



This is intended to be a Fun, Competitive, One of a Kind Tournament.
Please Respect the game, your opponents, and compete **honorably**.

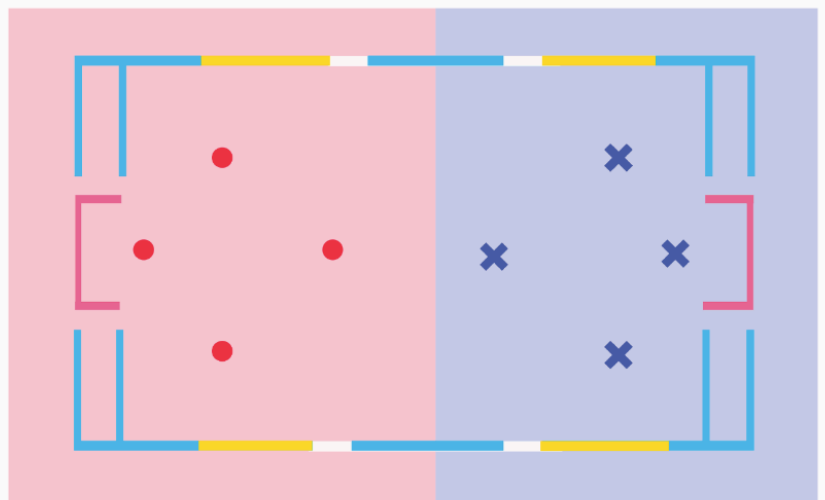
Reminder to Masters Athletes : There are youth athletes competing, all of whom look up to our older athletes. Please conduct yourselves accordingly!

Game Structure:

1. All games are played as a "Best of 3" series, all played 1st to 5 goals.
2. There is NO Shot Clock, but there is a 10 min Running Clock on each game.
3. After a goal, there is no stoppage time. Games are continuous.
4. Games are played "4 vs 4". (1) Goalie & (3) Field Players are in the water all times.
 - a. Max roster size of 4 - 7 Athletes per team
 - b. Substitution players may wait anywhere on their side of half, outside the field of play.
5. There are NO Timeouts, but there is a (1) Min break between each game.
6. Teams will switch sides following each game to 5.
7. Goalies may use both hands anywhere on their half. Upon crossing half, they may only use 1 hand

Substitutions:

1. Flying Substitutions **ARE** permitted.
2. To properly sub, a live player must touch the outer boundary **ANYWHERE** on their half of the field.
 - a. Upon contact, the flying sub player may enter the field of play **ANYWHERE** on their half of the field, even if entry is a different location than the live player's point of contact.
 - b. Early entry prior to contact with the outer boundary will result in a 5m penalty shot.
3. Goalies may only be substituted with a live player. This can be done by both players "high fiving" both hands outside of the water to indicate the position change. Illegal goalie substitutions will result in an immediate 5m penalty shot.
4. Substitutions are allowed when a live player is ejected. The ejected player must touch the Ejection corner, however the substitution must enter from the SAME location as the ejected player after an ejection. **Ejected players MAY NOT have subbing athletes enter from another location.**



RED TEAM'S FLYING SUBS CAN ONLY OCCUR IN THE HIGHLIGHTED RED AREA ABOVE.

BLUE TEAM'S FLYING SUBS CAN ONLY OCCUR IN THE HIGHLIGHTED BLUE AREA ABOVE.



Ejections:

1. Ejected players must make contact with the corner of the field prior to being allowed to re-enter the field of play. The ejection corner is always the side of the Inflatable Pad!
2. There is no wait time on any ejection. All players will make contact with the corner, then immediately re-enter the field of play.
3. Substitutions are allowed when a live player is ejected. The ejected player must touch the Ejection corner, however the substitution must enter from the SAME location as the ejected player after an ejection. **Ejected players MAY NOT have subbing athletes enter from another location.**
4. Early re-entry from an ejection, or not making contact with the corner, will result in an immediate 5m Penalty shot.
5. All athletes are allotted (3) Ejections per **GAME**, not per series.

Clock / Game Time:

1. There is NO Shot clock. All referees are equipped with a stopwatch to monitor our 10 min running game times. 1 min warnings will be provided as each game nears close.
2. Running game time will only pause during a 5m Penalty Shot.

Additional Considerations:

1. Foul shots taken outside of 5m must be taken in one direct motion without hesitation. If no shot is taken, the player must put the ball back in play by showing visible separation from their hand or by passing the ball.
2. If a 2 Meter Corner throw is awarded, a direct shot is allowed. If the shot is not taken, the player must put the ball in play by showing visible separation from their hand or by passing the ball.
3. At the start of each game, the ball's swim-off is done on the side of the pad.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Zak, Tournament Director, at nextlevelwaterpolo@gmail.com

ALL EVENT PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO BRING TENTS, CANOPIES, CHAIRS, ETC TO THE BEACH TO ENJOY THE TOURNAMENT IN PEAK COMFORT. EVEN A BOAT! WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU AND YOURS SOON!

Teams are encouraged to watch other team's games during the event to promote our Stadium-like Environment!