

2010 INTERNATIONAL VALENTINES WATER POLO TOURNAMENT INFORMATION PAGE

- The **Atom Mixed and Cadet Boys** Divisions contains 9 teams. They are split into 2 groups: Group A with 5 teams and Group B with 4 teams. At the end of round robin play, Group B plays an additional game with B1 vs B4 and B2 vs B3, and Group A has an initial playoff game between A4 vs A5. After these games, the matchups are: A4/A5 winner vs B4 (7th place game), A3 vs B3 (5th place game), A2 vs B2 (3rd place game), and A1 vs B1 (1st place game).
- The **Bantam Boys** Division contains 10 teams, and is split into 2 groups: Group A and Group B, each with 5 teams. At the end of round robin play (4 games each), the matchups will be: A5 vs B5 (9th place game), A4 vs B4 (7th place game), A3 vs B3 (5th place game), A2 vs B2 (3rd place game) and A1 vs B1 (1st place game).
- The **Bantam Girls, Cadet Girls, and 20&Under Women** Divisions contains 6 teams, 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 **20&Under Mens** Division contains 6 teams, and will play a round robin tournament (5 games each). At the end of round robin play, the matchups will be: #5 vs #6 (5th place game), #3 vs #4 (3rd place game), and #1 vs #2 (1st place game).
- 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.
- In the event of a tie during a playoff game, a shoot-out will be held at the end of regulation time
- **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 5:50pm on **Friday, February 26th**. All tournament participants are asked to be ready on the pool deck at **5:45pm** ... in uniform if possible.
- **Medal ceremonies** will be held at the completion of each division's last game on Sunday, February 28th, where medals will be awarded to the **top three** teams.
- Coaches please ensure that players have caps on and ready at least 10-minutes before game time.
- Coaches please ensure the return of the Counter Ball to the referee or minor official table after your game.
- **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 player **statistics**, all players must wear the **same 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: www.waterpoloschool.com/valentines2010.htm
- 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 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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