



# BOYS & GIRLS WATER POLO BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I

### Governing Rules

**Section 1** The scholastic section of the National Federation Water Polo Rules shall be the official rules of the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League (SCVAL).

- 1.1 The Brutality rule applies; any player excluded from a League game for brutality shall be suspended from participation in the next League contest in addition to the CCS/ National Federation rules.
- 1.2 If a coach receives a red card and has visual or electronic contact with his team, the game shall be declared a forfeit (5-0), and the coach will sit out one (1) additional game.
- 1.3 All teams shall present a copy of their full season schedule to each league member school and league AD Chairperson at the pre-season meeting.
- 1.4 Teams will abide by all additional CCS penalties.

## ARTICLE II

### Classifications

**Section 1** The official team designations in BOYS water polo are Varsity and Frosh/ Soph. The official team designations in GIRLS water polo are Varsity and Junior Varsity. A senior girl may not play on Junior Varsity team.

## ARTICLE III

### Games and Practice Limitations

**Section 1** All CIF, CCS and SCVAL practice limitations will be enforced. There may be 54 hours of practice prior to first contest as outlined in Article VIII of the General By-Laws.

**Section 2** The teams and any individual shall have a minimum of nine (9) days practice before the first game.

**Section 3** The Frosh/ Soph (JV) and Varsity teams may play only the maximum number of games allowed by the CCS (24 Contest/2 Scrimmages). This rule applies to individual players who may not exceed the maximum number of team games allowed. Tournament games will count towards maximum games played according to CCS By-Laws. Each tournament must guarantee a total number of games played.

3.1 The SCVAL league tournament does not count towards CCS points or against game limitations. The division tournament is entry to CCS playoffs. Any outright forfeit in the league tournament will result in exemption from CCS tournament participation.

3.2 Teams may not play more than two (2) league contests in any school week.

3.3 In a case where a league game needs to be rescheduled, three (3) games may be played in a week with the approval of both schools and the league Commissioner.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Game Management- Player Eligibility**

**Section 1** If an athlete competes at a Varsity league contest, the athlete may not return to the Frosh/ Soph (JV) level of competition.

**Section 2** Game Times (Please check SCVAL Constitution Bylaws)

2.1 Single dual Day Games: Varsity team will play at 4:00 PM. Frosh/ Soph or JV games will start 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Varsity game.

2.2 Night Games: Frosh/Soph (JV) teams will play at 5:45 PM and Varsity games will start at 6:45 PM.

2.3 Quad Games:

2.3.1 Facilities with lights will follow the following times: Varsity 3:30, JV/FS 4:45, JV/FS 5:45, Varsity 6:45

2.3.2 Facilities without lights will follow the following times: Varsity 3:00, JV/FS 4:00, Varsity 5:00, JV/FS 6:00

2.3.3 Unless 3 schools are involved, in which case alternating gender would apply (girls first- boys second, boys first- girls second)

- Section 3** Varsity will play four seven (7) minute quarters. Frosh/Soph and JV will play four six (6) minute quarters.
- Section 4** The De Anza & El Camino Divisions (Frosh/Soph, JV, and Varsity) will play a double round robin league schedule.
- Section 5** Removal, or partial removal, of what a reasonable person would consider to be normal clothing or changing that exposes undergarments or bare skin in the view of spectators and the general public is not appropriate to the sport before, during, or after the contest. It is not acceptable. Changing in the locker room is required, no exceptions. In additions to any penalties that may be imposed by the Commissioner or Board of Managers (sanctions to program or school, lose to league record, or lose of games next year). The violating school will write a letter of apology to the other school and league.

## ARTICLE V

### **League Championship-Division Tournament**

- Section 1** The finish in League play will determine seeding for the League Tournament.
- 1.1 The following rules apply if two (2) or more teams have the same league record
- 1.1.1 Head to Head league games will be first tie-breaker
- 1.1.2 Head to Head league games where the team with the lowest goal differential will take the higher seed.
- 1.1.3 If teams still remain tied, a coin flip will determine the higher seed. The league commissioner or designee will flip the coin.
- Section 2** The league tournament host for both genders and divisions will be determined by a rotating schedule. The host schools will be notified at pre-season meeting to their responsibility. Hosts schools will be responsible for scheduling officials- invoice to be paid by SCVAL Commissioner. (see Article V section 3)
- 2.1 The division with seven teams will play a 7-team tournament with the following structure:
- 2.1.1 The first seed will receive a bye for the first round of the tournament.

2.1.2 The winners of the first round of tournament play will enter the championship bracket, while the losing teams will enter pool play for consolations.

2.1.3 The consolation pool will be determined first by head-to-head results in the league tournament. If the pool play results end in a tie, head-to-head goal differential in the tournament will be the first tie breaker, and Round Robin Play standings as second tie breaker.

2.1.4 Games will be played to determine final placing (1-7).

2.2 In the case that two teams meet in the consolation rounds who have already played each other, the game will not be played.

2.3 The division with eight teams will play an 8-team tournament with standard seeding structure. Games will be played to determine final placing (1-8).

