

Organisers / Captains Brief

1) Overview

- **There will be NO poolside captains brief on the day of the competition.**
- Your teams will be expected to arrive in plenty of time for your games and use the information given in this brief as described.
- Teams will be expected to be ready to start play when their game is scheduled.
- All team information on registration, playing layout, competition rules, schedules, game times and other relevant information, etc will be given in this brief.

2) Team Registration

- All players must be valid members of the BOA. If any of your team members have not joined or rejoined the BOA this season, you must ensure they have done so prior to registration.
- The competition organisers must be in possession of your payment no later than 28th February.
- The competition organisers must be in possession of your completed online team registration submission by 28th February, there will be NO exceptions.

3) Tournament Etiquette

- Referees **will** start all games promptly at the **time scheduled** by the digital screen clock. If a team is not ready the game will start without them. It is the team's responsibility to be ready on time. (e.g. - if a part/whole of a team is not ready in time the opposition team will be allowed to start play and score goals)
- If no players from a team have entered the water within 5 minutes of the start of a game, then this game will be awarded to the other team as a 6:0 victory.
- It is the responsibility of each team captain to check on the schedule when their game is due to start. Please note some games may start a couple of minutes late depending on how well the competition is going.
- Games will not start early.
- Due to the tight schedule players will be expected to exit the pool immediately at the end of their game.
- You will be expected to print your own match schedules for your team.
- Points shall be awarded for the results of these matches, 3 points for a win, 1 point to each team for a draw, and nil for a lost game.
- At the completion of the tournament the number of points accrued by each team will be compiled into a table. The team with the highest number of points being placed top, with the remaining teams being ranked dependant on points scored.

If teams are equal on points, the position will be decided by:

1. The result of the match between the tied team.
2. The least goals conceded.
3. The most goals scored.
4. The toss of a coin

4) Pool Layout

- The water depth is 2m for all teams.
- There will be 2 competition courts in play:
 - U13 – Changing room side of the pool and will start with the gong.
 - U16 – Window side of pool and will start with the electronic sounder / buzzer.
- For all playing courts, teams playing in White will start on players wet seating side of the pool.
- All games will use in water subbing.

5) Competition Rules

- The competition manager's will be Andy Smith / Phil Shute
- The rules governing underwater hockey as shown in the current BOA guide will be observed and safety rules such as mandatory mouth guards must be adhered to.
- The chief referee for the tournament will be **TBC**.
- Team captains are to ensure that all player's pushers and headgear is of the correct colour, in good condition and legal. Each player **must** have a unique hat number between 1 and 15. Hat numbers must be clearly legible and of uniform size and material. Using tape etc to change a hats number is not acceptable. If any equipment fails inspection, players will not be permitted to use it in the game.
- Every team must assemble for kit inspection 5 minutes prior to their next game behind the referee's table by the appropriate playing court. A referee will check and clear your kit for that game. You must ensure you are ready for your kit inspection at the correct time. If your team is not ready to start because you were late for inspection, the game will start with out you.
- This tournament will use in-water substitution.
- Substitutes wait in the substitutes box, which is marked out by lane ropes.
- The substitutes box is in the water, meaning subs can watch the game.
- The normal rules about substituting apply. The exiting player must leave the court before the substitute player may enter.
- Players are deemed to have exited the playing court when their snorkel breaks the surface. Substitutes enter the playing court by ducking under the lane rope.
- When a goal is scored, substitutes may enter the playing court before those they are replacing leave it. As long as only six players remain in the playing court at the restart, no infringement will have occurred.
- When a substitute enters the playing court after a goal is scored or following the playing of a penalty shot, they must touch their end wall before re-entering play.
- Players may not hold on to the lane ropes that mark out the box.
- If you have any questions prior to the tournament please direct them to **info@tswjuniors.co.uk**
- The time penalties given by referees during a game will be either: 1 minute, 2 minutes, 5 minutes; dismissal from the game; or dismissal from the competition.
- Captains must ensure players are aware that only the captain or vice captain may communicate with the referee during the game.
- All captains and vice captains **must** be marked clearly with large letters C or VC on the arms for identification. Players **may** have their hat numbers clearly marked on the upper part of each arm for identification.
- Dissent or verbal abuse towards referees or volunteers WILL NOT BE tolerated.
- Any team which challenges any official's ruling must do so to one of the competition manager's no more than 1 hour after the game that gave rise to the controversy. The competition managers will resolve the issue and their decision will be final. Please remember this is a fun event!

6) Set-up & logistics

- We have a limited time for set-up and will need all Regions to assist. Please can Regions be at the pool by 12.30 so that set up can be finalised.

7) General Housekeeping

- No verbal or physical abuse towards any of the Pool staff, referees or competition helpers will be tolerated.
- All players and competition staff must comply with all of the Newport Inter-national Sports Village rules and regulations.

8) Notification of winners

- There will be a small, brief gathering in the foyer area at approx 19.20 to announce the final scores.

9) Liability

- **Participation in sport carries an inherent risk of injury.** It is the Team representative's responsibility to ensure that all players voluntarily accept the risks involved in participating in the competition; and to obtain the informed consent, where necessary, of the parent or legal guardian of any players unable to give their own consent. All participants are reminded they may be personally liable for injuries or claims resulting from play deemed to be outside the BOA Rules of Underwater Hockey. A copy of the rules may be viewed at www.gbuwh.co.uk. The BOA reserves the right to alter the rules at any time without notice and, although every attempt will be made to keep BOA members informed, it remains the responsibility of individual members to ensure they are properly acquainted with the rules before participating in competition.
- **Consent to image publication.** This is a public sporting events and the event organiser does not restrict the amateur or professional recording of audio, video or image data above or below the water. It is the Team representative's responsibility to ensure that all players consent that that their image may be recorded and that any such image may be reproduced or published without their explicit permission; and to obtain the informed consent, where necessary, of the parent or legal guardian of any players unable to give their own consent. This does not negate any photographic or imagery rules or restrictions imposed by the venue management