



10/13/25 GWPL Post-Season Meeting Agenda

Location: Lovett School 4075 Paces Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30327; Room 200

Meeting notes will be added here following the meeting on 10/13

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Agenda

- **Season Recap + Thank You's** 15 minutes
 - Champions
 - Thank you to volunteers, admins and coaches
- **Financial Report** 10 minutes
 - 2025 by the numbers
- **Season Schedule** 15 minutes
 - 2025 Pools, scheduling and locations
 - Locations and season for next year
 - Open floor - questions and feedback about **Scheduling, Locations, and Season Logistics**
- **Volunteering** 15 minutes
 - Available GWPL Board Positions
 - Assistant VP
 - Available Committee Roles
 - Development/Splashball
 - Marketing
 - Open floor - questions and feedback about **Committees, Board Positions, and Volunteering**
- **USAWP Rules & SafeSport Key Points** 10 minutes
 - On-deck restrictions and photographer expectations
 - Open floor - questions and feedback about **SafeSport and Compliance**
- **Open Floor Discussion** 25 minutes

Notes

INTROS

- Thank you to all - Coaches, Team Boards, Parents. Congratulations to all teams on a very successful season. Thank you for your devotion to the growth of water polo in Georgia.
- We are working on ways to get parents more involved next year.

FINANCES

- Free (and successfully) clinic in the spring - pool rental at Dynamo cost us \$\$
- Champs admissions - were an ~\$8,200 profit
- Concessions - ~\$1500 in profit
- Referees - USAWP cost per ref went up. It is now \$40 per game for 7 minute quarters
- Total net profit this year was ~\$4700
- Bear with us as we build a rainy day fund.

SCHEDULING

- Strongly considering for 2026 - splitting championship weekend into two weekends
- Also considering hosting a GWPL Tournament during Dynamo Masters' Atlanta Cup tournament, which we typically take off so our GWPL Board can participate in that. We can achieve that if we have ample help on the GWPL side to operate a tournament weekend.
- Building a long standing relationship with Cherokee as they invest in us
- We like to leave a buffer of 2 weeks before starting games in August

Scheduling Feedback:

- Championship Weekend
 - Start Saturday earlier
 - Buffer time for warmup for championship games (15 minutes)
 - Having championship games happen as the only game on the hour
- Add in weeknight games to lessen the weekend load
- For Steve Lundquist (or any pool that is far for anyone) schedule 3 games per team in one day versus splitting into two days - families and clubs would rather drive and have ONE long day of games than TWO days of spread out games
- Look at cap colors for scheduling - don't always want to be light caps every game
- Dev - setting up the pool can be a lot of work. Try to get older divisions to set up. GWPL shared that they schedule this way because of the SAT/ACT on Saturday mornings.

Steve Lundquist

- In order to continue a relationship with them, GWPL thinks their communication needs to improve. Stu pointed out that this communication issue has been a problem for 15+ years
- The pool temperature is very warm

Other Pool Ideas

- Georgia State (Stu will facilitate an intro email)
- Kennesaw (Stu will facilitate an intro email)

VOLUNTEERING and COMMITTEE WORK WITH GWPL

- There is a GWPL Board spot opening - **Assistant VP**. Please inquire with the GWPL board if you are interested!
- We see a need and want for Splashball programs. We need people to volunteer for the **Development/Splashball Committee**
- We also need help on the **Marketing Committee**
- We are trying to get Splashball into summer swim league teams
- We'd like to add table worker training mid-summer
- We are considering moving away from running clocks and towards standardized clock rules with 5 minute quarters for Dev

Suggestions from Attendees

- Increase time and/or quantity on Dev timeouts
- Let the referees stop and correct Dev games in the middle instead of ejecting kids for continuing play after a call
- GWPL idea floated: One host team per weekend. Team reps would be responsible for providing volunteers for concessions, directions, etc.
 - Parents struggle to even do the clock sometimes
 - If we did this, assign teams to their home pool as much as possible
- USAWP Clock Training
 - There is interest
 - Do it on Zoom and provide a recording. Or provide a how-to video

SAFESPORT & COMPLIANCE

- SafeSport is becoming a requirement for most large national youth sporting events
- The entry table/lanyard system at Cherokee led to a much more controlled deck environment. This is hard to implement at deck-seating pool locations such as Dynamo and Mountain View
- Roster rules exist for a reason. These are preventative safety measures. No unrostered athlete or coach may be on or near the bench.
- No adults can be in the same restroom as athlete
- GWPL thanks you for your commitment to learning Sport80

Suggestions from Attendees:

- Request to consider bathing suit restrictions for girls on deck.
- SafeSport training for photographers is a barrier to entry. Idea to consider them as volunteers so they have to sign in/out to access the deck.
- Provide directions for where the bathrooms are all located at each pool. Which are athletes versus which are adult bathrooms.

OPEN FLOOR

- Award form submissions due on Wednesday. We will set up an alternative pick up date/time for the awards.
- USAWP Zone Chair can help us with parent wide communication.
- Should we consider moving the girls division to the Spring. Flag football is a new varsity sport in the Fall
- We need a 50% + 1 vote from GHSA to get the varsity vote. We need to start engaging them.
- Target mid-level swimmers or burnt out year- round swimmers
- Recruit kids at swim meets
- Increase the number of volunteers willing to host Splashball
- GWPL can help clubs with marketing materials for recruitment