**Section 3** The following schedule will be used to determine host sites each year. At the preseason meeting, coaches may decide to select an alternate host, if the alternate host site agrees.

	<u>DA Girls</u>	<u>DA Boys</u>	<u>EC Girls</u>	<u>EC Boys</u>
<u>2018</u>	Los Altos	Mountain View	Harker	Monta Vista
<u>2019</u>	Los Gatos	Palo Alto	Saratoga	Harker
<u>2020</u>	Mountain View	Los Gatos	Santa Clara	Saratoga
<u>2021</u>	Palo Alto	Gunn	Lynbrook	Santa Clara
<u>2022</u>	Homestead	Homestead	Wilcox	Milpitas
<u>2023</u>	Gunn	Los Altos	Cupertino	Fremont
<u>2024</u>	Fremont	Lynbrook	Milpitas	Cupertino
<u>2025</u>			Monta Vista	Wilcox

3.1 When teams realign, the realigning teams will switch spots in the schedule.

**Section 4** Overall League Champion and standing is determined by the results of league game schedule and the league tournament. The winner of league play and the winner of the tournament, if they are different, will be declared co-champions.

**Section 5** CCS Qualifying, Automatic berths

**De Anza Division-** Will utilize the following combination point system to first determine 1 to 4 finishers (round robin ties will receive ½ points)

<b>Finish in Round Robin Play</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>Finish in League Tournament</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> = 7/8 points	+	1 <sup>st</sup> = 7/8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> = 6/7 points	+	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 6/7 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> = 5/6 points	+	3 <sup>rd</sup> = 5/6 points
4 <sup>th</sup> = 4/5 points	+	4 <sup>th</sup> = 4/5 points
5 <sup>th</sup> = 3/4 points	+	5 <sup>th</sup> = 3/4 points
6 <sup>th</sup> = 2/3 points	+	6 <sup>th</sup> = 2/3 points
7 <sup>th</sup> = 1/2 points	+	7 <sup>th</sup> = 1/2 points
8 <sup>th</sup> = 0/1 points	+	8 <sup>th</sup> = 0/1 points

To break ties in De Anza use the following progression-  
Head to head in league play; if tied, head to head goal differential in league play; if tied coin flip.

**El Camino Division-** Will utilize the following combination point system to determine their (1) automatic qualifier (round robin ties will receive ½ points).

<b>Finish in Round Robin Play</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>Finish in League Tournament</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> = 7/8 points	+	1 <sup>st</sup> = 7/8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> = 6/7 points	+	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 6/7 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> = 5/6 points	+	3 <sup>rd</sup> = 5/6 points
4 <sup>th</sup> = 4/5 points	+	4 <sup>th</sup> = 4/5 points
5 <sup>th</sup> = 3/4 points	+	5 <sup>th</sup> = 3/4 points
6 <sup>th</sup> = 2/3 points	+	6 <sup>th</sup> = 2/3 points
7 <sup>th</sup> = 1/2 points	+	7 <sup>th</sup> = 1/2 points
8 <sup>th</sup> = 0/1 points	+	8 <sup>th</sup> = 0/1 points

To break a tie the most points in the SCVAL El Camino Tournament will get the automatic bid.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **All League Selections**

**Section 1** Number of players per team is based on the Final League Standings for FS, JV and Varsity.

**Section 2** Coaches, by a majority vote (one delegate per school), shall determine:

2.1 Most Valuable Player of the League

2.2 Most Valuable Field Player of the League

2.3 Most Valuable Goalie of the League

2.4 Coach of the Year of the League

2.4.1 However, no athlete may win more than one award.

**Section 3** By final league standings, each team shall be allowed to select players by the following categories:

First Place team guaranteed (4) candidates

Second Place team guaranteed (3) candidates

Third Place team guaranteed (2) candidates

Fourth Place team guaranteed (2) candidates

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Place guaranteed (1) candidate

3.1 A disqualification is allowed by a majority vote of the coaches present (one vote per school).

3.2 The second team is voted on randomly to select 8 members.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Re-Alignment of the De Anza Division and El Camino Division**

**Section 1** The De Anza Division will be made up of the leagues strongest six to eight (6-8) teams, based on the varsity team, and will have ten to fourteen (10-14) league matches.

**Section 2** The El Camino Division will be made up of the leagues remaining six to eight (6-8) teams, based on the varsity team, and will have ten to fourteen (10-14) league matches.

**Section 3** At the post-season meeting all teams in the De Anza Division and the El Camino Division will be considered and discuss movement for the following year's water polo season for both genders separately. A two-thirds majority vote based on a motion will be needed to determine division placement by the coaches. If two-thirds cannot be achieved, last down from DeAnza and first up from El Camino will be implemented.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Representatives**

**Section 1** The Water Polo League/division representatives for the El Camino and De Anza divisions, boys and girls, a total of four, will be nominated at the end of each sport season, and will serve a two (2) year term.

**Section 2** The duties of the Water Polo Division Rep along with Athletic Directors Council's Chairperson are:

2.1 Compile the division season results and the All-League Teams.

2.2 The League Reps shall represent the league on the CCS water polo committee and support any CCS matters where they are needed.