

## GIRLS WATER POLO

### I. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- A. To determine the state champion for girls water polo through tournament competition.
- B. To recognize the combined efforts of all the participating teams and schools in the tournament.
- C. To promote and encourage the highest principles of citizenship and positive behavior in tournament competition.
- D. To promote the highest principles of good citizenship in tournament competition.

### II. OFFICIALS

#### A. Qualifications and Requirements

- 1. Evidence of having passed the NFHS Girls Water Polo Officials' Examination.
- 2. Recommended and approved by their respective leagues.
- 3. All state tournament officials/umpires shall wear uniforms in accordance with their sport's NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations. In the absence of any NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations, the sport's HHSAA Sport Coordinator shall have the final say as to the appropriateness of a state tournament official's/umpire's uniform.
- 4. The HHSAA Executive Director, Sport Coordinator, and Officials Coordinator shall review the names recommended by the leagues and make the appropriate selections as needed for the state tournament.

#### B. Selection and Assignment

- 1. The selection of match officials shall be made by the Sport Coordinator and Officials Coordinator.
- 2. Match officials and coaches are requested to meet with the Sport Coordinator prior to the tournament for a briefing regarding the tournament format.
- 3. Leagues may request that an official be selected for the tournament. However, if selected, the league shall be responsible for the official's expenses to the tournament.

#### C. Officials Compensation

- 1. Officials shall be compensated based on HHSAA rates.
- 2. HHSAA Rates: Referee (\$40); Timekeeper and Secretaries (\$15)

### III. ELIGIBILITY (SEE HHSAA HANDBOOK)

### IV. RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENT

- A. NFHS Water Polo Rules shall prevail, with HHSAA modifications as necessary.
- B. Each team shall be entitled to three regular time-outs and one 20-second time out during the first four periods; in overtime, each team shall be entitled to only one regular time-out regardless of the number of time-outs called during regulation time.

### V. Tournament Representation

A.

$$\frac{\text{Number of participating teams in league}}{\text{Number of participating teams in state}} \times \text{Number of teams in state tournament}$$

B. Pac-Five teams are eligible to participate in the following HHSAA state tournaments: football, softball, boys soccer, girls soccer, canoe paddling, girls water polo, and baseball. Also, the MIL's Pac-Three football team is eligible to participate in the HHSAA state football tournament.

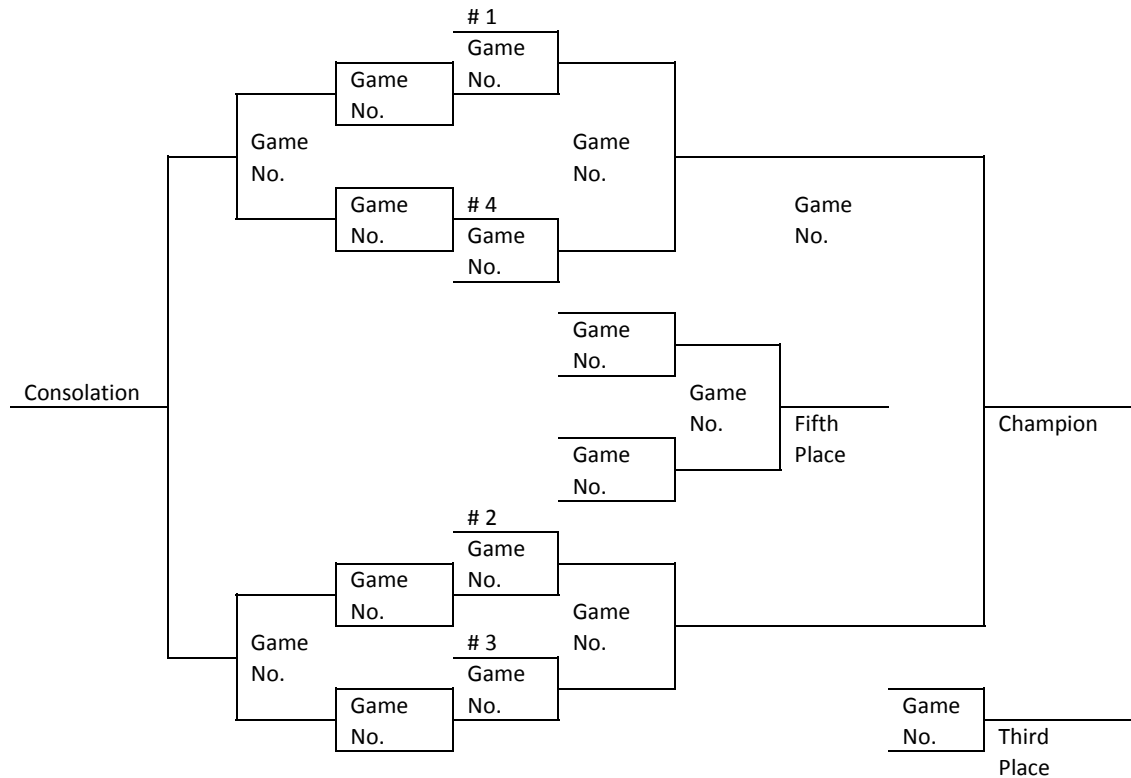
C. For team-only state tournaments, a combination team shall be counted in the league representation formula as long as one of the schools in the combination team has a minimum number of players, as follows:

