

2008 Northern California Winter League

Hosted by the Pacific Zone of USA Water Polo

October 7, 2007

Dear Coach,

Are you coaching a winter water polo program this year? Are you interested in having your club compete this winter? Please consider the 2008 Winter League as an option for your club. The 2008 Northern California Winter League is sponsored/organized by the Pacific Zone of USA Water Polo. Below you will find information regarding this year's winter league.

Competition Dates

- December 15-16
 - January 12-13
 - January 19-20
 - February 2-3
- All Tournaments are rain or shine.*

League Format

This year there will be five divisions for boys and five divisions for girls. Within each division there will be a 'Championship' grouping and a 'Festival' grouping. The 'Championship' grouping will be for teams that compete in the same division a minimum of two out of the first three competition dates and wish to compete on the final weekend of competition. The 'Festival' grouping will be for teams that compete in less tournaments than the 'Championship' grouping or moves from division to division. The different divisions are as follows: Open, 12th Grade & under, 10th Grade & under, 8th Grade & under and 6th Grade & under.

On each of the weekends,

Open & 10th Grade & under teams will play on Saturday

12th, 8th & 6th Grade & under teams will play on Sunday

For the teams involved in the 'Championship' grouping, we will attempt to schedule teams so that they play different teams in their division/grouping over the course of the first three weekends while still trying to allow for good competition. The final weekend will be a seeded tournament based upon the results from the first two weekends. At a minimum, the final weekend will place teams 1st through 8th places. Teams playing below 8th place will play their three games without a final placing. Winter League trophies will be provided for the top three finishers in the 'Championship' grouping of each division. For the teams involved in the 'Festival' grouping, we will do our best to arrange the schedule so that each team faces different teams/clubs each weekend, but it is not guaranteed.

League Rules

FINA rules apply unless listed below.

- Quarter Times - Open 7 minutes, 12th / 10th Grade-6 minutes, 8th / 6th grade & u-5 minutes
- Course Length - We will attempt to achieve these course lengths when the facilities being used allow for it. If this is not possible the course length will be 25 yards.
 - ◻ Open - 30 meters
 - ◻ 12th/10th - 25 meters
 - ◻ 8th / 6th - 25 yards

Each of the Open Teams in the Men's Division must have a minimum of 7 players on their roster that are currently seniors in high school or older. These 7 players must be present for each tournament and must play on a regular basis in each game. For future years of the winter league, please expect the minimum number of older players to increase.

Each team is required to supply one desk worker for each of their games. This is to help involve more parents and to reduce the work load of our hosts.

Team Rosters - USA Water Polo Membership

All athletes, coaches & clubs must be currently registered with USA Water Polo. A roster for each team competing must be submitted on-line using the USA Water Polo roster verification program. Please log onto <https://webpoint.usawaterpolo.com/website/RosterVerification.asp>. Teams wishing to change their roster must submit a new roster. Please see the roster entry deadline dates listed below.

Competition Locations

We are currently securing locations for the different competitions. Host clubs receive a pro-rata share of the profits from the winter league in addition to retaining game balls used throughout the competition. The pro-rata share of the profits is a direct percentage of the games you host vs. the total number of games. We are working primarily to secure facilities within the Pacific Zone, but we will consider the use of facilities outside of the Pacific Zone. If you are interested in hosting, or know of facilities that we may be able to utilize please let me know.

Entries

All entry deadlines listed below are an 'in hand' deadline by 5:00pm. Postmarks will not be accepted.

The entry deadline for the 'Championship' grouping is **Monday December 3, 2007**.

The entry deadline for the 'Festival' grouping is 15 days prior to each tournament unless otherwise listed. Below you will find the 'Festival' entry deadline for each tournament.

In the event that your team drops out after the closure/entry deadline date as listed below, your club will face a \$250 fine, payable to the Pacific Water Polo, and due prior to your next competition date in the winter league. This fine is in place to guarantee your participation and cover any expenses that are incurred as a result of your withdrawal. After the passing of the 'Closure Date', there will be no refunds of tournament entry fees for that particular weekend.

Competition Dates	Roster Deadlines	Festival Grouping - Closure/Entry Dates
December 15-16, 2007	December 3, 2007	December 3, 2007
January 12-13 2008	December 28, 2007	December 28, 2007
January 19-20, 2008	January 4, 2008	January 4, 2008
February 2-3, 2008	January 18, 2008	January 18, 2008

To sign up your club, please fill out and return the attached form and email the verified roster as soon as possible. All entries must be accompanied by a check for the total entry fees. Please mail your 'Registration Form' and check to Pacific Water Polo, 940 Via Escondida, Novato, CA 94949. Please email your verified roster to marinwaterpolo@gmail.com. Once your registration form, payment and verified roster are received, receipt will be confirmed by phone or email. Please don't assume you are entered until you have received this confirmation. All incomplete entries will be returned.

If you have any questions please contact me at marinwaterpolo@gmail.com or (415) 320-6222.

Sincerely,

Andrew D. Morris

Registration Form

Coach: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Game Guarantee - Each team is guaranteed a minimum number of games per weekend. Please see below.

December 15-16	2-3 games
January 12-13	2-3 games
January 19-20	3 games
February 2-3	3-4 games

Championship Grouping - competing in at least 2 of the first three weekends AND the final weekend

Gender	Division	Number of Teams	Indicate which weekend your team is <u>NOT</u> planning to play (if any).	Total Entry Fee
Boys	Open			total '# of Teams' multiplied by \$525.00 (4 weekends) \$475.00 (3 weekends) TOTAL =
Boys	12 th grade & Under			
Boys	10 th Grade & Under			
Boys	8 th Grade & Under			
Boys	6 th Grade & Under			
Girls	Open			
Girls	12 th Grade & Under			
Girls	10 th Grade & Under			
Girls	8 th Grade & Under			
Girls	6 th Grade & Under			

Festival Grouping

Gender	Division	Number of Teams	December 15-16	January 12-13	January 19-20	February 2-3
Boys	Open					
Boys	12 th Grade & Under					
Boys	10 th Grade & Under					
Boys	8 th Grade & Under					
Boys	6 th Grade & Under					
Girls	Open					
Girls	12 th Grade & Under					
Girls	10 th Grade & Under					
Girls	8 th Grade & Under					
Girls	6 th Grade & Under					

TOTAL _____ X \$165 per team = _____

Please make check(s) payable to Pacific Water Polo.

Return registration form to Pacific Water Polo, 940 Via Escondida, Novato, CA 94949