Team Bracket	Wednesday, February 24
Open Division	Thursday, February 25
Second Round	
32 Team Bracket	Thursday, February 25
Quarterfinals Round	Saturday, February 27 (Divisions 2 – 7) Bottom bracket games must be completed by 1:00 pm Upper bracket games must begin at or after 2:00 pm
Semifinal Round	Wednesday, March 3
Championship Finals	Saturday, March 6

CIF Southern California Boys Regional Championships

Divisions I, II & III TBD

Visit www.cifstate.org for more information

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

Please refer to the CIF Southern Section website (www.cifss.org) for the latest Sanctioned Events, as events are updated daily.

Sanctioned Events download directions:

click on **GOVERNANCE TAB**,
click on **SANCTIONED EVENTS**,
select **BOYS WATER POLO**,
click Search

This page will display the most up to date information on
Boys Water Polo Approved Sanctioned Events

CIFSSHOME REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULES & SCORES Complete your schedule in CIFSSHome prior to your season as well as update scores following each contest
Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire season schedule into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) as well as update the scores immediately following your contests.

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director). Once you are logged in:

- On the left panel, click on "Teams", select "Water Polo, Boys"
- To **Add a game**, click "Add Game" at the top right and fill out all of the required fields which are marked by a red (*) to complete your schedule.
- To **Submit your score**, click on the "Teams", select "Water Polo, Boys" Scroll through your schedule and click on the green "Post Result" button.
- Make sure that your overall and team records are correct on your team page.

Check out the Help video under the Help button on the bottom left, "Be CIF Prepared!"

VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTER) DUE no later than THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire Boys' Water Polo Varsity roster into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

Once you are logged in:

- On the left panel, Click on the "Teams" tab, select "Water Polo, Boys"

-Here are the instructions for using the sample file.

- Download the sample file **and** delete the "contents only". Copy and paste or type your roster information into the file as the contents and save the file to your computer. You can only upload an excel file (xls) that is the exact same format as the sample file. Columns for information not required for your sport may be left blank, but the HEADER INFORMATION MUST REMAIN EXACTLY AS THE SAMPLE.

Required Columns for Boys Water Polo are: First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position, Height & Eligibility.

- Next - click Choose File, find your file, then click "Import Student".

- To confirm your roster has been uploaded, your roster will be uploaded in the roster section and all of the required columns are filled out.

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VARSITY COACHES

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your Boys' Water Polo coaches (Head & Assistants)

into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021** Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

Once you are logged in:

- Click on the "Teams" tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Water Polo, Boys).

- Click on "Add/Edit Coaches", select the information to add both your HEAD & ASSISTANT coaches

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VARSITY TEAM PHOTO DUE no later than FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that your Boys' Water Polo Varsity Team Photo is uploaded to CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

on Home Campus

- On the left panel, click **Teams** tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Water Polo, Boys).

- Under Team Picture, click Add/Edit picture, click Browse, find your file and click "Upload Picture" – Team Photo can be no larger than 672 pixels x 480 pixels (7"x5")

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AT LARGE APPLICATION – MUST HAVE .500 RECORD OR BETTER

Attention Athletic Directors/ Coaches: Please follow the instructions below to enter your school as an At Large Entry for Boys Water Polo.

The At Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **Thursday, February 18 @ 11:00 p.m.**

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

Once you are logged in:

- On the left panel, click on At Large Petition

- Select "Boys Water Polo" then click "Add"

Please be sure that your Schedule is updated in CIFSSHome as this is where the information for the At Large Petition will be created.

