

CIF SOUTHERN SECTION



WINTER 2023-2024

# Water Polo



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# SEASON PREVIEW



**TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION GIRLS' WATER POLO COACHES**

**FROM: KRISTINE PALLE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 2023** (updated 1/31/24)

**RE: CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION 2023-2024 GIRLS' 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 2023-2024 Girls' Water Polo Season!**

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***SPECIAL NOTE:*** The 2023-24 National Federation Water Polo Rules Book was mailed to your school in September.



FROM: Mike West, Commissioner of Athletics

SUBJECT: **Aquatics Legislation – Certification**

Just a reminder that the following legislation took effect January, 1991:

Section 116033 of the Health and Safety Code reads as follows:

Persons providing aquatic instruction, including, but not limited to, swimming instruction, water safety instruction, water contact activities, and competitive aquatic sports, at a public swimming pool shall possess an American Red Cross Emergency Water Safety Course certificate, or have equivalent qualifications, as determined by the state department. In addition, these persons shall be certified in standard first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). All of these persons shall meet these qualifications by January 1, 1991. Persons, who only disseminate written materials relating to water safety, are not persons providing aquatic instruction within the meaning of this section.

The requirements of this section shall be waived under either of the following circumstances: (a) when one or more aquatic instructors possessing the American Red Cross Emergency Water Safety Course Certificate or its equivalent are in attendance continuously during periods of aquatic instruction, or (b) when one or more lifeguards meeting the requirements of Section 116028 are in attendance continuously during periods of aquatic instruction.

\* \* \* \* \*

Please Note: The Emergency Water Safety certificate is no longer offered by the American Red Cross. The legislation above has not been revised, despite numerous requests from water safety people around the State, and it is not clear what the “state department” has established as equivalent qualifications.

It is strongly recommended that all coaches enroll in the Safety Training for Swim Coaches course currently offered by the American Red Cross, as an interim solution to the missing EWS certificate. Not many ARC Chapters offer the class, so you may need to do some investigating to locate one that does. The Long Beach Chapter has offered the class as recently as spring 2003, so that might be a good starting point for you.





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## **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 TOP TEN POLL**

The Southern Section will publish weekly top 10 rankings for each of the seven water polo divisions throughout the current 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 Top Ten Poll. It is important for coaches to report their information at [www.cifsshhome.org](http://www.cifsshhome.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 CIFSSHHome following each game and email poll changing results to the committee members named on the dates (Sundays) listed below:**

- |                    |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ○ December 3       | ○ January 21                         |
| ○ December 10      | ○ January 28                         |
| ○ January 7        | ○ Final Poll – Completed: February 2 |
| ○ January 15 (MLK) | Released: February 3                 |

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**The CIF-SS office will be doing seven polls during the season. Please start your emails on Sunday, December 3, 2023. 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.**

# 2023-2024 GIRLS WATER POLO COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## **2023-2024 WATER POLO CALENDAR DATES**

First Allowable Contest  
Last League Contest

Monday, November 13, 2023  
Thursday, February 1, 2024

### **PLAYOFF DATES – ALL DIVISIONS**

***Pairings Released – Saturday, February 3, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.***  
***Playoff Brackets can be found @ [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)***

Wild Card (16 Team Bracket)	Tuesday, February 6, 2024
First Round	
32 Team Bracket	Tuesday, February 6, 2024
16 Team Bracket	Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Open Division	Thursday, February 8, 2024
Second Round	
32 Team Bracket	Thursday, February 8, 2024
Quarterfinals Round	Saturday, February 10, 2024 (Divisions 1 – 6) Bottom bracket games must be completed by 1:00 pm Upper bracket games must begin at or after 2:00 pm
Semifinal Round (all divisions)	Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Championship Finals (all divisions)	Saturday, February 17, 2024

### **CIF Southern California Girls Regional Championships**

Divisions I, II & III - February 20, 22 & 24, 2024

Visit [www.cifstate.org](http://www.cifstate.org) for more information

### **APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Please refer to the CIF Southern Section website ([www.cifss.org](http://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 **GIRLS WATER POLO**,  
click Search

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





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# 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](http://www.cifsshome.org)) as well as update the scores immediately following your contests.

Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://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, Girls"

**To Add a game:**

- On the left panel, click on "Events", select "Add Event", choose Game under "Event Type", choose date of game under "Event Date", choose **Water Polo, Girls** under "Sport", choose Varsity under "Level", type the opposing school name in "Add Opponent", choose the type of game under "Select Game Type", click on Home, Away or Neutral under "Location", choose "Start Time" Click on "Save" to add one game or "Save & Duplicate" for multiple games.

- **To Submit your score:**


- On the left panel, click on "Teams", select "Teams Manager", scroll down to "**Water Polo, Girls**" and click on VR to add Varsity scores Click on "Post Result" button, enter your team's score, enter the opponent's score, result should auto populate with either "W", "L" or "T" based on the correct match score entered. If the game was a forfeit, click on the Yes box, enter the set scores in "Notes".

**Make sure that your overall and team records are correct on your team page**

## **Varsity Coaches** no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024.**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that you enter your Girls Water Polo coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHOME ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024.**


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

- Click on the "**Users**" tab, click on "**User Manager**", click on the  in the upper right hand corner to add Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Enter the information requested on the "Add School User" page. Choose "**Active**" to provide the coach with access to CIFSSHOME or "**Inactive**" for directory purposes only. Choose Yes or No to give the coach access to all sport, click **Submit**.

Choose the applicable options on the Assign Coach to Team page, click Save or Add Another to add additional coach(s).

## **Varsity Team Information (Team Photo)** no later than **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024.**

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

- Click on the "**Teams**" tab, click "**Teams Manager**", click on "**Water Polo, Girls**", click on the "**Team Photo**" tab, Click on the  under "**TEAM PICTURE**", choose the file, click **Submit**.


## **AT LARGE APPLICATION – MUST HAVE .500 RECORD OR BETTER AND THERE MUST BE OPENINGS IN THE DRAW**

**Attention Athletic Directors/ Coaches:** Please follow the instructions below to enter your school as an At Large Entry for Girls Water Polo. The At Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 @ 10:00 p.m.**

## **Varsity Team Information (Rosters)** no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024.**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that you enter your entire Girls Water Polo Varsity roster into CIFSSHOME ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024.**

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


- Click on the "**Teams**" tab, click on "**Teams Manager**", click on "**Water Polo, Girls**",  select

You can UPLOAD your roster using the instructions below (1) or you can enter each player one by one (2).

**Required roster information for Girls Water Polo is:**

**First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position, Height & Eligibility**


**(1) To ADD roster players one by one:**


- Click on  and complete fields required for Girls Water Polo.

**(2) To Import a Roster using an Excel 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.

- Only an excel file  can be uploaded 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 Girls Water Polo are:**

**First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position, Height & Eligibility**

- Click on to find your file, then click on



- To confirm the roster has been uploaded, your players' names will be uploaded in the "**Official Roster**" section.

- Click on the  next to the player's name to view each player's information.



## OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM 2023-2024

### Official Ball per sport:

Baseball:	Rawlings RCIF-SS	Must be CIFSS/ <b>NOCSAE</b> stamped ball
Boys Basketball:	Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 7 ( <b>Used in CIF-SS Championship</b> ) Wilson EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 7	
Girls Basketball:	Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 6 ( <b>Used in CIF-SS Championship</b> ) Wilson EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 6	
Football:	Wilson GTS GAME BALL Wilson GST Prime GAME BALL	
Lacrosse:	Champion Sports NOCSAE Balls	(White LBWNOCSAE, Yellow LBYNOCSAE, Orange LBO, Lime Green LBG)
Soccer:	Wilson NCAA Vivido Match Ball ( <b>Used in CIF-SS Championship</b> ) Wilson NCAA Veza Match Ball Wilson Forte Fybrid II NCAA Match Soccer Ball ( <i>discontinued</i> )	
Softball:	Rawlings FPCIF-SS ( <b>Used in CIF-SS Championship</b> )	
Tennis:	Penn ATP World Tour ( <b>Used in CIF-SS Championship</b> ) Pro Penn Marathon	
Volleyball, Indoor:	Mikasa VFC1000 Series ( <b>Used in CIF-SS Championship</b> ) Mikasa VQ2000 Series	
Volleyball, Beach:	Wilson NCAA OPTX Game Ball ( <b>Used in CIF-SS Championship</b> )	
Boys Water Polo:	KAP7 model 105 with NFHS stamp ( <b>Used in CIF-SS Championship</b> )	
Girls Water Polo:	KAP7 model 104 with NFHS stamp ( <b>Used in CIF-SS Championship</b> )	

