



HKGSA Pilot Club Water Polo League 2023 - 2024

Rules & Regulations (Round Robin)

1. HKGSA Pilot Club Water Polo League 2023 - 2024 (The Game) Competition regulations are modified from the competition regulations of World Aquatics. Otherwise stated, the game's competition regulations shall follow the latest official version of the World Aquatics.
2. The Field of Play & Equipment
 - 2.1. Court
 - 2.1.1. Dimensions of 22m x 20m.
 - 2.1.2. An area for flying substitutions must be available on the lateral outer side of the field of play, on the side where the team benches are situated.
 - 2.2. Ball Sizes
 - 2.2.1. Size 4 in Women's Group.
 - 2.2.2. Size 5 in Men's Group.
3. Team composition
 - 3.1. Each team must consist of a maximum of thirteen players: A team must start the game with not more than seven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper and who shall wear the goalkeeper's cap.
 - 3.2. Six reserves may be used as substitutes (Only Cap Number 13 can be a substitute field player or reserve goalkeeper).
 - 3.3. A team playing with less than seven players shall not be required to have a goalkeeper.
 - 3.4. Each player can only play for one club team in the whole league.
 - 3.5. Players must participate in the category that matches their gender identity.
4. Players Eligibility
 - 4.1. All players must be 2023 – 2024 registered athletes of HKGSA and registration to HKGSA must be completed before the game.
 - 4.2. All athletes must represent a HKGSA affiliated club.



5. Game arrangement
 - 5.1. Double round robin in Women's Group.
 - 5.2. Single round robin in Men's Group.

6. Duration of the Game
 - 6.1. All matches - 2 halves with 7 mins each (stopping clock), 2-min break between halves.
 - 6.2. No Time Out.

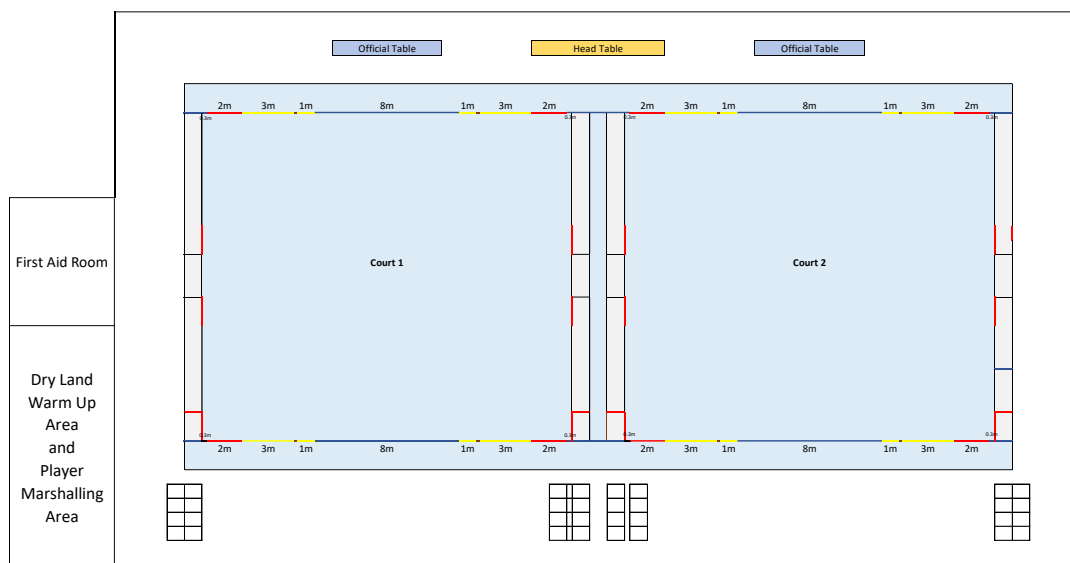
7. The classification of teams will be made on points, namely 3 points for each match won, 1 point for each match drawn, and 0 points for each match lost.

8. The ranking is determined as follows:
 - 8.1. Greatest number of points obtained in all round-robin matches.
 - 8.2. If 2 teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:
 - 8.2.1. The team winning the game between them shall be placed higher.
 - 8.2.2. If the game between them was tied, then the results against the highest-placed team(s) in the group shall be considered.
 - 8.2.3. The first comparison shall be based on goal difference, and if still tied, then based on goals scored.
 - 8.2.4. The comparison shall be made first compared to the highest-placed team (or teams, if tied) in the group.
 - 8.2.5. 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.
 - 8.2.6. If still tied, the teams shall shoot penalty shots to determine which team shall be placed higher. The game will follow the procedure and protocols in Appendix 6, World Aquatics Water Polo Rules. 12.
 - 8.2.7. If there is more than one tie in a group, the highest placed tie shall be determined first.
 - 8.2.8. 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.

9. 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.



10. Teams can get into the poolside 15 minutes before their game and do the warm-up. Teams need to arrive at the marshalling area 10 minutes before their game.



11. Tournament Structure

11.1. The Drawing

The drawing order will follow the final ranking of the Hong Kong Water Polo Championships 2023 (Men's and Women's Open). If a club doesn't have the final result in the Hong Kong Water Polo Championships 2023 (Women's and Men's Open), which will be the last one to draw.

Women's Open	
Drawing Order	Club Name
1st	SMC
2nd	DLS
3rd	EBC
Men's Open	
Drawing Order	Club Name
1st	#DB
2nd	WWC
3rd	HVA
4th	SMC
5th	EBC
6th	DLS
7 th	#SJ



11.2. Schedule of Games

Day #	Date	Game Time	Court 1				Court 2			
			Game #	W	VS	B	Game #	W	VS	B
Day 1	4-Nov-23	21:00	1	M1	VS	M6	2	M3	VS	M4
		21:30	3	M2	VS	M5				
Day 2	11-Nov-23	21:00	4	M4	VS	M2	5	M6	VS	7
		21:30	6	M5	VS	M1	7	W1	VS	W2
Day 3	18-Nov-23	21:00	8	M2	VS	M7	8	M3	VS	M6
		21:30	10	M4	VS	M5	11	W3	VS	W1
Day 4	27-Jan-24	21:00	12	M5	VS	M3	13	7	VS	M1
		21:30	14	M6	VS	M2	15	W2	VS	W3
Day 5	3-Feb-24	21:00	16	M3	VS	M1	17	M5	VS	M6
		21:30	18	M4	VS	M7	19	W1	VS	W3
Day 6	17-Feb-24	21:00	20	M6	VS	M4	21	M1	VS	M2
		21:30	22	M7	VS	M3	23	W3	VS	W2
Day 7	24-Feb-24	21:00	24	M7	VS	M5	25	M2	VS	M3
		21:30	26	M1	VS	M4	27	W2	VS	W1
Buffer Date: 25 Nov 23 and 2 Mar 24										

12. Any player ejected for brutality will automatically miss the next game with possibility of substitution for that game. 2 or more counts of brutality will result in the player missing the rest of the Tournament with possibility of substitution for the remaining games.