



2009 PROVINCIAL HIGH SCHOOL WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS April 2–5, 2009

Sponsored by BC Water Polo Association

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****NEW Tournament Location:****

Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex (SSLC)

(also known as Fleetwood Pool)

16555 Fraser Hwy.

Surrey, BC

General Information:

BC Water Polo Association presents the Provincial High School Championships. All of the tournament games will be held at Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex in the Fleetwood area of Surrey, BC. The tournament will consist of two tiers and up to 18 teams. If you have any questions that are not answered in this form, please contact the tournament coordinators, Michael and Barbara Cox by email at bsmc@earthlink.net. Reserve your space now.

Team Registration:

The tournament is limited to the first 18 teams to register. Late registrations cannot be accepted. If less than 6 teams register the tournament will be cancelled. All tournament registration forms must be sent to the BCWPA office listed above.

NEW ASPECT OF TEAM REGISTRATION THIS YEAR: Each school (or for combined schools, each group of schools) will become a single member of BC Water Polo and, as such, will be eligible to participate as a member of BCWP, vote at the BCWP Annual General Meeting in mid-June and enjoy the other related benefits of membership (<http://www.bcwaterpolo.com>). Combined schools will be registered as a single unit and are entitled to only one vote. The person who is named on the Team Registration form (Form A) will be the contact person for notices from BCWP with respect to team membership.

NEW ASPECT OF PLAYER REGISTRATION THIS YEAR: Any players not already registered with a BCWP affiliated club will become registered recreational members of BCWP through August of this year. There has been a box added to the Roster form to designate players who are currently registered with BCWP. Questions, contact the Tournament Coordinators.

Please submit the following forms to register:

Forms:	Submission deadline:
Application to Combine Teams and School Authorization letter(s) (Form Comb 1*)	March 6, 2009 March 6, 2009
Team Registration Form (Form A)	March 10, 2009
Team Roster Form (Form B)	March 10, 2009
Cheque for Fees (payable to BCWP)	March 10, 2009

*Form Comb 1 for combined teams only

Fees:

An entry fee of \$500.00 per team must accompany the Tournament Registration Form. For this year's tournament, the school registration fee includes the registration of all players regardless of current BCWPA registration; players not currently registered with BCWP will need to be identified on the rosters by the deadline specified so that these players can be added to the BCWP database prior to the tournament.

Team Registration Fee (one-time fee per school per year)	\$ 75.00
Tournament Entry Fee (per team to be entered)	<u>\$425.00</u>
Total Fee due by March 10, 2009:	<u>\$500.00</u>

For teams entering two or more teams, the team registration fee is only paid ONCE.

Combined Teams

Combined teams may be allowed based on the following criteria: new player development, co-ed requirements, and small schools otherwise unable to support a club. To register a combined team, submit Form Comb1, Application to Combine Teams and School Authorization Letter and the referenced list of players or draft roster, to BCWPA by the date specified in the registration section. Applications will be assessed on a case by case basis and the petition will be judged on the above criteria. In addition:

- ***A Combined team's application, letter and a list of players or a copy of the proposed roster, including signatures, must be submitted by the deadline of March 6, 2009. It can be faxed, emailed, sent by courier or mail, but must be received by the deadline.***
- ***Co-ed schools that combine to complete rosters will be restricted to having no more than 3 elite players in the water at a time (see "Elite" definition below under Player Eligibility).***
- ***Combined Schools and Combined School Athletes must be from the same catchment area.***

Team Eligibility

- There is no maximum to the number of players included on the registration form, but teams will be limited to 15 players for each game.
- **All team players must meet the player eligibility requirements (see below).**
- Schools playing in Tier 2 are restricted to having three elite players registered (see "Elite" description). For more information on Tiers see Competition Format.
- All Head team coaches must be fully certified NCCP Level 1 or CBET "The Practise".

Player Eligibility

- Players must be full-time students who have not graduated and who were under 19 years of age on December 31 of the previous year. Students may compete for no more than the two calendar years after grade 10.
- Athletes in grade 8-12 are eligible to participate **only** for the school where they are registered. Exceptions are as follows:
 1. Junior High or Middle School athletes may compete for a Senior High if the athlete's school falls in the Senior High School's catchment area.
 2. Athletes must participate for their home school if a team is available.