### 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.

**\*Items in red are used in the final game for the CIF-SS Championships. Any model listed is compliant in CIF-SS post season play.**

### 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, tennis and beach volleyball.**





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# Water Polo Rules Changes – 2022-24

NFHS on June 22, 2022

**2-4-4:** New language defining hair-control devices and other adornments in the hair that are securely fastened and do not present an increased risk to the player, teammates or opponents are permitted.

**Rationale:** Clarifies adornments such as beads can be worn in the hair and aligns language with other NFHS rules codes.

**2-4-8:** For religious reasons, uniforms providing full-body coverage are permitted. The suit must meet the requirements of 2-4 NOTE and 2-4-6. If a competitor's suit does not meet rule specifications, the referee must notify the state association following the completion of the contest.

**Rationale:** Eliminates the need for state association to authorize, per individual, in writing the use of suits providing full body coverage.

**4-19:** New section provides examples describing how the ball can be put into play.

**Rationale:** The addition of this definition will further clarify methods of putting the ball into play.

**6-9, 7-21:** New language clearly delineates the difference between offensive and defensive impeding, and clarifies the individual penalties associated with each.

**Rationale:** Because offensive and defensive impeding result in separate penalties, these actions require separate definitions in the rules book.

## 2022-24 WATER POLO EDITORIAL CHANGES

1-2-2, 1-4-2, 1-6-4, 1-12-1, 1-13-2, 2-1-1, 2-2-2, 2-6-1, 3-2-2, 3-6-4, 3-6-5, 3-8, 3-11-3, 3-12-3, 3-17-1, 3-18-2, 4-21-2d, 4-21-5g, 4-25, 5-2, 5-10-1, 5-13-1 NOTE, 6-5-2, 6-8, 6-8 NOTE, 6-17, 7-3-13, 7-10, 7-12-4, 7-13-3, 7-13-4, 7-14-2, 7-21, 8-3, 8-9, 9-1, 10-1

## 2022-24 WATER POLO POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Sportsmanship
2. Making Good Use of Time-outs
3. Putting the Ball in Play
4. Suit Coverage



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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 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 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 503 - 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.

**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:

### **RULE 503 - PLAYER CONDUCT RULE continued**

**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 1224 - LEVEL OF COMPETITION**

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

### **RULE 3301 - 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 3510 - FREE LANCE PLAYOFF ENTRY VERIFICATION**

If a school does not have membership in a league or the school belongs to a league which does not offer students in a given sport an opportunity to qualify into CIF Southern Section championships, special conditions exist which must be followed in order to qualify for possible entry into a CIF Southern Section playoff activity. ***\*You must apply for Freelance consideration at the beginning of the season.***

**3510.1 Team Sports** - All free lance schools desiring entry into the playoffs must submit schedules to the Commissioner for evaluation and approval of conditions under which the team may qualify. Schedules must be submitted prior to the start of each season for evaluation.

#### ***Q & A - How can a freelance team qualify for CIF playoff consideration?***

*You must schedule 80% of allowable games per sport and they must be at the varsity level, and in order to be considered for the playoffs, the school must have a .500 or better record in all contests played and there must be openings in the bracket. Additionally, teams that win 80% of their contests played will be guaranteed entry. (Except football*

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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 104 NFHS is the official girls' water polo ball of the CIF Southern Section and must have the NFHS authenticating mark stamped on it. **The KAP 104 NFHS ball must be used in all playoff games.**

## **OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL DURING THE SEASON OF SPORT**

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.

