



TO: BOYS' WATER POLO COACH

**FROM: JERRY SCHNIEPP, COMMISSIONER
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DATE: JUNE 20, 2016

RE: 2016 BOYS' WATER POLO PRESEASON BULLETIN

1. **PRESEASON ADVISORY MEETING**
August 22, 2016 - 4:00 p.m., Hall of Champions, CIFSDS Office
2. **POST-SEASON ADVISORY MEETING**
November 28, 2016 - 4:00 p.m., Hall of Champions, Board Room.
3. **OFFICIAL PLAYOFF WATER POLO BALL - KAP 7 INTERNATIONAL**
Kap 7 International has graciously entered into an agreement with the San Diego Section. **Kap 7 International** will be providing all the section playoff water polo balls and will be the Official Water Polo Ball for the 2016 San Diego CIF Boys' Water Polo Playoffs. **NOTE: Ensure any water polo ball used in CIF competition has the NFHS authentication mark.**
4. **2016 RULES BOOK**
A copy of the **2016** National Federation Water Polo Rules Book is being mailed to schools for the head varsity coach. It is the official rules book for the CIF and will govern all interscholastic Boys' Water Polo competition in the San Diego Section unless otherwise provided in the Green Book or bulletins. Please note carefully the rules book changes from those by which the CIF operated during the **2015** season.
5. **GREEN BOOK**
Coaches are advised to review general eligibility rules as well as special Boys' Water Polo rules listed in the **2016-17** Green Book. Copies of the Green Book are made available to school administrators in August. For more information contact your school administration or the CIFSDS website @ www.cifsd.org, click on Green Book.
6. **RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR GAME MANAGEMENT**
The form titled Recommended Guidelines for Game Management is available online at www.cifsd.org, click on Forms, Miscellaneous.
7. **ORGANIZED TEAM PRACTICE**
First day of practice for Boys' Water Polo is **August 8, 2016.**

8. MAXIMUM CONTESTS

San Diego CIF Water Polo teams will be permitted to compete in a season maximum of 20 points (each contest counts one; each tournament or invitational counts two) plus two interscholastic scrimmages. Teams are limited to a maximum of three tournaments.

9. COMPETITION DATES

August 23 – First possible scrimmage.

August 24 - First possible interscholastic contest.

November 4 - Last possible pre-playoff competition.

10. ETHICS IN SPORTS POLICY

Coaches are reminded of the “ETHICS IN SPORTS” Policy:

EJECTION POLICY:

Any player whose conduct merits ejection from a game by an official for acts of *gross unsportsmanlike conduct* shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the game and will be subject to the following penalties:

In all sports with the exception of football, the penalty will be ejection from that contest and a 6 or 3 game/match suspension; in the sport of football, the penalty will be ejection from that contest and a 3 game suspension.

Any athlete ejected for act of this nature is required to meet with the CIFSDS Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner at an agreed upon time prior to returning to play.

Ejections for reasons other than “gross unsportsmanlike conduct” will result in a penalty of ejection from that contest and a one (1) game/match suspension. A one game suspension may not be appealed.

After the suspension from play, the student may only return after certification by the school principal or his/her designee that the student(s) has completed a conference with a school administrator. The appropriate form indicating the completion of the conference must be filed with the San Diego Section office prior to “rejoining the team” (“rejoining the team” is in reference to competition, not practice).

A second ejection from a game or contest will cause the student to be suspended for the remainder of the season. Participation of a player who was ejected from a previous contest, who knowingly or unknowingly participates in the next contest, will result in the forfeiture of that contest.

Players are permitted to practice with the team and attend contests, but not in game uniform, during the period of suspension.

A copy of the revised policy must be signed by each coach, athlete and

parent/guardian before attending or participating in a contest. The signed copies are to be filed at each school site, and each Principal is to forward a compliance form to the CIFSDS Office. NOTE: Compliance form due dates are as follows:

Fall Sports = August 29, 2016; Winter Sports = November 30, 2016; Spring Sports = March 1, 2017.

11. REMINDER - COACHING COMPENSATION (CIF STATE BYLAW 503)

A coach shall not be reimbursed for coaching services from any source other than the school funds without the approval of the school's governing board, nor be subject to any bonus arrangement dependent upon the success of the school's team.

