

# 1300 Waterpolo

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## 1301 GOVERNING BODY

National Federation Rule book is the governing authority in waterpolo. The State CIF, NCS or the MCAL may make some modifications.

## 1302 GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Waterpolo is a fall sport.
2. The league waterpolo shall be a single round schedule.
3. Games will be played on various days of the week to accommodate the officials and start at 4:00.
4. Cancelled or suspended games must be made up by the next available date. It is not necessary to make up non-varsity games after the season has officially ended (i.e., last varsity game date) unless they have a bearing on the league championship.
5. Inclement weather: Home teams will be responsible for canceling games due to inclement weather. **Only** the athletic director or a site administrator may cancel or reschedule a game.

## 1303 OFFICIALS

The Northern California Referees Association is the organization contracted by the league to assign waterpolo officials.

## 1304 ADMISSION

Admission may be charged at any MCAL contest although it is not customary to charge for waterpolo matches. See general rules for admission price guidelines.

## 1305 LEAGUE RULES & GUIDELINES

1. The home school must supply the scorekeeper and timer.
2. Matches are played according to the National Federation Water Polo rule book.
3. All MCAL matches must be held in deep water pools. (This rule was suspended for the 2014 season and suspension has been extended indefinitely.)

## 1306 PLAY-OFFS

6 schools are in the play-offs  
 #1 seed is the best league record  
 #2 seed is the second best league record  
 #3 seed is the third best league record, etc.  
 In case of a tie, tie-breaking criteria will be used.  
 All contests are held at Archie Williams.

Format:

<b>Day One</b>	<b>Day Two</b>	<b>Day Two</b>	<b>Day Three</b>
@ Archie Williams	@ Archie Williams	@ Archie Williams	@ Archie Williams
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Game One</b>	<b>Game Three</b>	<b>Game Four</b>	<b>Game Five</b>
#3 vs #6	lowest seed (3-6) left	highest seed (3-6) left	winner Game Three
<b>Game Two</b>	in the tournament	in the tournament	vs
#4 vs #5	vs	vs	winner Game Four
	#1	#2	

**Match times: girls first odd years, boys second. Boys first even years, girls second.**

Time of finals: TBD by host school.

**Highest seeded teams will be the home teams and supply match personnel**

Presently we are rotating site of waterpolo between Tam Dist., Marin Academy & Novato pools with the following site directors:

### ROTATIONS OF HOST SCHOOLS

2024—Archie 2025—Redwood 2026—Marin Catholic 2027—San Marin 2028—Terra Linda  
 2029—Tam 2030—Novato 2031 Marin Academy 2032 San Dominico

## 1307 TIE-BREAKING INFORMATION

Basic format used in the order that it appears:

1. *Head to head competition (Winning percentage)*
2. *Record above the tie (Winning percentage)*
3. *If a tie still exists between any two places. ...use numbers drawn for place\**

If two teams are tied for a play-off position EXCEPT for 4<sup>th</sup> place, the above criteria is used.

If more than two teams are tied for a play-off position EXCEPT for the 4<sup>th</sup> place, the above criteria will be used to seed a team. Once a team is seeded, the above criteria will start over between the remaining tied teams.

***For the final play-off spot if two teams are tied:***

***There will be a play in game to the play-offs if there is no head to head (2-0) advantage except in single round sports, where the one head to head will be used unless three teams are tied for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place spots.***

If the tie cannot be broken using the above criteria, the numbers will be used to place a team in the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed.

The remaining 2 teams will have a play in contest using the criteria below:

- a. *host is the highest draw number*
- b. *admission would be charged as it is a play-off contest*

***If more than two teams are tied for the last positions, 1 & 2 above will be used to break the three way tie to qualify the first play in game team. If the tie is not broken between the three teams using 1 & 2 above, then the draw numbers will be used to place the first team into the play in game.***

***The criteria will start OVER to determine the second play in team.***

***In the case of more than three way tie for more than one spot which includes the 4<sup>th</sup> position. The criteria will be used to break the tie seeding one team. The criteria will start OVER again to complete the tournament using the criteria as stated previously.***

- ***Numbers are drawn each spring for each school for each season of sport. It has been determined that a low number (1,2,3...) would be the top. The top number has priority!***

## **1308 AWARDS & PENNANTS**

After completion of the regular season play, the team with the best record will receive a pennant. If the winner of the play-offs is a different team than the round robin winner, a pennant will be awarded to that winner also.

## **1309 ALL LEAGUE**

**Coaches via their athletic director are required to submit a complete roster of their players prior to the meeting which includes the athlete's year in school.**

1. Each coach is to arrive at the meeting with a preliminary list of fifteen (15) nominees of opponents as well as two goalies.
2. The first vote will be for Player of the Year\*. This is to be a vote for the athlete who had the best season. Coaches may vote for their own player in the Player of the Year vote.

Note: For Player of the Year---if there are more than 4 nominees, a pre-vote will be done where all coaches would rank the players nominated and the top 2 will be eligible for the honor.

3. Coaches will speak for one minute about their own players.
4. Coaches will then make a final list of all opponents in rank order---best player first and next best second and so on ranking the top fifteen players (not including their own). The coaches will also rank the top two goalies.
5. Commissioner or the Commissioner's representative tallies and lists the number of vote points in rank order. (First player on a list will receive 15 points, the second 14 points and so on.)
6. After the votes are calculated, the scores will be listed in rank order highest to lowest.
7. There will be a maximum of six all league first team members & one goalie. (This does not include the player of the year). They will be the top six players listed from the vote & top goalie.
8. There will be a maximum of six all league second team members & one goalie. They will be the next 6 players listed and second goalie.
9. The next six (6) players listed receive Honorable Mention as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> goalie.
10. If a school has no one on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or HM, the coach may submit a name for Honorable Mention.
11. Coaches must send a substitute or email nominees to the commissioner if he/she cannot attend.
12. Athletes are not to be penalized or omitted from consideration on All-League teams because the coach is not present at the meeting.
13. The voting is by ballot. Coaches must sign their ballots.
14. All-League athletes will receive certificates.
15. \*Player of the Year & Goalie: If you feel you have a player who is qualified to be considered for top honors:
  - A. Coaches nominate their own player
  - B. Nominations are due the date announced at the pre season meeting.
16. Results of the all league vote will be released by the Commissioner via MCAL website.