Volleyball – 6, Football – 11, Softball – 9, Soccer – 11, Basketball – 5, Baseball – 9, Canoe Paddling – 6, Water Polo – 7

D. For team-only state tournaments, if a combination team qualifies for a state tournament, only players from one of the schools with the above-listed minimum number shall be allowed to participate in the state tournament.

VI. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Twelve-team, single elimination tournament (plus consolation matches) held over four days.



VII. SIZE OF TEAM IN TOURNAMENT

Schools may bring an unlimited number of players accompanied by authorized coaches. Names of players and coaches must be listed on the official tournament roster.

VIII. SEEDING / PAIRING  
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- A. Seeding/Pairings shall be done by the Tournament Seeding/Pairing Committee.
  - 1. HHSAA Executive Director, Chairperson
  - 2. Sport Coordinators
  - 3. Tournament Director
  - 4. Others as selected by the Sport Coordinator
- B. Seed the league champions.
- C. Place the league's 2<sup>nd</sup> representative in the opposite half bracket based on league champion's seed. EXAMPLE: The state's top seeded league will place their 2<sup>nd</sup> representative in the same quarter bracket as the state's 3<sup>rd</sup> seed.)
- D. Place the league's 3<sup>rd</sup> representative in the opposite quarter bracket of the league's 2<sup>nd</sup> representative.
- E. Place the league's 4<sup>th</sup> representative in the same half bracket opposite quarter bracket from league champion.
- F. Place the league's 5<sup>th</sup> representative in the same quarter bracket as the league champion. If the bracket is full, place the 5<sup>th</sup> representative in the last remaining open slot.
- G. Place the league's 6<sup>th</sup> representative in the only remaining slot.

IX. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. Player-Bench Occupants

During a match, the player-bench may only be occupied by eligible substitutes, coaches, school administrators, bonafide team managers, bonafide team scorekeepers, an athletic trainer, and a team physician.

B. Pool Deck Area

During a match, only authorized player-bench occupants from the two participating teams and tournament officials shall be allowed on the pool deck. All other persons must sit in the bleachers.

C. Identifying Apparel for Timekeeper and Secretary

It is recommended that the official timekeeper and secretaries wear identifying apparel and that their location be clearly determined.

X. TOURNAMENT BALL

The Tournament ball shall be the Kap7 NFHS Ball.

XI. UNIFORMS

- A. Pursuant to NFHS Water Polo Rule 4-1: "Each team shall have two sets of caps, one white and the other a dark contrasting color. Home team caps may be any dark color that contrasts with the color of the ball and with the color of the numbers. Dark caps may not be yellow, gold, orange, powder blue, light gray, pale green or similar light colors. The caps of the home team field players may be divided into thirds or alternating colored panels,

with the thirds or panels consisting of two colors, one a dark color such as navy blue or black, and the other one a color such as powder blue, medium blue, orange or green (this panel must not be white), provided that the caps are clearly distinguishable from the caps of the goalkeepers (the caps of the field players may not be divided into red and white panels or into red and dark panels), that the numbers on the caps are white or yellow, are clearly visible, are of the correct size and that the numbers are on the darker portion of the cap.

The caps of visiting team field players shall be solid white. (White field players' caps may not be divided into thirds or alternating colored panels.)

Caps for the field players of either team and the goalkeeper may have piping of any color not to exceed a width of 1 centimeter around the cap (the cap strings or straps may be the same color as the piping or may match the cap color)."

- B. Whenever the name of a school appears above the name of its opponent in a bracket pairing (note: brackets will be provided to participating teams prior to the tournament), that team will be designated the home team and shall wear dark caps. Conversely, whenever the name of a school appears below the name of its opponent in a bracket pairing, that team will be designated the visiting team and shall wear white caps.

XII. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

- A. Permanent trophies to Championship and Runner-up teams.
- B. 15 gold medals for Championship team.
- C. 15 silver medals for Runner-up team.
- D. Additional medals may be requested at a school's own expense.

XIII. ADMISSION

General Admission .....	\$7.00
Students .....	\$5.00
Seniors (62+) .....	\$5.00