



**CIF-Southern Section WATER POLO  
OPEN DIVISION  
SELECTION CRITERIA AND NOTABLE  
DATES**

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<b>Opening Round (Pool Play):</b>	<b>Thursday October 29, 2024</b>
<b>Round 2 (Pool Play):</b>	<b>Friday, November 1, 2024</b>
<b>Quarter Final:</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 5, 2024</b>
<b>Semi Final:</b>	<b>Saturday November 9th, 2024</b>
<b>Championship Final:</b>	<b>Saturday November 16, 2024</b>

**Selection of Open Division Teams:**

Eight to twelve teams will be chosen at the end of the regular season for the Open Division Championship. This tournament bracket will be played in a “pool play” game format. Teams will play through their group with the last place team in each pool being out. The remaining teams will compete in a single elimination format progressing through the tournament.

**Criteria for selection of CIF-SS open division teams and seeding:**

A committee was formed by the CIF-SS to make decisions regarding Open Division competition (such as number of teams and playoff format). That group is represented by current members of the water polo advisory board. Coaches who are not members of the advisory board are also encouraged to contribute any relevant information.

“Massey Ratings” which is the power ranking system water polo has had in place since 2014. Massey’s “rating” number will drive the selection and determine the seed of the 8-12 teams in the Open Division.