

## WATERPOLO BY-LAWS

1. Each team must provide one (1) scorer/timer for each game. School must provide stopwatches.
2. **Timing:**
  - i) for league matches, there will be 4 six-minute periods (straight time) with two-minute intervals between periods. If there is a one-goal differential in the score, the final 30 seconds of the last period will be stop time.
  - ii) for play-off matches, there will be 4 seven-minute periods (straight time). The finals will have a 30-second shot clock.
  - iii) the timer shall indicate the end of a period with one long whistle blast and the expiration of the shot clock with three short whistle blasts.
3. **Referees:**
  - i) must check the finger and toe nails of each player (no more than 1/16" of white nail showing).
  - ii) must stand on the same side of the pool deck as the scorer/timer. The goal judges must be on the opposite side.
4. **Suspensions:**
  - i) brutality - minimum 2 games
  - ii) disrespect - minimum 1 game
  - iii) disqualification - player is ejected from that game only. If a player receives a second disqualification in a season, a further minimum 2-game suspension will be assessed.
5. Playoffs:
  - a) All playoff rounds will be single match, with the exception of the finals, which shall be a 4-point series. In no circumstances should the finals exceed three matches.
  - b) Semi-final and final matches must be played in a pool in which both goals are in a "deep end".