

Summer National & Junior Water Polo Championships 2022

Rules and Regulations

1. Competition rules are modified from the official rules and regulations from FINA. Otherwise stated, the rules and regulations shall follow the latest official version of the FINA.
2. Ball Sizes: Size 4 in Junior Division; Size 5 in Senior Division.
3. Age Limit of Participation:
 - a. Players will be divided into two age groups: Players aged 18 or below (born on or after 1st January 2004) will be grouped in Junior category; Players aged above 18 will be grouped in Senior category (born on or before 31st December 2003).
 - b. Junior players are allowed to upgrade to Senior category, yet Senior players are not allowed to join the Junior category. Mixed-gender teams are allowed.
4. Number of Players: Minimum of 7 players and maximum of 13 players in roster; 7 players shall be sent to the field during the match, with 6 field players and 1 goalkeeper.
5. Duration of Games:
 - i. **All matches** - 2 halves with 10 mins each (non-stopping clock), 2-min break between halves
6. Field of Play: Dimensions of 22m x 12m.
7. Direct shots are allowed from corner throws.
8. Direct shots after foul are allowed beyond the 6m line.



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9. In the Round-robin stage:
- i. The classification of teams in the Preliminary Round will be made on points namely 3 points for each match won, 1 point for each match drawn and 0 points for each match lost.

The ranking in each group is determined as follows:

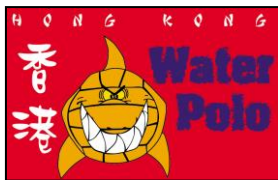
- i. Greatest number of points obtained in all group matches
- ii. If 2 teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:
 - a) The team winning the game between them shall be placed higher.
 - b) If the game between them was tied, then the results against the highest placed team(s) in the group shall be considered.
 - c) The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.
 - d) The comparison shall be made first compared to the highest placed team (or teams, if tied) in the group.
 - e) If still tied, the results against the next highest placed team (or teams, if tied) shall be used in succession until all results have been considered.
 - f) If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed higher. Each team shall nominate 5 players and a goalkeeper who will participate in the penalty shoot-out. The team shall shoot 5 penalty shots at the goal of the other team, alternating shots. If a tie exists after each team has taken 5 shots, then teams shall take sets of alternate shots until one team scores and the other does not. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of the round or at the first practical opportunity.
 - g) If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.
 - h) If it is the situation where there is more than one tie in a group and it is not possible to determine the highest placed team then all results within the group shall be used to determine the highest placed team.



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10. In the Ranking stage, a penalty shoot-out will be conducted in case of a draw match.
11. Referee may call a turnover if the attacking team has no intention to attack.
12. In case of exclusions, the excluded player shall stay in the exclusion area for 20 seconds, and return to the match.
13. At any time in the game, a player may be substituted by leaving the field of play at the team's designated substitution areas. The substitute may enter the field of play from the exclusion re-entry area as soon as the player has visibly risen to the surface of the water within the re-entry area. Substitution from the designated lateral substitution area is allowed when both players, the exiting player and the substitute, are in the water, outside of the field of play and touch hands above the water.
14. In case of a team not showing up after 5 minutes of the official starting time of the match, the result of the match shall be 5-0, with the present team being the winner.
15. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the pool has a limitation of people entering the pool, therefore each team shall have a maximum of 13 players, 1 Coach and 1 Team manager can enter the pool during the competition.



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