

SAANICH WATER POLO SCHOOL

10TH ANNUAL SWPS VALENTINES WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

INFORMATION SHEET

- The **Atoms Mixed** and **Junior Mens** Divisions contains 6 teams each, and will play a round robin tournament (5 games each). The standings at the end of the round robin will determine the final standings.
- The **Bantam Boys** and **Girls** Divisions contains 8 teams each. They are split into 2 groups. At the end of round robin play (3 games each), the following matchups will occur: A1/B2; B1/A2; A3/B4; B3/A4. The winner of the 1/2 games will play for 1st/2nd place; the losers will play for 3rd/4th place. The winners of the 3/4 games will play for 5th/6th place; the losers will play for 7th/8th place.
- The **Cadet Boys** Division contains 5 teams. At the end of round robin play (4 games each), the 4th/5th place teams will play. The winner will face the 3rd place team for the Consolation Final. The 1st/2nd ranked teams after Round Robin will play in the final.
- The **Cadet Girls** and **Junior Womens** Divisions contain 4 teams each. At the end of round robin play (3 games each), there will be a semi-final match, with the following matchups: 1 vs. 4; 2 vs. 3. The winners of these games will play in a gold medal match, and the losers will play for the bronze medal.
- Ties are permitted during the round robin portion of the tournament, however a winner must be determined during the playoffs.
- In the case of a tie in the round-robin standings, to determine playoff rankings, **FINA tie-breaking procedures** will be used.

[\(Click here to view FINA tie-breaking procedures\)](#)

- In the event of a tie during a playoff game, a shoot-out will be held at the end of regulation time (see Tie-Breaker Procedure BL8.6.3.1.3)
- **One time out** per team per game during the round robin. **Two time outs** per team per game for the playoff games.
- **Opening ceremonies** will take place at 11:00am on **Friday, February 16th**. All tournament participants are asked to report to the pool deck at **10:40am** ... in uniform if possible. **Medal ceremonies** will be held at the completion of each division's last game on Sunday, February 18th, where medals will be awarded to the **top three** teams.
- **Warm up** for the first game begins 15 minutes prior to the start. Warm up for subsequent games begins immediately following the end of the previous games. **Games will begin on time.**
- Please double-check with the game secretary before the game that the **cap numbers** assigned corresponds to the players' caps on the scoresheet. For **accurate** tournament **statistics**, all players must wear the cap number assigned to them that was submitted with their **team roster**.
- Please **report** goalie **substitutions** (or other cap # switches) known prior to the game to the **game secretary**. This will allow statistics to be tracked against the appropriate player.
- Any team who forfeits a game will not be eligible for the medal round.
- Please see the Tournament Director if you have **scheduling concerns** for being able to catch departing flights.
- **Score sheets** can be picked up at the "Timing Booth" on the Northwest corner of the pool (the enclosed glass room under the "Saanich Water Polo School" banner). Statistics and scorecards can be found at:
[\(Click here to go to SWPS website for statistics, scorecards, schedules, etc.\)](#)
- Please avoid walking in front of the minor officiating tables if possible so their game view is unobstructed.
- While every attempt is made to make computer cords secured and tripping hazards minimized, please watch for these to avoid cutting power to Minor Official stations.
- A **hospitality room** is available to coaches, team managers and officials during the weekend
- **Have fun**, compete hard but fairly, and respect the officials, referees, volunteers, other teams, spectators and Saanich Commonwealth pool staff and facilities. Please help us keep the building as clean as possible by disposing of your trash.
- We would appreciate and welcome any **feedback** you have in making our tournament even better for future events! Please send any comments or suggestions to Saanich Water Polo School at waterpoloschool@shaw.ca.



THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

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