



College Sport Auckland Junior Water Polo Season Entry & Competition Information 2024

Dates

- The College Sport Auckland Junior Water Polo Season will run from Friday 18 October to Sunday 1 December
- No games on 25/27 October (Labour Weekend) and 22/24 November (New Zealand Water Polo Year 9/10 Event)
- Games will be played on Fridays from 4.30pm onwards and or Sundays from 12.00pm onwards, however, times may vary depending on the total number of entries
- **If there are any dates during the season when your team cannot play, you must advise College Sport Auckland via EnterNOW or email by the entries closing date.** Requests may be accommodated for valid reasons where possible, but teams are expected to be available every Friday and Sunday of the season

Venues

- AUT Millennium
- Diocesan Aquatic Centre
- Epsom Girls Grammar School
- Sacred Heart Aquatic Centre
- Sir Owen G. Glenn National Aquatic Centre
- St Cuthbert's Centennial Centre

Entries

- Entries must be submitted in [EnterNOW](#) by 11.59pm, Wednesday 18th September

Grades

- Junior A Boys
- Junior A Girls
- Junior B Boys/Mixed (Mixed teams must state they are mixed in EnterNOW)
- Junior B Girls
- Junior C Boys/Mixed (Mixed teams must state they are mixed in EnterNOW)

Depending on entry numbers, Junior A competitions will be Auckland-wide, and Junior B & C competitions will be split into zones. College Sport Auckland reserves the right to place teams in appropriate grades where necessary.

Eligibility

- All players must be in Year 9 or 10, and under 15 on 1 January 2024, and must play for the school they currently attend
- Only secondary schools who have paid the College Sport Auckland levies for year 7 & 8's can play students from below Year 9, provided they are currently attending that school
- Refer to the College Sport Auckland [Bylaws](#) for further information regarding composite teams, transferring players between teams, etc

Duties

- Teams must check the College Sport Auckland Water Polo Junior [Draws & Results](#) page each week to see whether they are required for table duty
- Teams rostered on must supply competent people (supervised by an adult if needed) or appropriate penalties will be applied
- Junior B grade teams may be required to supply their own referee if one is unable to be appointed
- Junior C grade teams will be required to provide referees for all matches
- DEFAULTS & TABLE DUTIES: Teams who default their games are still required to fulfil their allocated table duties or make appropriate arrangements to ensure that their duty can be carried out
- Junior A games require five people for table duty
- Junior B & C games require three people for table duty

Rules

- This competition will be run under the College Sport Auckland [Bylaws](#)
- Any student listed on the scoresheet shall be deemed to have “Played” in relation to Bylaw 4.5: *In any College Sport Auckland competition, players may Play up into a higher grade but not down into a lower grade. A player who Plays up for three games must then stay in the higher grade*
- Games will be played under the [World Aquatics Water Polo Rules](#) unless otherwise stated
- Games will be seven-a-side with up to 13 players per team per game
- All grades will use a size 4 ball
- Junior A quarters are 4 minutes stop clock with a maximum of 2-time outs. Games will run at 45-minute intervals
- Junior B & C quarters are 5 minutes running time, with the clock stopping only after a goal or at the referee’s request. No time outs will be permitted. Games will run at 35-minute intervals
- All team members should be available to present themselves to the referees 15 minutes before the official game start time
- All teams must supply their own playing caps and balls, and warm up with their caps on. If swim caps are worn, they must be of similar colour to water polo caps. Teams with custom caps may use these in any game provided they contrast with the opposition. The referee may decide that a team must change their caps if there is no contrast
- The Junior B Grade may be required to supply one referee per team entered, for each game.
- White caps start on the left side of the table duty, seen from table duty
- All players must wear regulation swimwear and ensure their nails are cut

Results

- Schools are responsible for entering and/or checking their results in [SportsRunner](#). Corrections to results must be submitted in writing to College Sport Auckland at least four working days prior to the scheduled dates for crossovers/playoffs/finals.
- Points will be awarded as:
 - win = 2 points
 - draw = 1 points
 - loss = 0 points
 - win by default = 2 points (5-0 score)
 - lose by default = -2 points (0-5 score)
- If teams shall have equal points at the end of a round robin, further classification shall be established as per World Aquatics’ rules.
- Should the scores be level at full time in any game for which a definite result is required, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result as per World Aquatics’ rules.

Violent Action & Misconduct

- Violent action: An action by a player intended to cause harm or to injure another player or official, regardless of whether contact is made
- Players ejected on a violent action will be automatically suspended for one game to be served at the next College Sport Auckland Season game.
- Coaches and officials excluded on a red card will face an automatic one game suspension to be served at the next College Sport Auckland Season game.
- Players ejected for misconduct/disrespect will have their exclusion recorded and may face further suspension.
- Repeat offences of violent actions and/or misconduct may result in an increased suspension over and above the minimum suspension.
- Coaches, officials, or players excluded under violent action & misconduct may at any stage have their behaviour considered by a judiciary committee and further penalties may apply