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OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM – **MANDATORY USE IN PLAYOFFS 2020-2021**

Official Ball per sport:

- Baseball: **Rawlings CIF-SS** Must be CIFSS/**NOCSAE** stamped ball; not an alternative Rawlings ball
 Rawlings RCIF-SS Must be CIFSS/**NOCSAE** stamped ball; not an alternative Rawlings ball
- Boys Basketball: **Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic NFHS**
 Spalding TF1000 Legacy NFHS
 Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 29.5 *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Girls Basketball: **Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic 28.5 NFHS**
 Spalding TF1000 Legacy 28.5 NFHS
 Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 28.5 *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Football: **Spalding ball with NFHS** any Spalding model with NFHS stamp
 Spalding Alpha ball with NFHS *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Lacrosse: **Champion Sports NOCSAE Balls** (White LBWNOCSAE, Yellow LBYNOCSAE, Orange LBO, Lime Green LBG)
- Soccer: **Spalding TF-SC5 NFHS** for both boys and girls use.
 Spalding TF-SC3 NFHS for both boys and girls use.
 Spalding TF5000 NFHS for both boys and girls use.
- Softball: **Dudley CFP12Y NFHS** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Tennis: **Penn ATP World Tour** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
 Pro Penn Marathon
- Volleyball: **Spalding with NFHS stamp: TF-VB5, TF-VB3**
- Boys Water Polo: **KAP7 model 105 with NFHS stamp** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Girls Water Polo: **KAP7 model 104 with NFHS stamp** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*

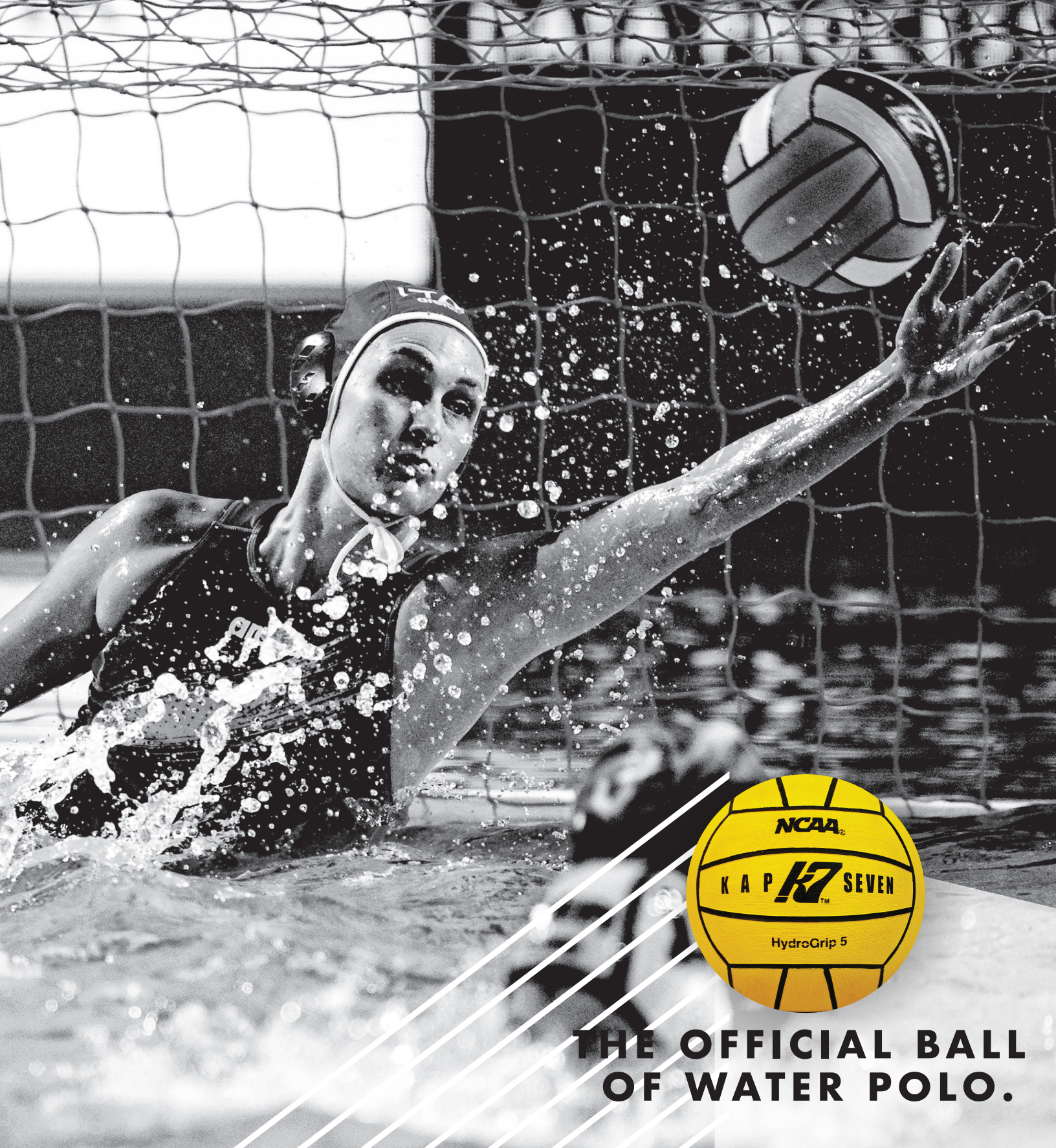
Mandatory Playoff Use Requirement:

