



BCSSA

Fraser South

2024 Water Polo Regionals

Tournament Package

Wednesday, July 31st, 2024

Guildford Recreation Centre

15105 – 105 Avenue Surrey, BC V3R 7G8



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EVENT DETAILS: Fraser South Water Polo Regionals

WHEN: Wednesday, July 31st, 2024, from 10:00pm to 8:00pm (tentative)

WHERE: Guildford Recreation Centre, 15105 - 105 Avenue Surrey, BC V3R 7G8

PARKING: Free all-day parking on-site, four-hour parking enforced at surrounding parking lots.

MEET MANAGER: Cynthia Springate waterpolo.fs@gmail.com

- First Draft Schedule: Expected to be distributed by Wednesday, July 24th.
- Real-time Updates: Results will be updated in real time to an online game schedule, with the link provided with the final schedule.

ENTRIES:

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, July 23rd at noon

Entry Cost: \$300 per team. Payment will be made via check to Fraser South Region prior to the start of the first game.

Submission Method: Entries should be submitted via email to waterpolo.fs@gmail.com indicating the roster spreadsheet [here](#), has been filled out for all teams entered.

TEAM CATEGORIES:

S: 12U, 14U, 16U, 18U

O Cat 2: For any athletes born 2009 or earlier and were rostered on a NCL team at Westerns or Nationals in 2024.

Please review the Age Locator at the end of this package for more information on Age Categories. Please review your rosters and birthdates carefully as the age groups have changed this year. Where it is established that a player is ineligible the Meet Manager shall be notified immediately. Any games played by the ineligible player shall be forfeited and the ineligible player shall not be allowed to play in the rest of the tournament.

S athletes can play up with O Cat 2, O Cat 2 cannot play down with S athletes.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

All water polo players must have participated in at least one BCSSA Water Polo competition to be eligible to play at Regionals.

FORMAT: BCSSA 2024 Water Polo Trial Rules

- 12U-5X5 (goalie plus 4), 14U-5X5, 16U-4X4 (goalie plus 3), 18U-4X4
- Junior nets for all games.
- Longer pool for older divisions (If pool set up permits).
- Game length changed to 10-minute halves, 3-minute half time.
- No scoring from your half of the pool
- There will be no 3-goal rule for players (Wayne Gretzky rule).
- Stop time after a goal, restart at centre.
- Halves are scored as individual sets, like volleyball or tennis.
- Winning both halves ends the game at 2-0.
- Winning a half each results in a 3-person penalty shootout.
- Each club will provide at least 2 volunteers throughout the tournament for various duties including security with the spectators. The security volunteer will be provided with a reflective vest for identification.
- At least one female player must be in the game at all times.
- 2 refs per game.
- Each player can be rostered for a maximum of 2 teams regardless of format of play.
- The team that wins their respective regional championship will advance to the provincial championship. The top 2 losing teams may qualify via the wildcard option.

GENERAL RULES

*detailed rules can be taken from the BCSSA Rule Book and 2024 Trial Rules available [here](#)

1. Rules of Play

The rules of play for all categories shall be in accordance with the 2024 BCSSA Rulebook (Section 6: Water Polo). The style of play will follow the 4 x 4 Beach Water Polo (Section 6.4 of the 2024 BCSSA rule book.) using the 2024 Trial Rules as outlined above.

2. Team Eligibility (Section 6.3)

To be eligible to participate in the Fraser South Water Polo Regional, athletes must be registered with a member club and BCSSA by the second Thursday in July. A responsible adult/chaperone, other than the Head Coach or players, must accompany and be responsible for each team participating in the event. This adult/chaperone must be present at all Team Games.

3. Team Composition

i. Teams in 12U and 14U categories are permitted to select twelve (12) players (a minimum of 8 athletes); teams in 16U/18U/OCat2/O8 may select ten (10) players (a minimum of 7 athletes) all of whom must individually be properly registered with BCSSA and be collectively registered as a Member Team and listed on the duly completed [2024 FS Regional Water Polo Rosters](#).

ii. The minimum team composition is five (5) players (goalie included) and four (4) players (goalie included) for 16U/18U/O-Cat 2/O8; one female must be in the water at all times. If due to exclusions there is no female available to play, the team will forfeit the game.

iii) Alternates: a) Each team may list (2) alternates on their roster. The same player may be listed as an alternate for more than (1) one team if all other eligibility requirements are met. Once an alternate replaces a player on a roster, that alternate may not be used as an alternate on another team. b) Once a player on a roster is replaced by an alternate, that player may not return to that team's roster for the duration of that tournament.

4. Competition Format

The Tournament schedule will be determined by the number of teams in each division playing.

5. Tie Breaking Procedures

Ties will be broken with a 3-player penalty shootout.

6. Vetoes

No vetoes, pertaining to referees, shall be permitted during this event. Referees are assigned wherever possible based on club neutrality.

7. Protests

Refer to Section 6.16 (Protest) of the 2024 BCSSA Rule Book.

8. Conduct/Discipline

Refer to Section 6.17 (Discipline) of the 2024 BCSSA Rule Book.

9. Brutality/Misconduct/Disrespect

Refer to Section 6.15 (Brutality and Misconduct) of the 2024 BCSSA Rule Book.

