

WATER POLO

12.0 GOVERNING RULES

The official rule book shall be the National Federation of State High School Association rule book.

12.1 CONTACTS

The overall number of contacts (28) will be determined by The CIF SJS Section (Bylaw 1206.D). Scrimmages held after the first game shall be contacted as a contact.

12.2 START DATE

The dates for the first day of practice, first scrimmage, first game and last games are determined by the CIF SJS section. Refer CIF SJS Section bylaw 504.E

12.3 PLAYER CLASSIFICATION

Refer to CIF SJS bylaw 503.5

12.4 GAME TIMES

- A. Game times will be determined by league schedule. The schedule shall be a double round robin with league opponents.
- B. Games will be played according to the following schedule:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Varsity girls	Varsity girls	Varsity boys	Varsity boys
Varsity Boys	Varsity boys	Varsity girls	Varsity girls
JV girls	JV girls	JV boys	JV boys
JV boys	JV boys	JV girls	JV girls

12.5 RULES OF THE SPORT

- A. A pre-season meeting will be held prior to the League to go over any league business. A representative from each school must be present in order to vote on any issue brought up at this time.
- B. The four (4) game balls, supplied by the home team, must bear the National Federation authentication marker. One ball is for play, one for the desk, and one ball for each bench. Official ball used for CIF SJS Playoffs is the KAP 105 (Boys) and KAP 106 (Girls). CIF SJS Bylaw 503.8.a
- C. Team benches shall be located at both ends of the pool and team members and coaches shall remain in these areas during the game unless they are playing or called to substitute. This area is at the corner of the pool on the opposite side of the scoring table. The team bench shall be behind the goal line and along the side of the pool.
- D. Home team will wear dark colored caps and the visitors will wear white caps.
- E. The home team is the official scorebook and shall provide qualified personnel to operate the game clock and scoreboard. In the event of game clock failure, gameclack and shot clock time will be relayed to the officials.
- F. Makeup league games must be arranged at the first available date and played in the order of cancellations. Once a canceled game has been rescheduled, the new date takes precedence and acts as a revised schedule.
- G. Per CIF SJS section bylaws each team will be responsible to post game results on MaxPreps.com.
- H. The Metro League Champion will determined as follows:
 - a. The varsity team with the greatest amount of wins in league competition shall be designated as League Champion. In the event of a tie, all teams tied for the best record/s shall be recognized as League Champion and will receive a League Championship banner

12.6 ALL LEAGUE AWARDS AND SELECTION PROCESS

- A. At the conclusion of League play the water polo Representative of the League will hold a Post Season meeting. Coaches shall be informed of the meeting, time and location at least a week in advance. Notification shall be by phone, text, and/or email.
- B. Head coaches or a representative are required to be in attendance at the Post Season meeting. Failure to attend the meeting could prevent that school from All League considerations for “at large” selections.
- C. All League teams of boys and girls shall be chosen. All League teams shall consist of Varsity players only. Schools will be awarded nominations on the All League team in accordance to their finish in Metro League competition. The All League team will consist of 15 players which includes the Player of the Year.
 - a. Nominees for Player(s) of the Year will be taken.
 - i. Coach’s vote on Player of the Year
 - ii. Winner is given an “At Large” All League position
- D. Each coach, in order of league finish, will announce his/her All League players according to the following
 - a. Schools shall be awarded positions on the All League team according to their finish in League Competition. Each school shall make their own determination as to who will be placed on the team from their school. When there is a tie(s), if there is an extra All League slot, playoff tiebreakers shall be applied in order. The team who earns the higher slot will be awarded the extra slot.
- E. Each coach, in order of league finish, will announce his/her All League players according to the following:
 - a. 1st Place = 4 players
 - b. 2nd Place = 3 players
 - c. 3rd Place = 2 players
 - d. 4th Place = 1 player
 - e. 5th Place = 1 player
 - f. 6th Place = 1 player
 - g. +3 at large selections
- F. Coach of the Year Process:
 - Nominations will be taken.
 - A Coach can not nominate himself/herself.
 - Coach’s vote on the winner. A coach cannot vote for himself/herself
- G. The water polo League Representative will be responsible to report the All League team to the commissioner of the Metro League Commissioner

12.7 POST SEASON TOURNAMENT SEEDING

- A. The number of teams qualifying for the playoffs will be determined by the CIF SJS section.
- B. The following tie-breaking process will determine League representative/s to the CIF SJS section playoffs.
 - a. Head to head results
 - b. Goal differential among the teams tied (not to exceed 10 goals in any single game).
 - c. Greatest number of wins within the tie
 - d. Greatest number of wins above the tie.
 - e. Greatest number of wins versus the highest placed team above the tie.
 - f. Greatest number of wins below the tie starting with the next placed team below the tie and moving downward.
 - g. If a tie still exists, there will be a coin flip conducted by the League President or their designee in the presence of representatives of the schools involved.