

2008-2009
OUA WATER POLO - MEN
Rules and Regulations
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1. ADMINISTRATION

1.1 See General Regulations

2. AWARDS

2.1 **The J.A. Richardson Trophy** - awarded for the team championship. Presented by J.A. Richardson, London, in 1977.

2.2 An OUA Banner shall be awarded to the institution winning the team championship.

2.3 A First and Second All Star Team shall be named including a First and Second All Star Team Coach.

2.4 OUA Gold Medals shall be awarded to each member of the championship team.

2.5 ALL STARS

2.5.1 OUA All Star certificates shall be awarded to a First and Second All Star Team. Each team will consist of six (6) All Stars and a goalie.

2.5.2 The Convenor will request coaches to submit their nomination list of All Stars from their team after the second Tournament.

2.5.3 The Convenor will compile the nominations and send out a ballot with the nomination two (2) weeks prior to the championships.

2.5.3.1 Players' statistics shall be provided for the purposes of All Star voting. It is the responsibility of the coaches to compare game statistics after each contest. It is the responsibility of the host institution to send the statistics to the Convenor.

2.5.4 Coaches must rank order six (6) field players and one goalie.

2.5.5 Coaches are not permitted to vote for their own team.

2.5.6 Players receiving the most points will be First Team, next points, Second Team based on ranking order:

1st selection 6 points
2nd selection 5 points
3rd selection 4 points
4th selection 3 points
5th selection 2 points

2.5.7 In the case of a tie, the names of the individuals will be distributed asking coaches to vote again this time placing players in order. Coaches may vote for their own players. Should a tie still exist, all tied athletes will receive an All Star Award.

2.6 Coach of the Year will be included on the All Star Ballot.

2.6.1 The criteria for selecting Coach of the Year is:

i) dedication to Men's Water Polo

- ii) advancement of their team
- iii) leadership ability
- iv) sportsmanship

2.6.2 Coaches must rank order the other six (6) coaches. The coach receiving the most points shall be the OUA Coach of the Year.

2.7 PLAYER OF THE GAME

At the final medal games, one star per team is selected by the opposing coach.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

3.1 Competition shall be conducted in the fall, in sections with schedule as approved at the appropriate meeting of the Administrative Council.

3.1.1 All coaches must declare their 13 player limit on a Score Sheet of Team Complement form prior to the start of your first game.

3.1.2 If an extra player over and above the 13 player complement is used, all games played in the Tournament will be forfeited.

3.1.3 To be eligible for playoffs, a player must have played in at least fifty percent of the institution's scheduled games. Note: Participation means that the player is listed on the game sheet, available to play and on the players' bench during games.

3.1.4 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

Ties at the end of the regular season shall be resolved by the formula set out in the General Playing Regulations.

3.2 The Championship Tournament shall take the following format:

- Game 1 - #1 vs. #4
- Game 2 - #2 vs. #3
- Game 3 - Bronze Medal Game
- Game 4 - Championship Game

3.2.1 The normal time schedule for games played at the OUA Finals shall be as follows:

- Saturday 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Note: Since both men and women's finals occur at one site, a minimum of 30 minutes should be scheduled between the finals on Sunday.

3.2.2 The championship weekend shall take place twelve weeks after the Labour Day weekend.

3.2.3 Rotation of League Competition and Championship:

	Tourn. #1	Tourn. #2	Tourn. #3	Mega Tourn.	CHAMPIONSHIP
2006	Carleton	York/Toronto	Queen's	McMaster	Queen's
2007	Queen's	Carleton	McMaster/Western	McMaster	Toronto
2008	Queen's/McMaster	York/Toronto	Carleton	Toronto	Carleton

3.3 All championship games shall be held in an all deep playing pool.

3.4 CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS

3.5 It is suggested that any game being played in the morning should not be any earlier than 9:00 a.m. Start times for games should be scheduled at 80 minute intervals, due to the extension of the FINA 8-minute quarters.

3.5.1 Teams should play two games on Saturday and one game on Sunday during crossover tournaments.

3.6 Teams are entitled to have an unlimited roster for preseason and seasonal play. A maximum of thirteen (13) players may be listed per game.

4. RULES

4.1 FINA Rules (2005-09) shall govern OUA competition except as indicated in the OUA General Rules.

4.1.1 **FINA Exception: That half time intermission for OUA water polo will be two (2) minutes.**

4.2 The Coaches' Meetings will be held on the Saturday evening of the Crossover Tournaments. It is the responsibility of the Convenor to ensure that an appropriate representative chair each meeting.