The mandatory “official” ball rule for all playoff rounds, excluding golf. The rule applies throughout the conduct of **all** CIF-SS **playoff** contests.

Playoff Ball Use Rule Enforcement:

Should a school fail to provide the correct game ball, the game will always be played. Teams/schools failing to utilize the correct official ball in CIF-SS playoffs will be reported by officials to CIF-SS and will not be allowed to host their next available home playoff game. Penalty will carry over to the next season if not enforceable this season due to elimination.

Note: NFHS stamp is required in all sports except in golf and tennis.



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Water Polo Rules Changes - 2020-22

By NFHS on May 26, 2020

1-6-1, 1-6-2, 4-21-1, 4-21-2, 4-21-3, 4-21-4 - The 5-meter line has been moved to a 6-meter line in these referenced rules. Note: The 5-meter reference still applies to penalty throws.

Rationale: Introducing a 6-meter line increases the front court which allows offensive players more room to work. It also provides the center forward more room to receive the ball.

1-21, 1-26: Players are now permitted to wear a soft padded cap but it must meet the requirements of rules 1-20 through 1-24, and 2-4.

Rationale: Headgear is required by NFHS rules in some sports and is permissive in others. Coaches, athletes and parents/guardians should review the manufacturers' warnings about proper usage and performance limits of such products.

3-18-2, 3-18-3g, 5-13: The manner in the way free throws must be taken has been more clearly defined.

Rationale: With players now able to put the ball into play and shoot, it becomes vital for the defender to know when they are able to attack. By mandating that the ball is clearly and visibly put into play, it is clear to everyone, including the timekeeper, when the ball is in play.

3-20-2a: The scorekeeper shall be provided with the players and officials full names at least 15 minutes before the start of the contest.

Rationale: This change clarifies that full names written on the scoresheet are required prior to the start of the game.

4-14, 7-10-2, 7-11-4, 7-12-4 - Any time the ball is removed from the water by the referee is now considered interval time.

Rationale: When the referee removes the ball from the water the game stops, which is an interval moment.

4-20: The goalkeeper may now move beyond the half distance line, shoot from anywhere and may take a penalty shot or participate in a shootout as the goalkeeper and/or shooter.

Rationale: This change provides more scoring options for teams.

4-21-1: Clarifies that at least two players must intentionally touch the ball after a free throw or restart of play inside 6 meters.

Rationale: If the foul is inside of 6 meters, the player must pass the ball to another player before a goal can be scored. Also, by allowing a direct shot on goal from a corner throw the player becomes an immediate threat that the defender must account for. This opens up the center forward position which was usually double teamed since the player taking the corner throw wasn't able to shoot and makes the 2-meter area more accessible.

4-21-2: If both the foul and the ball is outside of 6 meters a player may put the ball into play and then shoot. The change also allows players to put the ball into play and score from a corner throw.

Rationale: This creates a faster and simpler game as well as encourages more action and scoring.

4-21-3: The signal for awarding a free throw outside but within one meter of the 6-meter line has been altered.

Rationale: By changing the signal to a raise hand, the award of a free throw becomes clear to everyone on the pool deck.

