

Water Polo GC Rules

Following are the rules and Regulations to be followed in the matches.

1. Each match will have four quarters of **5 minutes' duration and 2 minutes of rest** in between quarters. In the Quarters, Semi and Finals, each quarter will be of **6 minutes in duration with 2 minutes break** in between.
2. Each team should ideally consist of **9 players**. In the league stages, a consensus can be reached between both teams for playing with 4 (3+1) players each. From the quarter finals, 5 (4+1) players will be playing inside including goalkeeper. In the semis and finals, at least a team of 6 should be there to play. If this rule is not followed, the team gets directly disqualified.
3. Teams and their sports secretary/co will have to report **15 min before the match starts**. If they don't report at least 5 minutes before the match starts, it will be treated as a walkover for the team that is in the pool.
4. Refereeing will be done by senior members of the Aquatics Team for preliminary rounds. Final matches will be refereed by the Coach.
5. **Respect the decision of the referee**. If anyone from outside (supporters/Sports co or secretaries) shouts at or abuses the referees the team will straight away be disqualified.
6. If players argue with the referees, they will be given a man-out!!
7. Substitution can be done at any time and any no. of times but the game should be stopped for substitution. The team captain or Sports Secretary/Co. can ask referee to stop the match for substitution. (However more light will be shed regarding the substitution rule before the matches)
8. Everyone is expected to have cut their fingernails and toenails.
9. Each and every player is expected to have a **valid swimming card in his name**, otherwise he will not be allowed to play.
10. Only 4 people other than the substitutes are allowed to be on the side of the pool during the match. They are not allowed to be in the area where the referee and other officials are present, they are allowed to be standing along with their teams behind their goal post. The rest of the people can occupy the Gallery from where a better view and better cheering can take place. This is also so that all the instructions of the referee are audible and better understood.
11. In the case of equal goals, the match will be considered a draw in the league stages. Penalty shoot-out and extra time will be given only in the knockout stages.
12. For detailed rules and regulations of you can also refer to FINA rules for Water polo.
13. If a certain hostel doesn't have enough players, they can merge with another hostel. This should be informed in the sports com before the fixtures of the GC are released. The points will be divided equally among the hostels if any such situation arises.
14. Inter IIT Cap will be on present year's Inter IIT camp. Max of 1 Inter IIT camp player will be allowed in the water at any point of time during the league matches and 2 during the knockouts. This is not open for discussion during the time of the match.
15. In case of any other conflicts during and after the match, **the aquatics secretary's decision** (on consultation with experienced lifeguards) **will be held final**.