



# TEXAS INTERSCHOLASTIC SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION



## WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WELCOME:** Clear Creek High School is proud to host this 42<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Interscholastic High School Water Polo State Championship. We share this privilege with The **University of Texas** and the **UT Men's' Water Polo Club**.

**FORMAT:** 16 Team Championship Format for each gender (32 teams' total). All teams will receive at least two games.

**DATE:** Friday & Saturday, May 2-3, 2012

**FACILITY:** UT features (2)-25 yard courses for tournament competition. Both pool settings *will* feature Daktronics Scoring. Each pool will also have a main Game Clock and shot clocks which will run simultaneously.

**LOCATION:** The **Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center** is located at **1900 Robert Dedman Drive** on the campus of the **University of Texas at Austin**.

**PARKING:** Bus parking permits available for pre-order. Onsite multi-entry parking permits for spectators will be available at UT parking garages.

**RULES:** 2013-14 National Federation Rules for all competitions. Team on top of bracket wears dark caps.

All tournament games are 6 minute quarters with 2 minutes between quarters and a 5 minute half time. Teams will have 3 timeouts per game.

**QUALIFIERS:** Top Four teams for each gender qualify from the four regions in Texas

- Region #1) North-Dallas
- Region #2) East-Houston
- Region #3) South-Houston
- Region #4) West-San Antonio

All qualifying teams need to submit a complete team roster (14 players per team) with roster verification signed by principal AND team photograph. Use template that will be provided prior to Regional Tournaments. **IMPORTANT: E-mail rosters/photograph to Anne Woolweaver at [awoolwea@ccisd.net](mailto:awoolwea@ccisd.net) . Deadline is Sunday, April 27th.**

**AWARDS:** First through third place banners, MVP trophies and All State recognitions for both girls and boys. All State Team selections will receive a certificate for their accomplishments.



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**ENTRY FEE:** \$250.00 per team/gender.

Make checks payable to "CCABC"

and mail to the attention:

**Attn: State Team Registration**

**PO Box 1811**

**League City, Texas 77573**

*or just bring the Check to the Tournament...*

**ENTRIES/ROSTERS DUE:** Program information must be e-mailed to Anne Woolweaver at [awoolwea@ccisd.net](mailto:awoolwea@ccisd.net) no later than April 27th. Please provide cap numbers and grade for each athlete when you submit your roster. Use template provided. Captains names, mascot, colors, current record, and all coaches names should also be provided with the team roster. Entry fees must be accounted for before a team can play in the tournament.

Link for Girls Roster Template:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KkxBYnV8Ec5MSYrrk8QcEV9gAZkrrdxDiOurL9cuZF8/edit?usp=sharing>

Link for Boys Roster Template:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15zdMpRX\\_8BLJ90eCBQJhkaCG0OCweYG7zLPK1SzI2n0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15zdMpRX_8BLJ90eCBQJhkaCG0OCweYG7zLPK1SzI2n0/edit?usp=sharing)

**COACHES MEETING:** A general coaches meeting will on Thursday, May 1st at 7:30 pm. The meeting will held in the Classroom at the UT Natatorium. A referee meeting will occur at 9:00 pm also in the Classroom Room on Thursday night.

**PROGRAMS:** Programs will be available for \$10 at the admissions table.

**ADVERTISEMENTS:** If you want to place an ad for the program. Copy must be received by *Megan Castillo* at [mandjcastillo@comcast.net](mailto:mandjcastillo@comcast.net). Please see attached link for ad information:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qEQdSTC5gPwd-Usr1e5GicV2BkWDmSJLCOhE-bsO-SM/edit?usp=sharing>



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**HOTELS:** A listing group hotels is online:

<http://TiscaStateHighSchoolWaterPoloChampionships.HotelPlanner.com>

**ADMISSION:** Friday All Day Pass \$15      Friday Afternoon Pass(after 2 pm) \$10  
Saturday Pass \$15      Two Day Pass \$25  
*3-12 year olds and Seniors (over 65)*  
Friday All Day Pass \$10      Friday Afternoon Pass(after 2 pm) \$5  
Saturday Pass \$10      Two Day Pass \$15  
**Children under 3 Free**

**ENTRANCE:** Spectators enter through main doors upstairs. Officials & Teams enter through the bottom entrance underneath the main entrance

**CONCESSIONS:** Concession stand will be open during the tournament.

**HOSPITALITY:** Hospitality will be available for Coaches and Officials.

**EVENT APPAREL:** T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and other apparel will be for sale.

**NOISE MAKERS:** According to UIL/ TISCA rules, noise makers are not allowed on deck or in the bleachers. This includes horns and musical instruments.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** All deck photographers must be pre-approved by Organizing Committee.