4-21-4: If, at the award of a foul outside 6 meters, the ball is inside of 6 meters, a goal may not be scored directly or after the ball is put into play. In this case, at least two players (of either team, excluding the defending goalkeeper) must intentionally play or touch the ball before a goal can be scored.

Rationale: Both the foul and the ball must be outside the 6-meter line to shoot and score. If the ball is inside 6 meters, a free throw must be taken at the location of the ball.

4-21-5, 4-24e, 5-4: The corner throw was removed from a list of situations in which a direct goal cannot be scored after a restart.

Rationale: A player taking a corner throw may now shoot directly once the ball is put into play. Allowing a direct shot on goal from a corner throw makes the player an immediate threat that the defender must account for.

5-10-1: A free throw shall be taken at the spot of the ball versus where the foul occurred. This does not apply if the ball is inside the 2-meter mark.

Rationale: This speeds up the game by playing the ball where it lies. However, if there is a foul within the 2-meter, the ball is always moved outside of the 2-meter area.

7-3-6: A backup goalkeeper may now be substituted for an excluded goalkeeper.

Rationale: Previously, if a goalkeeper was excluded, a back-up goalkeeper was not allowed to be substituted into the game during the man advantage. With this rule change, a back-up goalkeeper can enter the game during the man advantage by substituting for a field player. In other words, it is the player, not the position, that is excluded.

7-1, 7-3-12 - A player may leave the field of play at any time under the sideline.

Rationale: A violation occurs when the player re-enters illegally. Verbiage awarding an exclusion foul for the player to leave the field of play without the permission of the referee has been deleted.

7-20: A player that has earned a foul outside of 6 meters is not be able to shoot if a defender tactically knocks the ball into the 6-area area.

Rationale: This will discourage a defender from fouling with a few seconds left in the game and then throwing the ball to the other side of the pool. This rule allows referees to restore the advantage that was taken away from the offense.

8-9: It shall be a penalty foul for a defending player to foul or impede an attacking player from behind within the 6-meter area in a probable goal situation.

Rationale: This change follows current national trends of the sport. It simplifies the game for all stakeholders and makes it easier for spectators to understand while promoting more scoring.

2020-22 WATER POLO EDITORIAL CHANGES

1-19-2, Appendix B, Appendix D, Official Signal Chart

2020-22 WATER POLO POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. New Methods of Scoring
2. Player Advantage Inside of 6 Meters
3. Leaving the Field of Play
4. Putting the Ball in Play
5. Goalkeeper Privileges



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BLUE BOOK RULES - SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

RULE 125.1 COACH EJECTION - Upon the ejection of a coach from any CIF Southern Section contest, it is the responsibility of the principal of said school to file a letter of explanation with the CIF Southern Section Office which includes the circumstances surrounding the matter and what action the principal has taken to prevent a recurrence. Said correspondence is to be filed within THREE school days of notification of the ejection. ADDITIONALLY, UPON EJECTION, THE EJECTED COACH SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME AND WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE TEAM'S NEXT CONTEST. A SECOND EJECTION WILL CONSTITUTE A TWO CONTEST SUSPENSION AND A THIRD EJECTION WILL CAUSE SUSPENSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.

RULE 125.2 FAILURE TO COMPLETE A CONTEST - When a school fails to complete a contest, due to a coach pulling his/her team from the floor, court or field, it is MANDATORY that the CIF Southern Section Office be notified by the principal within 24 hours (excluding holidays and weekends). The competing schools and officials will be required to file written reports, and after review of the aforementioned material, the principal of the school involved will be required to respond to the CIF Southern Section Office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

QUESTION: How serious is such action?

ANSWER: It has been the position of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee to expect the building principal of the school concerned to relieve the coach from his/her assignment for the balance of that season or the Executive Committee is empowered to consider recommendations for additional penalties.

QUESTION: What if the head coach is red carded and there is not an assistant coach on the bench?