## GIRLS WATER POLO 2023-2024 LEAGUES/SCHOOLS/DIVISIONS

LEAGUE	DIV	LEAGUE	DIV	LEAGUE	DIV	LEAGUE	DIV
<b>2 ALMONT</b>		<b>3 CITRUS BELT</b>		<b>3 EMPIRE</b>		<b>3 IVY</b>	
Alhambra	6	Beaumont	4	<del>Crean Lutheran</del>	TBD	Elsinore	2
Bell Gardens	6	Cajon	5	Cypress	3	North, J.W	5
Montebello	6	Citrus Valley	4	Kennedy/La Palma	6	Poly/ Riverside	2
Schurr	1	Redlands	4	Pacifica/GG	5	Temescal Canyon	3
		Redlands East Valley	5	Tustin	6	Valley View	3
		Yucaipa	1	Valencia/Placentia	5		
<b>3 BASELINE</b>		<b>3 CITRUS COAST</b>		<b>3 FREEWAY</b>		<b>3 MARMONTE</b>	
Chino Hills	3	Carpinteria	4	Buena Park	3	Agoura	2
Etiwanda	4	Channel Islands	6	Fullerton	3	Calabasas	5
Los Osos	4	Hueneme	6	La Habra	3	Newbury Park	4
Rancho Cucamonga	3	Nordhoff	5	Sonora	5	Oaks Christian	1
St. Lucy's	4	Santa Paula	5	Sunny Hills	2	Westlake	3
Upland	4			Troy	5		
<b>3 BAY</b>		<b>2 COASTAL CANYON</b>		<b>3 GARDEN GROVE</b>		<b>3 MISSION</b>	
Culver City	4	Camarillo	3	Bolsa Grande	6	Flintridge Sac Hrt	3
Mira Costa	2	Moorpark	5	La Quinta/West.	5	Harvard-Westlake	1
Palos Verdes	3	<del>Oak Park</del>	DNF	Loara	6	Louisville	5
Peninsula	2	Royal	3	Los Amigos	6	Marlborough	3
Redondo Union	3	Thousand Oaks	4	Rancho Alamitos	5	Marymount	5
Santa Monica	4					Notre Dame/ SO	2
<b>3 BIG VIII</b>		<b>2 CRESTVIEW</b>		<b>4 GAETWAY</b>		<b>3 MOORE</b>	
Centennial/Corona	3	Canyon/ Anaheim	2	Gahr	6	Cabrillo/ Long Beach	6
Corona	3	El Dorado	3	Cerritos	5	Jordan	6
King, ML	1	Foothill/Santa Ana	1	Downey	1	Lakewood	4
Norco	3	Villa Park	3	La Mirada	6	Millikan	1
Roosevelt, Eleanor	3			Paramount	6	Poly/Long Beach	2
Santiago/Corona	4	<b>3 DEL RIO</b>		St. Joseph/Lakewood	4	Wilson/Long Beach	1
		California	3	Warren	5		
<b>4 CHANNEL</b>		El Rancho	6			<b>3 MOUNTAIN PASS</b>	
Buena	4	La Serna	3	<b>3 GOLDEN WEST</b>		<del>Banning</del>	DNF
Dos Pueblos	1	Santa Fe	5	Garden Grove	4	<del>Liberty/Winchester</del>	TBD
Oxnard	4	Whittier	4	Godinez	6	<del>Perris</del>	TBD
<del>Pacifica/Oxnard</del>	DNF	<b>4 DESERT EMPIRE</b>		<del>Katella</del>	DNF	San Jacinto	6
Rio Mesa	4	Cathedral City	6	Ocean View	6	Tahquitz	6
San Marcos	1	Indio	6	Segerstrom	5	West Valley	6
Santa Barbara	1	La Quinta/LQ	6	Westminster	5		
Ventura	2	Palm Desert	4	<b>3 HACIENDA</b>		<b>2 MOUNTAIN VLY</b>	
		Palm Springs	5	Diamond Bar	5	Indian Springs	6
		Rancho Mirage	6	Los Altos/ HH	5	Jurupa Valley	5
		Shadow Hills	6	Rowland	4	Pacific	6
		Xavier Prep	3	Walnut	5	San Bernardino	6
				Wilson/ HH	6		

