



TOURNAMENT
PACKET



TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, TEAMS, & PARTICIPANTS,

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE 4TH ANNUAL OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS. NEXT LEVEL IS DEDICATED TO SHOWCASING OUR SPORT IN NEW WAYS, GROWING THE AQUATIC COMMUNITY, AND PROVIDING INCREASED ACCESS TO WATER POLO COMPETITION. IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HOST YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES THIS WEEKEND! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, BECAUSE WITHOUT YOU THIS EVENT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE!



MAY 30, 31ST 2026

OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS™

1001 GULF BLVD, CLEARWATER, FL 33767

BEACH OPENS AT 8AM DAILY!



3 COURSES 63 TEAMS 425+ ATHLETES

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GAME ON
LIVE STUDIO





SITE MAP

PERIMETER LINE
DO NOT CROSS BOUNDARY!



**FIND AN ON SITE METER
OR PAY VIA APP ON
YOUR PHONE!**



PAID PARKING
NO PARKING



BEACH ACCESS



ENTER THE PROPERTY

TURN LEFT AND DRIVE DIRECTLY TO THE BEACH.
SAILING CENTER PARKING SPACES ON ASPHALT
ARE RESERVED FOR EVENT STAFF.



DRIVE DOWN SAND PATH

CONTINUE STRAIGHT AND BE CAUTIOUS OF
EVENT PATRONS WALKING ON EITHER SIDE!
DRIVE DIRECTLY ONTO THE BEACH



THIS IS OK

THIS IS
NOT OK

3

**WE ARE NOT
LIABLE FOR VEHICLES
STUCK IN THE SAND,
USE CAUTION!**

LIMITED EVENT PARKING

ENTER BEACH, AND PARK ANYWHERE IN YELLOW.
DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF CONES/TRASH CANS
SELF PAY FOR PARKING UPON ARRIVAL OR THE
CITY WILL TICKET/TOW IF YOU ARE NOT PAID!

OVERFLOW PARKING AVAILABLE ACROSS STREET
AT SAND KEY BEACH.



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



LIVE EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



SCAN THESE LINKS TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE. WHATSAPP GROUP WILL SEND TOURNAMENT UPDATES, GAME REMINDERS, FOOD/BEVERAGE CART ACTIVITY UPDATES & MORE!

AFTER EACH GAME, THE WINNING TEAM MUST SEND A TEAM REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BLACK NEXT LEVEL TENT ON THE BEACH TO CONFIRM YOUR TEAM'S WIN!

#	DIVISION	DARK	TIME	WHITE	POOL
25	13u COED	Jacksonville	12:00 PM	Orl Thunder Blue	1
28	13u COED	Orl Thunder Green	12:30 PM	Pollo Tropical	1
31	13u COED	Seminole	1:00 PM	Politos	1
37	13u Coed	Winner Game 25	2:00 PM	Winner Game 28	1
40	13u Coed	Loser Game 25	2:30 PM	Loser Game 28	1
43	13u Coed	Winner Game 25	3:00 PM	Winner Game 31	1
55	13u Coed	Loser Game 25	5:00 PM	Loser Game 31	1
61	13u Coed	Winner Game 31	6:00 PM	Winner Game 28	1
64	13u Coed	Loser Game 31	6:30 PM	Loser Game 28	1
97	13u Coed	1st A	1:00 PM	1st B	1
100	13u Coed	2nd A	1:30 PM	2nd B	1
103	13u Coed	3rd A	2:00 PM	3rd B	1
8	15u Coed	Seminole Black	9:00 AM	Jacksonville	2
11	15u Coed	Seminole Orange	9:30 AM	Pollos Hermanos	2
14	15u Coed	Team Orlando	10:00 AM	Water Pollos	2
17	15u Coed	Pollo Tropical	10:30 AM	Orl Thunder Green	2
20	15u COED	Seminole Black	11:00 AM	Team Orlando	2
23	15u COED	Jacksonville	11:30 AM	Orl Thunder Blue	2
26	15u COED	Seminole Orange	12:00 PM	Pollo Tropical	2
34	15u COED	Pollos Hermanos	1:30 PM	Orl Thunder Pink	1
41	15u COED	Seminole Black	2:30 PM	Water Pollos	2
44	15u COED	Jacksonville	3:00 PM	Orl Thunder Blue	2
47	15u COED	Seminole Orange	3:30 PM	Orl Thunder Green	2
50	15u COED	Pollos Hermanos	4:00 PM	Orl Thunder Pink	2
69	15u Coed	Seminole Black	8:00 AM	Orl Thunder Blue	3
71	15u Coed	Orl Thunder Green	8:30 AM	Pollo Tropical	2
72	15u Coed	Water Pollos	8:30 AM	Team Orlando	3
75	15u Coed	Seminole Orange	9:00 AM	Orl Thunder Pink	3
80	15u Coed	Jacksonville	10:00 AM	Orl Thunder Blue	2
83	15u Coed	Water Pollos	10:30 AM	Team Orlando	2
86	15u Coed	Pollos Hermanos	11:00 AM	Orl Thunder Pink	2
89	15u Coed	Orl Thunder Green	11:30 AM	Pollo Tropical	2
96	15u Coed	1st a	12:30 PM	1st b	3
99	15u Coed	2nd a	1:00 PM	2nd b	3