*ANSWER: A district/school employee that holds **ALL coaching certifications** ("Coaches Education Training", CPR, First Aid, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Concussion Training and anything else required by the district/school board specifically for coaches) may supervise the remainder of the game. If there is not a person holding the aforementioned credentials, the game will be terminated at that point. Teachers, administrators and other district personnel cannot fill this role unless they hold ALL necessary coaching certifications.*

RULE 506 – PRACTICE ALLOWANCE

For the benefit of the physical and mental health of our student-athletes, all high school practices during the season shall be conducted under the following conditions. All teams will be allowed no more than eighteen (18) hours of practice time and no more than four (4) hours in any single day. Double day practices shall not be held on consecutive days and must include a minimum of three (3) hours of rest between practices. Any competition day would count as three (3) hours toward the allowable weekly and daily practice hours no matter the length of the contest(s).

RULE 514 - TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED

The use of tobacco products in conjunction with any CIF Southern Section athletic contest is prohibited. This would include all those involved in the contest including players, coaches and officials.

RULE 3101 - OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATING MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo. (February 1999 Federated Council; revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council.)

RULE 1223 - SUMMERTIME RULES

1223.1 With the exception of the summer dead period, until the beginning of the first official starting date for fall sports, there shall be no restriction on high school coaches working with high school students registered and/or attending their respective high school or entering them in summer competition, provided approval is received from the school principal.

QUESTION: Who may participate in high school summer athletic programs approved by the principal?

ANSWER: Only students registered for the upcoming school year in grades 9 through 12. Additionally, it would be a violation to allow elementary students (8th grade and below) to participate with the high school team. For students enrolled in more than one school, all summer practice and competition must be confined to one school.

1223.2 High schools may sponsor sport camps and/or allow non-school sponsored sport camps to use their facilities.

- * High school students and individuals from the general community can attend.
- * The high school name, nickname and identifying marks can be used in the title and/or promotion of the camp.
- * The principal of the high school must give permission for the camp to take place; non-school sponsored camps must secure a facility permit for use of any facilities and equipment.
- * The camp must comply with all CIF rules, including those pertaining to undue influence and dead period.
- * Non-school sponsored camps should provide required liability insurance for the use of any school facilities.

1223.3 A summer dead period must be declared by the school district and/or principal for all sports. The dates of the dead period must be forwarded to the Southern Section Commissioner. The dead period must be the same for all sports all levels and must be two (2) consecutive weeks, fourteen (14) days between the end of school in the spring and the first day of school in the Fall. No class could be offered which could circumvent the rule. There are no exceptions to the summer dead period.

During the dead period, NO weight lifting would be permitted. No running or other type of conditioning would be allowed. No coordinated workouts by ANY staff or volunteer member associated with the school are allowed.

Special nationally recognized programs in various sports that require a national or regional championship format, such as Bobby Sox Softball, American Legion or Mickey Mantle Baseball, Junior Olympics, etc., would be allowed to continue, until completion, during the dead period

RULE 1224 - PLAYER CONDUCT RULE

Player:

A player who is ejected from a contest (for reasons other than fighting or leaving the bench area during a fight) shall be ineligible to participate in the remainder of that contest (event) and his or her team's future contest (s) as outlined below:

First Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate in the team's next contest. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's next contest. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season, the player would be ineligible for the team's first contest the following season. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for the first contest of their next season of sport.

Second Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate in the team's next three (3) contests. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's next three (3) contests. If the season concludes prior to the player serving the three (3) contests suspension, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for the team's following season. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for their next season of sport.

RULE 1224 - PLAYER CONDUCT RULE continued

Third Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate for the remainder of that season. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's remaining contest that season. If there are six (6) or fewer contests remaining in the season, the player would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for the next season of sport as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

A player who is ejected from a contest for fighting or leaving the bench area during a fight* shall be ineligible to participate in the remainder of that contest and his or her team's future contests as outlined below:

First Ejection: Player (Fighting/Assaultive Behavior/Gross Unsportsmanlike Conduct) is ineligible to participate in the team's next three (3) to six (6) contests as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the duration of the suspension. If the season concludes prior to the player serving the full suspension, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for the team's following season. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for their next season of sport. *NFHS Rules indicate automatic one game suspension for leaving the bench.