12. COACHING CERTIFICATION

Reminder that all coaches (paid or unpaid) must be certified in coaching education. Coaches may become certified online for a fee of \$52.00 or in a classroom setting by one of California's instructors. For information, go to State CIF website www.cifstate.org and click on one of the following links:

- About CIF Coaching Education Program
- CIF/NFHS Online Coaching Education Course (\$52.00 per coach)

13. SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT/INVITATIONAL EVENTS

CIFSDS SANCTIONING - CIFSDS will sanction tournaments/invitationals when invited schools are from California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Alaska, and Hawaii and/or from non-border states when invited schools are less than eight (8) or invited states are less than five (5). New CIFSDS sanction application is on website www.cifsd.org -Tournaments.

CIFSDS sanction is necessary for all tournaments at all levels (Varsity, JV, Frosh, Club). Tournament/Invitational Directors must provide the assignment secretary with a sanction number (issued by CIFSDS office) **before** officials may be assigned. Please check the CIFSDS website for approved sanction numbers @ www.cifsd.org click on Tournaments.

Reminder-sanctioning deadline for CIFSDS applications for FALL tournaments/invitationals is December 1 (\$25 sanction fee). After deadline \$100 late fee will be assessed for a total of \$125.

NFHS SANCTIONING - Sanction requests involving five (5) or more non-border states or eight (8) or more schools from non-border states and/or schools from foreign countries (including Canada and Mexico) must be sanctioned online through NFHS. For sanctioning procedures go to www.nfhs.org. NFHS will notify the CIFSDS office when sanctioning process is completed for CIFSDS schools and will post approved events on their website.

Feel free to call the CIFSDS office 858-292-8165 or email carltoncifsd@gmail.com with concerns.

14. PLAYOFF FORMAT

The **2016** San Diego CIF Boys' Water Polo playoffs will be conducted in **four** divisions (Division I, II, III, and open). Teams will be placed in competitive divisions by the CIFSDS office. Playoff participants will be selected by the CIFSDS in each of the 4 competitively based divisions.

15. PLAYOFF DATES

Tentative dates and sites for the 2016 San Diego CIF Boys' Water Polo playoffs are:

Pairings Meeting- **Saturday, November 5, 2016** – Pairing Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m., San Diego Hall of Champions, Board Room. The pairings will be announced at 11:00 a.m. at the Hall of Champions, Theatre Room.

First Round- Dimensions of pool shall meet rules book standards. Games to be played at the home site of the higher seed. (Tentative schedule subject to review at advisory meeting)

D II & III **Tuesday, November 8**
D I **Wednesday, November 9**

Quarterfinals:

D III **Thursday, November 10**- Quadruple headers at Coggan Pool, LaJolla HS;
D II **Friday, November 11** - Quadruple headers at Coggan Pool, LaJolla

Saturday November 12 – Two Quadruple headers at La Jolla High Coggan Pool

D I 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m – 11:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m.
OPEN 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. -4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Semifinals - Doubleheaders at Coggan Pool, La Jolla HS - 5:45 and 7:30 p.m.

DIII **Monday, November 14, 5:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**
DII **Tuesday, November 15, 5:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**
DI **Wednesday, November 16, 5:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**
Open **Thursday November 17, 5:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

Finals

Saturday, November 19, at Coggan Pool, La Jolla HS –
Division III at 12:15 p.m.; Division II at 2:30 p.m.; and Division I at 4:45 p.m. Open at 7:00 p.m.

16. OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION--RULES INTERPRETATIONS--ASSIGNMENT SECRETARY

For information regarding the San Diego Water Polo Officials Association and rules interpretation, please contact Bruce Morehouse, President, at 619-258-9938 or morehouseb@cox.net. For information regarding assignment of officials, contact Mike Gordon, Assignment Secretary, at 610-805- 3084 or sdpoloref@gmail.com.

17. **REMINDER:** Tournament/Invitational management will negotiate tournament fees with officials' association.

18. **HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

The CIF-San Diego Section is beginning its **21st year** of a High School Sports Sponsorship Program to help offset the ever-increasing costs of conducting section championships in all sports. The purpose of the program is to seek and solicit support (financial, products, or services) from individuals, organizations, and/or businesses desiring to sponsor CIFSDS activities; whereby the CIFSDS provides specific sponsorship acknowledgment. The goal of the High School Sports Sponsorship Program is to have each of the 22 section-approved sports sponsored by a wide range of the San Diego community. For an application or more information on the sports sponsorship program, please contact the CIF-San Diego Section office or visit our web site at **www.cifsd.org**.

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