10. Forfeits/Defaults

i. Any team which forfeits a game will lose by a score of 2-0. Additional action will be based on a review of the circumstances by the Discipline Committee.

ii. If all males / females from one team are excluded from the game, the team will forfeit the game.

iii. A forfeit occurs when less than four (4) members of a team are present at the start of the game, or when an ineligible player is participating or if a team does not have two (2) male players or one (1) female player to start the game.

11. Water Polo Caps

If a bathing cap is worn under a Water Polo Cap, it must be the same colour as the water polo cap.

PROVINCIAL QUALIFICATIONS: The top team in each category will automatically qualify for Provincials. There is a possibility for wild card entries for the second-place teams. We are advocating with the BCSSA Board for additional seeds based on previous years' structure. Will update when we get a response.

VOLUNTEER DUTIES: With five clubs attending this event, we need all hands-on deck to help it go smoothly. Each club has been assigned a specific task to be responsible for during the meet. See below for details on each volunteer role.

- Set Up/Take Down: CBSC
- Results & Awards: North Delta
- Deck Food: Surrey
- Volunteers: WRASA
- Referees: Cloverdale

<p>Set Up/Take Down-Set up nets, pool, deck, - Arrive between 10:00am and 10:30am to begin setup for a noon start.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Setup tables and chairs around the pool for coaches, athletes, minor officials, deck food, and volunteer sign in -Post any signage -Create area for any lost & found <p>Take Down</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -remove nets and deflate/store -Return pool deck to pre-meet status, collect lost & found, remove any garbage, etc. -Take down any signage around facility 	<p>CBSC</p>
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<p>Deck Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Plan drink and snack plan for the day to ensure coaches, referees and minor officials are taken care of throughout the day. Budget will be provided for by Fraser South. -Dinner should be provided to coaches, referees, and any volunteers on site all day. - Liaise with potential donors / sponsors - Purchase and deliver food and supplies to venue <p>Food does not need to be served; it can be set up in the room off the lifeguard station. Will need to staff with a hospitality room volunteer throughout the day. Clean up all food and leave room as we found it.</p>	<p>SURREY</p>
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Results & Awards

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Collect and deliver to meet manager all game sheets at the end of each game -Update the game results to online spreadsheet at end of all games -Once tournament results are final and approved by meet manager, organize the medals for awarding at the end of each category. Manage the award ceremonies and ensure opportunities for team photos. 	<p>NORTH DELTA</p>
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Referees

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- With consultation and support from meet manager, recruit enough referees to ensure we have two referees per game with appropriate breaks throughout the day.-Create and manage the referee schedule throughout the tournament-Ensure all referees collect their payment at the end of their shift. (Referee checks will be created prior to the meet once the list is confirmed).	CLOVERDALE
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Volunteers

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- With consultation and support from the meet manager, create a sign-up list and circulate to all clubs to ensure sufficient volunteer coverage throughout the day. If necessary, go into stands to recruit parents to fill any minor officials gaps to ensure the games can proceed.-Provide support to volunteers as needed.	WRASA
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Meet Manager

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Organizes the details of the meet and the mechanics of running the meet-Please text 778-388-9577 during the meet with any issues	CBSC/Cynthia Springate (FS Director of Water Polo)
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CALL FOR EQUIPMENT:

To run this tournament, we require the following equipment. Please email waterpolo.fs@gmail.com if you can bring any of the following. We ask all clubs to contribute whatever they can to ensure this meet is properly resourced.

- 4 Junior Size Nets, 2.15 m x 0.75m (ideally metal framed, not blow up).
- Size 3 Game balls (10 with good grip and a few extra for warm up)
- Size 4 Game balls Game balls (10 with good grip and a few extra for warm up)
- Portable Game Clock / Score board x 2
- 2 sets of flags (white, blue, and red)

PARENT VOLUNTEERS: A sign-up sheet for minor officials will be circulated before the event, please encourage your parents to sign up. Games will not be able to run if tables are not fully staffed.

AWARDS:

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded after the final medal games in each category.

SAFE SPORT:

By attending this event, your club agrees to uphold the principles of sportsmanlike behavior as outlined by BC Summer Swimming's Safe Sport guidelines

<https://www.bcsummerswimming.com/safe-sport>. This includes respecting decisions made by referees and officials, and ensuring that all participants, including coaches, athletes, and spectators, engage in positive and respectful conduct throughout the competition.

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cynthia Springate at waterpolo.fs@gmail.com

AGE LOCATOR:



BCSSA 2024 Water Polo		
Age Locator		
Cat "S"	Birth Year	Cat "O"
19 and older	2005	O8 (19 years or older)
18U	2006	
18 & Under	2007	O Cat 2: 15 - 18 years. Rostered for *WPC's *NCL Westerns and/or National Championships
16U	2008	
16 & Under	2009	
14U	2010	
14 & Under	2011	
	2012	
12U	2013	
12 & Under	2014	
	2014	

Note: An Athlete's age as of December 31st each year shall be used to determine the Athlete category
 *WPC - Water Polo Canada;
 *NCL - National Championships League

In case of any discrepancy between this document and BCSSA rules, the current BCSSA rulebook shall prevail.