### **TOURNAMENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (CLEAR CREEK):**

- Coaches & Officials: Anne Woolweaver: 832-689-8933, [awoolwea@ccisd.net](mailto:awoolwea@ccisd.net)
- CCABC Single Point of Contact: John Fleming: 281-630-9515, [clearcreekaquatics@gmail.com](mailto:clearcreekaquatics@gmail.com)
- Finance: Sophia Garcia
- Programs & Printing: Megan Castillo
- Hotels & Lodging: John Fleming
- Admissions & Volunteers: Robert Foster
- Hospitality: April Lyle
- Merchandising: Dee Womersley



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### What is water polo?

Water Polo is a game of strength, quickness and endurance. Ball handling skills and exceptional swimming ability are especially important with the mobile, fast paced style of game played.

### The Game

- The playing area is 25 X 20 yards, with a minimum of 7 feet depth.
- Each team is allowed 14 players, with seven (a goalkeeper and six field players) participating at any one time. Players tread water the entire game and cannot touch the bottom or sides of the pool, and except for the goalkeeper, may handle the ball with only one hand.
- The game is played in four quarters, each quarter being seven minutes in length with two-minute interval between quarters (28 minutes of *stopped time*.) Substitutions are permitted only after a goal is scored, between periods, at time-out (3 per team per game), or for an ejected player. A tie leads to two, 3 minute overtimes, and if still tied, then sudden-death.
- Physical contact is the rule rather than the exception, as the players maneuver for position in front of the goal. The referee indicates fouls by blowing a whistle and pointing with his arm in the direction of advantage for the offended team. Unlike most sports that stop on a whistle, the whistle initiates action in water polo.
- A goal (*1 point*) is scored when the ball is thrown or pushed completely past the face of the cage.

### Time Clocks

As in basketball, two clocks are used to time a water polo game. One indicates the time remaining in the quarter, and the other, called the **shot clock** or **30'' clock**, indicates how much time remains for the offensive team to shoot the ball (the offense is allowed thirty seconds to generate a **shot**).

### Starting

Each quarter is started with the teams lined up on the opposite goal lines. On a signal (whistle blast) from the referee, the teams sprint toward center pool for the ball. The team gaining possession of the ball advances it toward its offensive end of the pool by swimming, dribbling, or passing the ball.

### Fouls

There are two types of fouls in water polo. Ordinary fouls account for approximately 90% of the whistles during the games, and personal faults (or major fouls) the remaining 10%. Major fouls include exclusion and penalty fouls.



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### Ordinary fouls include:

- touching the ball with two hands;
- taking the ball under the water when tackled;
- impeding an opponent who is not holding the ball;
- pushing off of an opponent, and,

When the referee calls an ordinary foul, the offended team is awarded a free throw at the point of the foul. The offended team must put the ball in play without delay by passing it or swimming with it.

### Exclusion Fouls include:

- kicking or striking;
- deliberately splashing in the face;
- an ordinary foul committed by the defense during dead;
- interfering with a free throw;
- misconduct or disrespect to the referee;
- holding, sinking, or pulling back a player not holding the ball.

Exclusion fouls may result in a player being ejected for 20 seconds. The ejected player (or his substitute) may not return until the 20 second exclusion time expires, a goal is scored, or a change of possession takes place, whichever time frame is shortest. A player receiving 3 major fouls is removed from the game with substituti

### 5-meter Shot:

Penalty fouls are committed within the five-meter area where a goal probably would have resulted. When an offensive player is fouled while in control of the ball **and** facing the goal **while** inside the five-meter line is awarded a “penalty throw”. A penalty foul is recorded against the player committing the foul. The player taking the penalty throw has a free shot at the goal from the five-meter line, with only the goalie defending.

The award of a penalty throw most commonly occurs in the following situations within the five-meter area:

- any player, including the goalkeeper, pulling down or pushing away the goal cage;
- any player, except the goalkeeper, playing the ball with two hands or a clenched fist;
- the goalkeeper, or any defensive player, taking the ball under water;
- Holding, sinking, or pulling back fouls when an offensive player is in control of the ball, and facing the g

Watch the ball, ignore the whistles, *and enjoy the game!*