

**#ARTICLE 330
WATER POLO**

#3300. TIME CLOCKS

It is recommended, but not required, that clocks used in conducting water polo contests be visible to the participants.

#3300.1 A visible 30-second clock shall not be required.

#3301. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

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

#3302. WATER POLO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A regional boys and girls water polo championship will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. Water Polo Regional Championship entries will be placed into the appropriate region aligning with the Sections' current season of sport (Approved October 2016 Federated Council)

#3303. RULES

All water polo games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided.

<>#3304. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) All allowable interscholastic scrimmages must be conducted prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

<>#3304.1 *Boys Teams* - Two interscholastic scrimmage may be conducted beginning August 21.

<>#3304.2 *Girls Teams* - Two interscholastic scrimmage may be conducted beginning November 13.

#3305 TOURNAMENTS

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level they will be charged single games for each team toward their allowable 28.

NOTE: Two contests could be played on the same day in the SAME TOURNAMENT*, but not two games in two different tournaments (See Bylaw 3212). EXCEPTION: Maximum of three contests could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT on a non-school day.

<>#3306. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

<>*Boys Teams* - No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to August 21.

<>*Girls Teams* - No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to November 13.

#3307. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A water polo team is permitted to play no more than 28 games during the season, including tournaments, but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs.

#3306.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

#3306.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one Alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

<>#3308. END OF COMPETITION

All league competition for entries must end on or before the Thursday prior to the first playoff date. For boys teams Thursday, October 26 and for the girls teams Thursday, February 1. Schools may compete until Saturday in non-league contests and/or tournament play. For the boys' teams October 28 and for the girls' teams February 3.

QUESTION: Will contest(s) played after the completion of league play and/or submission of league entries impact seeding or rankings?

ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted a school will be seeded and ranked based on a team's results as of the league entries deadline.

#3309. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school water polo team may not, during his or her season of sport, compete for an outside team in the sport of water polo. A season of sport (See Bylaw 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 Southern Section playoff).

#3310. MAXIMUM ATHLETIC CONTESTS IN ONE DAY

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1227 for specific information on Maximum Contests in one day.

#3310.1 See Rule 3305 (NOTE) for tournament exception.

#3311. LENGTH OF QUARTERS

The length of quarters for water polo games shall be seven minutes for varsity games and six minutes for non-varsity games

#3312. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)