ROSTERS & GAME CAPS



ARRIVE AT YOUR
COMPETITION
POOL

STEP 1



TEAMS LINE UP,
REF CHECKS
YOUR PLAYER #

STEP 2



COMPETITION
CAPS ARE
DISTRIBUTED

STEP 3

**TEAMS MUST EMAIL THEIR VERIFIED USAWP ROSTERS TO
NEXTLEVELWATERPOLO@GMAIL.COM BY TUES, MAY 26TH!**

EACH COUSE WILL HAVE A LAMINATED SCHEDULE & VERIFIED LIST OF
ATHLETES FOR EACH ROSTER. REFS WILL PERFORM ROSTER CHECKS
BY DISTRIBUTING CAPS ONLY TO VERIFIED ROSTER ATHLETES FOR
EACH TEAM BEFORE EACH GAME.

**TEAMS THAT DO NOT ARRIVE WITHIN 5 MIN OF
THEIR GAMES STARTING TIME WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT.**



SCORING & TRACKING



COMPETE IN
YOUR GAME

STEP 1



RETURN YOUR
CAPS TO THE
REFEREE

STEP 2



REPORT
WINNER TO
EVENT STAFF

STEP 3

AFTER COMPETING IN YOUR GAME:

- 1) RETURN YOUR CAPS TO THE REFEREE.**
- 2) WINNING TEAM SENDS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BLACK NEXT LEVEL TENT TO CONFIRM YOUR WIN WITH OUR STAFF!**
- 3) WE WILL UPDATE THE SCHEDULE IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH GAME**

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THEIR GAMES STARTING TIME WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT.**

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MEDALS & TROPHIES



MEDALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE INFLATABLE ARCHWAY ON THE BEACH FOLLOWING EACH MEDAL GAME
1ST PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE MEDALS & TROPHY. 2ND & 3RD PLACE WILL RECEIVE MEDALS





SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



MEDICAL EQUIP & CONTACT TO EMS READILY AVAILABLE



LIFEGUARD

EVENT LIFEGUARD GUARDING BEACH AT ALL TIMES



LIFEGUARD AT NL AQUABANA AT ALL TIMES



MEDICAL TENT, WATER, & SHADE ON SITE



LIFEGUARDS HAVE BEEN HIRED TO PATROL THE EVENT AREA AT ALL TIMES. FOR ANY ASSISTANCE, SPEAK TO THE LIFEGUARDS AT THE NL AQUABANA OR ON THE BEACH. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, ALWAYS CONTACT YOUR NEAREST LIFEGUARD.

ANYONE WITHOUT A TOURNAMENT # WILL BE INSTRUCTED BY OUR GUARDS TO RETURN TO THE BEACH AND CHECK IN.



WEATHER CONTINGENCY



WE MONITOR
THE WEATHER
AT ALL TIMES



LIFEGUARD WILL
CALL WEATHER
DELAY FOR 30MIN



GRAB PERSONAL
ITEMS AND STAY
UNDER COVER



WAIT FOR
INSTRUCTION ON
OWC WHATSAPP

IT IS SUMMER IN FLORIDA AND WEATHER IS NOT IN OUR CONTROL!