Second Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate for the remainder of that season. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's remaining contests that season. If there are six (6) or fewer contests remaining in the season, the player would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for their next season of sport as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

QUESTION:	What happens when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior during an athletic contest that is not observed by game officials?
ANSWER:	In cases when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior that is not observed by game officials, it is the expectation of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee that the building principal of the school involved will impose a minimum one-game suspension for the students who commit such offenses.

RULE 1226 - LEVEL OF COMPETITION

No student shall participate in more the ONE level of competition in the same sport in the same day.



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CIF-SS WATER POLO GUIDELINES

The Following points of emphasis should be reviewed by coaches, staff and players regarding CIF Southern Section rules and regulations as published in the CIF-SS Blue Book. This list is not all-inclusive; it highlights key areas.

MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

1. A water polo team is permitted to play no more than twenty (28) contests during the season. One game scheduled with alumni and/or faculty will not count toward the allowable number of contests.
2. A team may play three regular games in one day in a tournament on a non-school day, provided one hour has elapsed between the finish of one contest and the beginning of the next contest.

END OF COMPETITION

All league competition for entries must end on or before the Thursday prior to the first playoff date. Schools may compete until Saturday in non-league contests and/or tournament play. **LEAGUE ENTRIES ARE DUE AT 11:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY EVENING, ANY COMPETITION TAKING PLACE AFTER ENTRIES ARE DUE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN THE SEEDINGS.**

TOURNAMENTS

For those schools hosting sanctioned events, please review the 700 series. In particular, please be aware all sanctioned events are to be administered by the sanctioning school and not administered by outside groups. The interpretation is that all entry fees must be handled through student-body funds under the administration of the principal of that school.

LENGTH OF QUARTERS

The length of quarters for water polo games shall be seven minutes for varsity games, six minutes for non varsity. Schools can mutually agree to shorten games. (Approved April 2002, CIF-SS Council)

GAME BALL

The KAP7 105 NFHS is the official boys' water polo ball of the CIF Southern Section and must have the NFHS authenticating mark stamped on it. **The KAP 105 NFHS ball must be used in all playoff games.**

OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL DURING THE SEASON OF SPORT

THIS BYLAW IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

~~A member of a high school water polo team may not, during his season of sport, compete for an outside team in the sport of water polo. A season of sport (see CIF-SS Blue Book Rule 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (tournament, non-league or CIF-SS playoff game). If an athlete has been selected for an ODP event/ tournament, permission must be obtained by the association office prior to the event.~~

SCOUTING PROHIBITION - PRACTICE SESSION

Scouting of any type that would include personal viewing, written notes, audio tape, motion pictures, video reproduction and/or any other type of reproduction such as still pictures, etc., shall not be taken in any sport of a member school's practice sessions by anyone without written consent of the participating school(s). An interscholastic scrimmage is not subject to this rule.

Q & A - What is allowed with regard to scouting a contest?

There will be NO restrictions on the part of member schools regarding the filming/video-taping of any contest. Host schools will maintain game management rights and responsibilities.

OFFICIALS

It is required that:

1. When contacted by the official at least 24 hours in advanced, the host school will have available someone who will handle the needs of the officials assigned to the contest. This should include but not be limited to facility orientation, locker room assignment and parking.
2. The officials' locker rooms are open at half-time and immediately after the game.
3. At the completion of the contest, the officials' locker and dressing facilities remain secured for at least 20 minutes. Coaches and other school officials should not enter an officials' dressing area for the purpose of complaints.
4. Coaches should not approach or confront the officials at the completion of a contest.
5. Coaches and school officials should not make public statements to the news media criticizing officials.
6. School officials must be alert to potential problem situations and provide security for officials to and from their dressing facilities and to the parking area after the contest when necessary.
7. Athletic administrators convey to the coaching staff that any problems regarding officiating be handled first through the Area Officials' Liaison and second by the CIF-Southern Section Office, if it is serious in nature.
8. A representative from the host school shall handle financial matters prior to the start of the contest.
9. The participating schools should enforce the principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor and the education code with regards to fan and spectator behavior. Schools are strongly encouraged to remove and sanction any spectator who engages in abusive verbal or physical behavior or who uses profanity.
10. Schools not in compliance with numbers 1-9 will be reported to their Area Liaison by the officials association within five (5) school days. Regardless of the infraction, the contest will be played.