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LEAGUE	DIV	LEAGUE	DIV	LEAGUE	DIV
<b>3 MT. BALDY</b>		<b>3 PIONEER</b>		<b>3 SOUTHWESTERN</b>	
Baldwin Park	6	Beverly Hills	6	Chaparral	5
Chaffey	6	El Segundo	1	Great Oak	4
Chino	5	North Torrance	TBD	Murrieta Mesa	4
Don Lugo	5	South Torrance	5	Murrieta Valley	1
Montclair	5	Torrance	5	Temecula Valley	4
Ontario	6	West Torrance	3	Vista Murrieta	3
<b>2 NORTH HILLS</b>		<b>3 PREP</b>		<b>3 SUNBELT</b>	
Brea Olinda	3	Brentwood	5	Canyon Springs	6
El Modena	6	Chadwick	DNF	Hemet	4
Esperanza	4	Flintridge Prep	4	Heritage	6
Yorba Linda	3	La Salle	4	Lakeside/Lake Els.	5
		Mayfield	5	Moreno Valley	6
<b>2 ORANGE</b>		Poly/ Pasadena	3	Paloma Valley	5
Anaheim	6	Westridge	6		
Magnolia	DNF			<b>2 SURF</b>	
Santa Ana Valley	6	<b>3 RIO HONDO</b>		Corona Del Mar	1
Savanna	5	Blair	5	Laguna Beach	1
Western	5	La Canada	2	Los Alamitos	1
		Monrovia	6	Newport Harbor	1
<b>3 ORANGE COAST</b>		San Marino	6		
Costa Mesa	3	South Pasadena	4	<b>2 TRI-VALLEY</b>	
Estancia	6	Temple City	3	Cate	6
Orange	6			Foothill Tech	6
Saddleback	6	<b>3 RIVER VALLEY</b>		Malibu	5
Santa Ana	4	Arlington	2	Villanova Prep	3
		Hillcrest	5		
<b>4 PACIFIC</b>		La Sierra	6	<b>3 TRINITY</b>	
Arcadia	3	Norte Vista	6	JSerra	1
Burbank	5	Patriot	6	Lutheran/ Orange	1
Burroughs/Burbank	3	Ramona	5	Mater Dei	1
Crescenta Valley	4			Rosary	4
Glendale	4	<b>4 SAN ANDREAS</b>		Santa Margarita	1
Hoover/Glendale	5	Arroyo Valley	TBD		
Muir	5	Carter	6	<b>4 VALLE VISTA</b>	
Pasadena	6	Eisenhower	6	Charter Oak	4
		Fontana	4	Edgewood	6
<b>4 PACIFIC COAST</b>		Granite Hills/AV	6	La Puente	TBD
Beckman	2	Notre Dame/Riv.	6	Negales	DNF
Irvine	2	San Geronio	6	San Dimas	3
Laguna Hills	5	Summit	5	Sierra Vista	6
Northwood	4			Webb	6
Portola	3	<b>2 SEA VIEW</b>		West Covina	5
University	3	Aliso Niguel	3	Workman	6
Woodbridge	2	Capistrano Valley	3		
		Mission Viejo	5	<b>2 WAVE</b>	
<b>3 PALOMARES</b>		Tesoro	4	Edison	2
Alta Loma	2			Fountain Valley	3
Ayala, Ruben	4	<b>3 SOUTH COAST</b>		Huntington Beach	1
Bonita	2	Dana Hills	2	Marina	4
Claremont	3	El Toro	2		
Colony	6	San Clemente	1		
Glendora	3	San Juan Hills	3		
		Trabuco Hills	4		

#### FREELANCE

The newly formed "Open" Division will be the top 8 teams and may come from teams in any division. The top 8 teams selected to the Open Division will be finalized during the playoff seeding meeting on February 3, 2024.



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