



## GMAA Water Polo Handbook

### Section 1: Sports Committee

The Water Polo Sports Committee shall consist of the chairperson of the above sport and all the coaches for that season of the above sport. The chairperson shall call a meeting prior to the tournament if required.

### Section 2: Team Entry and Classification

2.1) All official team entries must be submitted on S1 by the deadline

2.2) Classification:

Boys or Girls Division 3 (D3)

Cadet (Grades 7-8-9) or Juvenile (Grades 10-11)

2.3) Schools may enter a maximum of 2 teams per category with distinct rosters (no transfers between teams)

### Section 3: Player Registration & Eligibility

3.1) Player Registration is due on S1 prior to the tournament.

3.2) One staff member from each school must be present for the entire tournament. However, each registered team must have a coach associated with that team.

3.3) Affiliation Rules with Water Polo Quebec are to be determined and will be outlined with the teams registered prior to the season starting.

### Section 4: Uniform (also refer to Governing Rules – Rule VI, Section 5)

4.1) Each team is responsible for bringing their own game caps (blue and white). There may be possibilities to share caps in a tournament setting, since only two teams will be playing at a time.

4.2) Goalkeepers must wear a red helmet bearing a number from 1 to 15.

### Section 5: Scheduling & Starting Time

5.1) All coaches and players must report to the Tournament Director 30 minutes prior to tournament start time.

5.2) Starting time will vary depending on pool reservations, however all games will be completed by 4:00pm.

5.3) The regular season shall consist of a minimum of three (3) games and a maximum of six (6) games.

5.4) Officials: As much as possible two referees should be scheduled per game. Both teams will be asked to supply a minor official for their games (Timekeeper or Secretary).

### Section 6: Governing Rules & Rule Modifications

Rules of play will be determined prior to the tournaments and will be subject to the modifications specified in this document.

6.1) No team shall be permitted to play any game unless accompanied by a staff member, (see Rule VI, Section 4 of General Governing Rules for clarification) PENALTY: DEFAULT OF GAME

6.2) Pool Size & Specs: for the first year, the pool size may vary. Ideally, all games will take place at the same pool in order to eliminate any differences in pool sizes.

6.3) Two goals will be placed at either side of the playing field. Material and dimensions will be approved prior to the tournament starting.

6.4) Game length: games consist of two (2) halves of ten (10) minutes. A two (2) minute break is allowed between halves during which time the teams will switch sides.

6.5) The games will be played as 4 vs 4 plus a goalie. Teams should have a minimum of 9 players in order to compete. The maximum number on a team roster is 15 players.

6.6) For Cadet Boys and all Girls age categories, a size 4 ball will be used. For Juvenile Boys, a size 5 ball will be used.

6.7) Completion of Game: A regular game will be completed after 75% of the game has been played. If less than 75% of the game has been played and the referee ends the game, the game will be rescheduled and played over from the beginning.

6.8) Completion of Playoff Games: In all sports for playoff games ONLY, a game must be completed from where it stood from the moment it was stopped, at the discretion of the losing team. The same game sheet must be used to complete the game. No players may be added to the lineup.

### **Section 7: Regular Season Games**

7.1) Individual Players (i.e. players' names and dates of birth) must be registered on S1 prior to the first regular season game.

7.2) Scoring for Team Standings - 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie

7.3) Each team can gain 2 ethical points per game, as per GMAA Governing Rules.

### **Section 8: Championships & Playoffs (see Rule XI Secondary Governing Rules)**

8.1) The playoff format will be set at the scheduling meeting.

8.2) GMAA Tie-Breaker rules for Spring Season Sports will be applied to break ties in the standings.

### **Section 9: Duties of Home School & Visiting Schools**

9.1) Home team responsibilities

a) The home team shall supply a pool and provide the necessary locker rooms for all teams attending the tournament.

b) The official scoresheets for all games must be printed off S1 by the HOME COACH (listing both teams) and given to the referee before the game starts.

c) The home team must upload the results and scoresheets to S1 the night of the tournament.

d) Arrange for extra staff to supervise spectators if required.

9.2) Visiting team responsibilities

- a) Visiting teams must be supervised from the time they arrive to the time they leave the venue.
- b) All game sheets are to be signed by both staff members and the referee at the end of the game

**Section 10: Discipline of Players**

10.1) The ejection of any player from a game will result in a suspension of that player from at least two following games. It is the coaches' responsibility to keep that student out for the next two games until an official letter is sent to the school outlining the details of the suspension.

10.2) Any spectator abuse towards officials will first be dealt with by asking the coach of that team to try and settle things as a warning. The next offense will be the spectator or spectators being asked to leave the pool area. The game will not be resumed until the offending spectators leave and could be forfeited by the offending team.

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