BOYS WATER POLO 2020-2021 LEAGUES/SCHOOLS/DIVISIONS

LEAGUE	DIV	LEAGUE	DIV	LEAGUE	DIV	LEAGUE	DIV
2 605		2 CITRUS COAST		3 GARDEN GROVE		3 MOORE	
Artesia	7	Carpinteria	6	Bolsa Grande	7	Cabrillo/ Long Beach	7
Cerritos	5	Fillmore	7	La Quinta/ West	7	Jordan	7
Pioneer	6	Hueneme	7	Loara	7	Lakewood	7
Whitney	7	Nordhoff	6	Los Amigos	6	Millikan	4
				Rancho Alamitos	7	Poly/Long Beach	5
						Wilson/Long Beach	2
3 ALMONT		COASTAL CANYON		3 GOLDEN WEST		3 MOUNTAIN PASS	
Alhambra	7	2 Camarillo	5	Garden Grove	6	Banning	7
Bell Gardens	7	Moorpark	5	Godinez	7	Perris	7
Mark Keppel	7	Royal	6	Katella	6	San Jacinto	7
Montebello	4	Thousand Oaks	4	Ocean View	7	Tahquitz	7
Schurr	3			Seegerstrom	4	West Valley	6
		CRESTVIEW		Westminster	7		
3 BASELINE		2 El Dorado	3	3 HACIENDA		2 MOUNTAIN VLY	
Chino Hills	4	Foothill	2	Diamond Bar	4	Indian Springs	7
Damien	2	Villa Park	3	Los Altos	5	Jurupa Valley	7
Etiwanda	6	Yorba Linda	3	Rowland	6	Pacific	7
Los Osos	2			Walnut	4	San Bernardino	7
Rancho Cucamonga	4	DEL RIO		Wilson/ HH	6		
Upland	5	3 California	4			3 MT. BALDY	
		El Rancho	6	2 INLAND VALLEY		Baldwin Park	6
3 BAY		La Serna	3	Canyon Springs	7	Chaffey	7
Culver City	5	Santa Fe	7	Lakeside	7	Chino	6
Mira Costa	2	Whittier	6	Moreno Valley	7	Don Lugo	5
Palos Verdes	2			Notre Dame/ Riv	7	Montclair	7
Peninsula	4	DESERT EMPIRE				Ontario	6
Redondo Union	2	4 Cathedral City	7	2 IVY		2 NORTH HILLS	
Santa Monica	4	Indio	7	Elsinore	5	Brea Olinda	4
		La Quinta/La Quinta	6	North, JW	6	Canyon/ Anaheim	4
3 BIG VIII		Palm Desert	4	Poly/ Riverside	2	El Modena	5
Centennial/Corona	6	Palm Springs	6	Temescal Canyon	4	Esperanza	3
Corona	5	Rancho Mirage	6				
King, Martin Luther	3	Shadow Hills	7	3 MARMONTE		3 ORANGE	
Norco	6	Xavier Prep	5	Agoura	3	Anaheim	7
Roosevelt, Eleanor	4			Calabasas	6	Magnolia	7
Santiago/Corona	3	EMPIRE		Newbury Park	3	Santa Ana Valley	7
		3 Crean Lutheran	7	Oaks Christian	2	Savanna	6
3 CHANNEL		Cypress	6	Westlake	3	Western	6
Cabrillo/ Lompoc	5	Kennedy	5				
Dos Pueblos	2	Pacifica/GG	3	3 MISSION		3 ORANGE COAST	
Lompoc	7	Tustin	6	Aleman	5	Costa Mesa	3
San Marcos	3	Valencia/Placentia	5	Crespi	5	Estancia	5
Santa Barbara	2			Harvard Westlake	2	Orange	7
Santa Ynez	3	FREEWAY		Loyola	2	Saddleback	7
		3 Buena Park	5	Notre Dame/SO	3	Santa Ana	7
3 CITRUS BELT		Fullerton	5	St. Francis	4		
Beaumont	5	La Habra	4				
Cajon	4	Sonora	5				
Citrus Valley	6	Sunny Hills	5				
Redlands	5	Troy	4				
Redlands East Valley	2						
Yucaipa	4						

