



BC OPEN ~ 2012
WOMEN 18 & U / WOMEN U16 & U
WATER POLO TOURNAMENT

January 29, 20, 31, 2012

Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex, Surrey, BC

Important Dates:

- Tournament begins 8:00 am Sunday, Jan. 29 and ends by 3:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 31.
- Coach/Official meeting: Sunday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 am (if you can't make this meeting, you must meet with the Ref in Chief at least 1 hour prior to your first game).

Registration for the Tournament: All teams and players must be a "member in good standing" with their National organization and proof will need to be provided at the start of the technical meeting. Registrations/entries of Canadian teams to the event and roster submission will be done through the Water Polo Canada database under the events tab. Registering your team and rosters online serves as proof of good standing with WPC. Teams from outside Canada should send their rosters and good standing information via email; please contact the office for more information. When entering the rosters, please make sure that they are the correct cap numbers, as this is what will be printed in the program and game sheets. You must also include your coaches that will be on deck with the team and chaperone on the roster. **NO ATHLETE WILL BE ALLOWED ONTO A ROSTER AT THE EVENT UNLESS THERE IS PROOF OF REGISTRATION WITH THEIR NATIONAL BODY.**

Team Packages:

- There will be a BC Open tournament representative at the pool throughout the event should you have any questions.
- Please ensure that you use professionalism when speaking to the pool staff, tournament representatives, minor officials, or referees; anger and hostility will NOT be tolerated and will be treated as an offence on officials.
- Clubs are expected to check in with the tournament representative upon arrival at least one hour before the team's first game at Surrey Sport & Leisure Complex to pick up your package. Teams arriving late who have not attended the pre-tournament Technical meeting are expected to have a private meeting with tournament official and referee in Chief at least one hour prior to the team's first game.
- Packages will include the following:
 - Copies of the schedule
 - A copy of the technical sheet
 - Contact information for tournament organizers

Technical Information:

- **Rules of Play:** Except where indicated in this package, rules will be in accordance with the FINA Water Polo Guide 2009-2013 Version.
- **Coach/Official Technical meeting:** 7:30 am Sunday, January 29, on the pool deck (make up meetings as described above).
- **Points:** winner of each game will awarded three (3) points; the loser will get zero (0).
- **Tie games during round robin & crossovers:** If there is a tie game at the end of regulation play, the game will be determined by a shoot out. The winner of the shoot out will get two (2) points; the loser of the shoot out will get one (1) point.
- **Tie games in medal round:** per to the FINA Water Polo Guide 2009-2013 Version.
- **Time Outs:** 1 time out per game, except the medal round when each team will have two (2) time outs
- **Rosters:** Players are only permitted on one roster per division of play.
- **Forfeits:** Any team not lined up and ready to play within five minutes of the posted start time will forfeit. Forfeits will be recorded as 7-0 games for purposes of point calculation.
- **Red Cards--**Participants (coaches, athletes, chaperones, spectators) awarded a red card will serve a minimum one game suspension in the division of play that the penalty is received (i.e. 16U or 18U). In addition, if the carded participant is involved in one or more games **two hours** after the end of the game when the infraction occurred, he or she will be suspended from participating in those games in their entirety (to allow a cooling off period) in addition to the divisional suspension For more serious infractions, harsher penalties may be awarded at the discretion of the referees, a disciplinary committee or by BCWPA.

Protests:

- \$100.00 cash is required for any protest. The deposit will be reimbursed if the decision is in favor of your protest.
- All protests must be made in writing and submitted within 30 minutes from the time of the end of the game.
- A protest must be signed by the Head Coach and must be lodged with the Referee in Chief.
- The protest committee shall be comprised of 3 senior people: a neutral referee, the tournament coordinator and another person.

Equipment

All teams are responsible for bringing their own sets of hats and warm-up balls. Balls will be supplied for games.

Awards

There will be Gold, Silver and Bronze medals awarded. There will be 6 All Star awards and an All Star Goalie presented at the end of the tournament for each division of play.

Important Reminders

- Warm up for the first game begins 30 minutes prior to the start. Warm up for the subsequent games begins immediately following the end of the previous game.
- We will have two designated warm up lanes. If players wish to use other parts of the aquatic facility (hot tubs, etc.) they must pay and have their hands stamped at the front desk. Team meetings should be held in the lobby or in designated team areas on the pool deck. (Meetings should not be held in equipment rooms or in the public areas of the pool deck).
- BCWPA is required to provide our own First Aid Attendant for the duration of the tournament. This individual is a qualified lifeguard and will act as a liaison between injured persons and the pool staff. He or she will be on the Minor Officials' side of the pool. Referees or Minor Officials can point out the FAA.
- A Hospitality Room is provided for coaches, our First Aid Attendants, Minor Officials and Referees.
- The timing room above the diving tank end of the pool is reserved for Minor Officials and Referees.
- For each game, please check the cap numbers/names listed on the score sheet to ensure their accuracy. Cap numbers listed in the program should be the caps worn by each player.
- The pool staff have asked that we strictly enforce **NO ON DECK CHANGING**. We ask for coaches' assistance in patrolling and enforcing this policy.
- There are areas of the pool deck that are clearly marked "no shoes". Please be respectful of the other pool patrons and follow written and verbal instructions from pool staff.
- The parking area behind the pool is NOT to be used by coaches, players or spectators. Deliveries can be made to that door but you must move your vehicle to the front parking area immediately after the delivery.

Thank you and Good Luck!