

GIRLS AND BOYS WATER POLO

12.0 GOVERNING RULES

The National Federation rules shall govern all play except where modified by CIF or the Sac-Joaquin Section.

12.1 CONTACTS

The Sac-Joaquin Section (Bylaw 505.2) will determine the maximum number of allowable contests (28). Scrimmages for all levels are limited to two per team

12.2 START DATE

The start and end dates will be determined by the Sac-Joaquin Section

12.3 PLAYER CLASSIFICATION

An athlete may, during practice games, move from one athletic classification to another but may not compete in more than one classification in one day. In league and section playoff games, the athlete shall only compete at the higher classification where he/she will remain for the duration of the season.

12.5 RULES OF THE SPORT

- A. The home team must report the final results to MaxPreps
- B. The 4 game balls, supplied by the home team, must bear the National Federation authentication mark. One ball is for play, one for the desk, and one ball for each bench.
- C. A pre-season meeting will be held prior to the start of league play. A representative from each team must be present to vote on any issues discussed at this meeting.
- D. The home team will wear dark colored caps and the visitors will wear white caps.
- E. Team benches will be located at each end of the pool and team members and coaches shall remain in these areas during the game unless they are playing or called to substitute.
- F. 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, game clock and shot clock time will be relayed to the officials.
- G. Makeup league games must be arranged at the first available date and played in the order of cancellations. Once a cancelled game has been rescheduled, the new date takes precedence and acts as a revised schedule. An administrative veto is permissible only in cases of "exceptional" difficulties - lack of transportation, officials, or school closure being deemed "exceptional." This veto may not be invoked by the coach or athletic director but must come directly from the school's administrative office. Saturdays are optional but no makeup games may be scheduled the week of spring break, per Metro League schedule and no team will

be asked to play more than four games in a calendar week. The commissioner must be informed in advance of any games moved up in anticipation of bad weather.

- H. The Metro League Champion will be determined as follows:
 The regular season will be used only for seeding the post-season tournament. Tiebreaker rules listed in section 12.7 will be used for any regular season ties. Results of the Championship Tournament will determine the Metro League champion and qualification for the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs.

The Metro League Water Polo Tournament will be a bracketed event. The league will have 7 members in 2018. The first place girls and boys teams will receive a first round bye. The first round will be #2 vs. #7, #3 vs. #6, and #4 vs. #5 with winners moving on to the second round which will also be played on the first day of the respective tournaments. The championship games and the games for third and fourth place will be played on the third day of the tournament.

12.6 ALL LEAGUE AWARDS AND SELECTION PROCESS

Varsity coaches will meet at the end of the league season to select the girls and boys Coach of the Year and a girls and boys All League team of 16 players each, which will include the girls and boys Players of the Year. Varsity coaches must be informed of the meeting time, date, and place by phone, text, or email one week in advance. Failure to attend could prevent that school's players from All League consideration

The formula is:

1st place	=	4 players
2nd place	=	3 players
3rd place	=	2 players
4th place	=	1 player
5th place	=	1 player
+ 5 at large		

The Players of the Year will be selected after the All League team is chosen. Each school will nominate players for consideration from those selected to the All League team. Each school will have two votes but must vote for two different players.

12.7 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT SEEDING:

The following procedure will be used to break ties in the order listed:

1. Head to head competition played within the Metro League schedule
2. Goal differential between the two teams tied (not to exceed 10 goals in any single game)
3. Greatest number of wins within the tie
4. Greatest number of wins above the tie
5. Greatest number of wins versus the highest placed team above the tie
6. Greatest number of wins below the tie starting with the next placed team below the

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tie and moving downward

7. 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