

2008 SUMMER USA WATER POLO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pacific Zone procedure and requirements for participation in any/all USA Water Polo Summer 2008 National Championship and their respective Qualification Tournament.

The information below is specific for Pacific Zone clubs. Please be advised that all Pacific Zone clubs are expected to complete the USA Water Polo online entry in addition to the information below.

Entry fees for the National Championships need to be paid directly to USA Water Polo using their online registration. The zone will no longer be paying entry fees on behalf of our local clubs considering the ease of doing this on line.

Includes: National Junior Olympics (NJO's), Men's 20/Under Nationals, Men's Nationals, Women's 20/Under Nationals, Women's Nationals.

REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in any of the summer USWP Championships you must enter the championship through the zone chair and therefore you are agreeing to participate in the Zone Qualifying Tournament. All Qualifying tournaments are for qualification and/or seeding purposes for the championship.

PACIFIC ZONE DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES

Men's 20u Nationals	Monday May 12
Boys National Junior Olympics	Tuesday May 27
Girls National Junior Olympics	Monday June 2
Women's Nationals & 20u Nationals	Tuesday May 27
Men's Nationals	Monday June 2

GAME GUARANTEE

All Qualifying/Seeding tournaments will be played out to completion at least three spots lower than the number of spaces allotted. (*Ex: if there is one zone spot, games will be played through 4th place*). Every team will be guaranteed a minimum of 2 games. Each national championship's qualifying tournament entry fee will be determined based on pool and referee costs and will be the same for all teams entered regardless of number of games.

LOCATION AND DATES

	Qualifying Date	Qualifying Location	National Event Date	National Event Location	Course
Women 20/U	June 27-29	TBD	July 22-24	Moraga, CA	25 meters
Women Nat'l	June 27-29	TBD	July 25-27	Moraga, CA	25 meters
16u NJO's	June 13-15	TBD	Boys July 26-29 Girls July 31-August 3	Irvine, CA	25 yds/mtr
18/14/12u NJO's	June 20-22	TBD	Boys July 26-29 Girls July 31-August 3	Irvine, CA	25 yds/mtr
Men 20/U	TBA	TBD	July 11-13	Moraga, CA	30 meters
Men Nat'l	TBA	TBD	August 1-3	Moraga, CA	30 meters

ZONE ALLOTMENT

The Pacific Zone is allotted 1 team each in the Men's and Women's four National Championships. For NJO's, the initial and final allocation of teams per zone has not been determined, but will include the following age groups (12/under, 14/under, 16/under, 18/under) for both boys and girls. Be aware that the number of slots can increase after the original deadline. All teams must enter through their Zone. If zones do not use all their allocated slots then those slots are given to the zones whom have more teams entered than slots allotted. Traditionally the Pacific Zone receives additional entries than our initial allocation. This is a result of our zone size and the number of teams committed to playing in the National Junior Olympics.

FAILURE TO ATTEND A CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER QUALIFYING

Any coach/team competing in a qualifying / seeding tournament and qualifies as one of the Pacific Zone slots shall attend and fulfill their entry in that championship. At this point if a coach/team decides not to attend and/or forfeits games that coach/team will forfeit their entry fee and is banned from attending that championship, in any age group in that gender, the following year. Ex: In 2007 if Club X qualifies 3rd in 18/under boys qualifying for NJO's and the zone gets 4 slots, if Club X decides not to attend then Club X can not enter NJO's in any age group of that gender (boys) in 2008, and that coach can not coach any team of that gender in 2008. Exception - the ban will not take effect if USWP notifies a team within 3 weeks or less of an available slot in a championship.

PACIFIC ZONE ENTRY FORM SUMMER '08

Club: _____ Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please indicate in the table below which National Championships you wish to enter. Please list the number of teams you wish to enter in the space provided.

NATIONALS

Women's 20u Nationals July 22-24, Moraga, CA	Women's Nationals July 25-27, Moraga, CA	Men's 20u Nationals July 11-13, Moraga, CA	Men's Nationals August 1-3, Moraga, CA

NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Pacific Zone

- Boys, July 26-29
- Girls, July 31-August 3

Boys 12u	Boys 14u	Boys 16u	Boys 18u	Girls 12u	Girls 14u	Girls 16u	Girls 18u

- No payment is due at this time.
- Entry fees for the qualification tournaments will be communicated to the teams entered on email.
- Mail entry to: Andrew Morris, 940 Via Escondida, Novato, CA 94949
- Questions – Please contact Andrew Morris (415) 320-6222.