4.3 The official OUA ball is to be the Mikasa ball.

4.4 The Convenor may allow an athlete to compete because of medical reasons or family circumstances.

5. OFFICIALS

Officials Assignor:

An unbiased individual will be hired to help the Convenor with assigning officials. The job description includes (but is not limited to): generation of officiating list before season starts; generating a selection process for officials of league games; creating and being part of a panel to determine the penalty for serious rule infractions and potential suspensions, and other duties deemed necessary.

The cost for the officials' assignor will be \$100 per team.

5.1 OWPA and WPC to supply OUA Convenor / Assignor of Officials with a list of all provincial and provincially trained referees who would be interested in refereeing in OUA tournaments. No more than two (2) provincially trained referees shall be at any one tournament and no more than one (1) provincially trained referee shall referee a game.

5.1.1 The Assignor will send out a list of all Provincial (and above) referees and their telephone numbers to host teams. The Assignor will be responsible for assigning referees to all league games and tournaments.

5.1.2 The cost of all tournament referees will be calculated on a cost sharing (equalization) basis for the competing schools. Hosts of all tournaments are responsible for paying officials and will bill each participating University the cost of officials for their tournament. Home and home series referees will be paid by the host institution.

5.2 Officials shall be as follows: two (2) referees, two (2) timekeepers (game and penalty), two (2) goal judges, one (1) recording secretary. (Three referees should be on hand for Tournaments.) It is recommended that four officials be available for each Crossover Tournament and that no official work more than three (3) consecutive games.

5.3 Referees shall be paid \$25.00 per game. **In addition, referees will be paid the OUA rate for kilometer to and from the game.**

Referees will be given a meal allowance if the host does not provide meals. The allowance shall apply when officials are assigned to 2 or more games in a day:

\$20.00 for a double header

\$30 for a tournament where an official is assigned to 3 or more matches in a day

The referees assigned to oversee the minor officials during the championship tournaments be awarded \$10.00 per game.

5.4 **OFFICIALS FEEDBACK / EVALUATION FORM**

Officials evaluation form will be completed by coaches immediately following games. Coaches will fax their evaluation form to the convenor.

5.5 **PROTESTS**

A protest fee of \$50 will be levied to any team submitting a game protest. The fee will be levied and payable to the OUA. A report of the protest, decision and fee will be forwarded to the OUA by the host.

5.5.1 **PROTEST COMMITTEE**

At all tournaments, a three-person Committee will be on hand to deal with any protests. The committee will include a host representative (host coach or administrator), along with 2 officials (one from the game in question, and one from the next game scheduled who would be on deck at the time of the protest).

In the event of a conflict of interest, an alternate member of the protest committee will be selected from the coaches in either alpha order (A-Z). In the event there not being sufficient coaches available, then the convenor will be contacted after the event to decide the matter.

5.6 **PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING OFFICIALS FOR FINALS**

5.6.1 Referees for finals: at the final Crossover Tournament Coaches' Meeting each coach will submit a list of at least five referees, in order of preference, to the Convenor and the highest rated four referees will be chosen using the finalists' votes.

5.6.2 At finals, a minimum of three (3) officials will be used to officiate each game. One official will always be assigned to the Scorer's Table to supervise minor officials when he/she is not assigned to officiate a game. The Referee in Chief shall be the individual who has received the highest number of votes in the officials' selection process

6. **DISCIPLINE**

6.1 Dismissal from an OUA Water Polo game for "brutality" or "disrespect by athletes and/or coaches" carry an automatic one game suspension which apply to the next regularly scheduled OUA game (league or playoff). All such incidents shall be reported on the game score sheet and the results sheet. Both the game sheet and the results sheet should be postmarked to the Convenor by 9:00 a.m. the following university working day.

6.2 Any player ejected for brutality or disrespect by athletes and/or coaches shall be suspended for a minimum of one game. Further action can be determined by the Referee-in-Chief or the Convenor based on the Referee's report.

6.3 Pool size for Sectional and Tournament games. All universities should be in rotation for their Sectional game. For Tournament games, it is recommended that all games be played in an all deep pool. The length of the playing surface for all OUA games both seasonal and championship be a maximum of 25 metres.