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PLAYOFF DIVISIONS MAY BE ADJUSTED BASED ON PARTICIPATION

<u>LEAGUE</u>		<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>DIV</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>FREELANCE</u>	<u>DIV</u>
4 PACIFIC		3 PREP		3 SOUTHWESTERN		
Arcadia	4	Brentwood	3	Chaparral	5	
Burbank	6	Chadwick	3	Great Oak	4	
Burroughs/Burbank	4	Flintridge Prep	4	Murrieta Mesa	6	
Crescenta Valley	5	La Salle	6	Murrieta Valley	3	
Glendale	5	Poly/Pasadena	5	Temecula Valley	5	
Hoover	4			Vista Murrieta	5	
Pasadena	6	3 RIO HONDO				
		La Canada	5	2 SUNBELT		
3 PACIFIC COAST		Monrovia	6	Hemet	7	
Beckman	2	San Marino	4	Heritage	7	
Irvine	3	South Pasadena	3	Paloma Valley	7	
Laguna Hills	5	Temple City	3	Valley View	6	
Northwood	2					
Portola	5	3 RIVER VALLEY		2 SURF		
University	3	Arlington	3	Corona del Mar	2	
Woodbridge	2	Hillcrest	7	Huntington Beach	2	
		La Sierra	6	Laguna Beach	2	
3 PACIFIC VIEW		Norte Vista	7	Newport Harbor	2	
Buena	6	Patriot	7			
Channel Islands	7	Ramona	6	2 TRI-VALLEY		
Oxnard	6			Cate	6	
Pacifica/Oxnard	6	3 SAN ANDREAS		Foothill Technology	5	
Rio Mesa	3	Arroyo Valley	7	Malibu	5	
Ventura	3	Carter		Villanova Prep	6	
		Eisenhower	7			
3 PALOMARES		Fontana	6	3 TRINITY		
Alta Loma	4	Granite Hills	7	JSerra	2	
Ayala	5	San Gorgonio	7	Lutheran/ Orange	2	
Bonita	4	Summit	7	Mater Dei	2	
Claremont	4			Santa Margarita	2	
Colony	6	3 SAN GABRIEL VLY		Servite	2	
Glendora	4	Downey	6	St. John Bosco	5	
		Gahr	7			
3 PIONEER		La Mirada	7	3 VALLE VISTA		
Beverly Hills	6	Paramount	6	Cathedral	6	
El Segundo	3	Warren	6	Charter Oak	6	
North Torrance	7			Edgewood	7	
South Torrance	6	2 SEA VIEW		San Dimas	5	
Torrance	6	Aliso Niguel	3	Sierra Vista	7	
West Torrance	6	Mission Viejo	4	Webb	6	
		San Juan Hills	3	West Covina	7	
		Trabuco Hills	4			
		3 SOUTH COAST	<u>DIV</u>	2 WAVE		
		Capistrano Valley	3	Edison	3	
		Dana Hills	2	Fountain Valley	6	
		El Toro	3	Los Alamitos	2	
		San Clemente	2	Marina	5	
		Tesoro	3			

*Division 2 is a group of teams that reflect the top 28 water polo programs in the CIF Southern Section based on power rankings. The top 20 teams from this group will be published with the polls (the top 10 of those 20 representing the Division 1 "Watch List"). Using power rankings AND committee determination, the top teams will be designated as the CIFSS Playoff Division 1, with the remaining teams comprising the CIF-SS Division 2. Divisions 1 and 2 will be finalized during the last seeding meeting on **February 19, 2021**.*

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