WHILE WE EXPECT TO HAVE IDEAL CONDITIONS, WE ARE PREPARED IN THE EVENT THAT WE DONT! WE ARE MONITORING WEATHER AT ALL TIMES.

IF LIGHTNING IS WITHIN A 10 MILES RADIUS OF OUR EVENT AREA, STAFF WILL RADIO LIFEGUARDS TO REMOVE ALL PATRONS FROM THE WATER IMMEDIATELY. IN THE EVENT OF WEATHER EMERGENCY, PLEASE GRAB ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND FIND COVER AWAY FROM THE EVENT AREA, FURTHER INSTRUCTION WILL BE SHARED IN THE OWC WHATSAPP GROUP TO INFORM EVERYONE ON THE NEXT STEPS.

SHOULD WEATHER DELAYS BE SIGNIFICANT, GAMES WILL BE MOVED TO THE FOLLOWING DAY. ADDITIONAL COURSES ARE ON STANDBY AND MAY BE SET UP TO ENSURE WE RETURN BACK ON SCHEDULE QUICKLY.

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

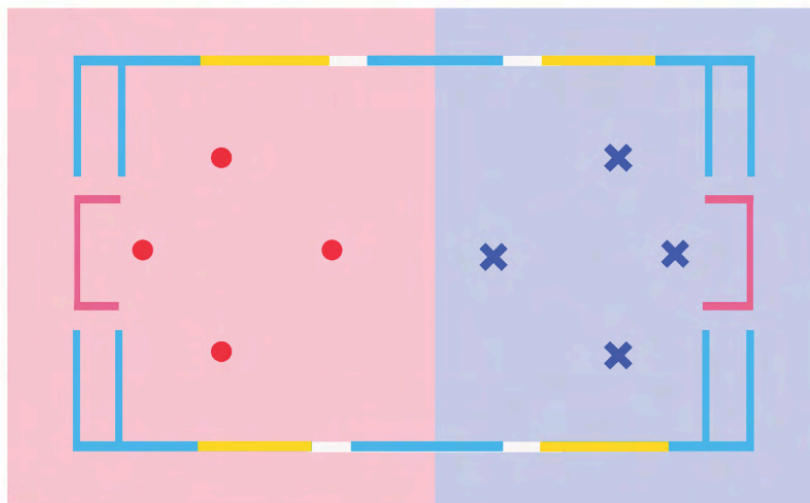
Reminder to Masters Athletes : There are youth athletes competing, all of whom look up to our older athletes. Please conduct yourselves accordingly!

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!



ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ONLY ATHLETES/COACHES ARE PERMITTED IN THE "TEAMS ONLY" AREA
- PLEASE STAY WITHIN THE EVENT AREA AND DO NOT CROSS THE BOUNDARY LINE!
- **NO FISHING** IS ALLOWED DURING THE EVENT
- THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE TO VISIT THE EVENT VENUE
- BOATS ARE ALLOWED ON SITE, BUT CANNOT ENTER THE EVENT BOUNDARY LINE!
- NEXT LEVEL WATER POLO IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CARS STUCK IN THE SAND
- DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BEACH
- ALCOHOL IS NOT BEING SOLD OR PERMITTED ON SITE
- ALL EVENT PATRONS MUST CHECK IN UPOJN ARRIVAL, WHETHER COMPETING OR NOT!
- ALL ATHLETES MUST BE VALID USAWP BRONZE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE
- **ANY ATHLETE WHO RECEIVES A BRUTALITY RISKS FUTURE EXPULSION FROM THE EVENT.**
- VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND IS NOT TOLERATED AT THIS EVENT.
- VIOLATORS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE VENUE IMMEDIATELY, AND RISK TOURNAMENT DISQUALIFICATION FOR THEIR TEAM.
- TOURNAMENT CAPS ARE PROVIDED FOR EACH TEAM. WARM UP BALLS ARE **NOT** PROVIDED

A water polo player in a grey cap with the number 2 is in the water, holding a colorful water polo ball (yellow, green, red, blue) high above his head. Water splashes around him. In the background, there is a blue banner with the website address www.nlsport.com and a large American flag.

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