“Elite” is defined as any player who fits any of the following descriptions:

- Plays year round for a BCWP club (Pacific Storm, Fraser Valley, Saanich)
- Participates in an international or interprovincial event

U14 (Bantam) athletes or younger will not be considered Elite. According to BCWP registration guidelines, U14 athletes are those born in 1995 or later.

Tournament Rules

- All teams are required to have at least three members of each sex in the water at all times (including the goalie). If a team only has two female or two male players, the team must play short-handed.
- Each team must have at least six players present at the start of each game. If a team lacks either one of the sexes, the team will forfeit that game.
- The teacher sponsor or adult sponsor must be in attendance at each game the team plays. If the adult sponsor is not a teacher currently employed at the host secondary school, that person must have the written support of the host school's administration signified by inclusion of the adult sponsor's name on the Team Registration Form (Form A). More than one adult sponsor may be listed on the Team Registration Form if necessary. Should a teacher or adult sponsor not be present, the game will result in forfeit. Should the teacher or adult sponsor not be present for three games, the team will be default (“default” is defined as a team withdrawing from the tournament). Adult sponsor(s) must be listed on the registration form for insurance purposes.
- Any rules not covered above can be found in the FINA Rule Book.

Competition Format: The format will depend on the number of teams entering the tournament. Schedule will begin on Thursday night, using as many of the local entries as possible.

1. If enough teams are entered, the tournament will be run in two “tiers”:
 - The Tier 1 bracket will be defined as any team with more than 3 **elite** players on the roster.
 - The Tier 2 bracket will be comprised of all other teams.
 - A school may enter only one team in each tier.
 - Teams with less than 3 elite players wishing to compete in the Tier 1 bracket are welcome to do so.
2. A preliminary (round robin) round within the bracket or within divisions of the bracket will be followed by a cross over round, then a final round to determine overall standings.
3. Games will consist of four quarters of five minutes stop time with a 30 second shot clock. Quarters will be separated by a 2 minute intermission after the 1st and 3rd quarter and a 5 minute intermission after the 2nd quarter.

4. Each team will be allowed two time-outs per game.
5. Any rules not covered above will follow the FINA Rule Book.
6. Official Ball: Mikasa 6009 or Ebsen #4

Officials

Each team will be required to supply one minor official for each game they play. Other officials will be supplied by BC Water Polo.

Equipment

Caps will be supplied by the BC Water Polo Association. One set will be given to the teacher/sponsor at the start of the game and **MUST** be returned after the game to the **TABLE** or the team will be billed for replacement caps.

Forfeits

Any team not lined up and ready to play within five minutes of the designated start time with at least five players (including one of each sex) will forfeit that game. A score of 7-0 will be recorded as the result for that game.

Brutality, Disrespect and Misconduct

Any incident of brutality, disrespect or misconduct will be reviewed by the Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee will consist of the tournament co-ordinator and the referee(s) officiating the game.

Tournament Scoring

2 points-Win
1 points-Tie
0 points- Loss

- No overtime games will be played in round robin play.
- All crossover and medal games will be played to a win.
- If overtime is required, there will be 2 - three minute sudden death overtime periods after a 2 minute break. Each team will be awarded 1 time out per period. Unused time outs from regulation will not carry over.
- If the score is still tied at the end of overtime, there will be a shoot-out with 5 players from each team. If still tied, the shoot-out will continue sudden death with each team having equal number of shooters.

If two teams are tied after round robin play, the final placing will be decided by:

- Goals against
- Goal differential
- Head-to-head game result between the two teams
- Coin toss called by the captain or coach of the team that wore blue caps during the round robin

Awards

- Recognition will be given to tournament rookies.
- Recognition will be given to the top three teams in the tournament.
- All teams will be eligible for team spirit and sportsmanship award.



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**BC Water Polo
High School Championships
April 2-5, 2009
Team Registration Form (FORM A)**

School Name: _____

Teacher Sponsor: _____

Teacher Sponsor Email: _____ Phone: _____

*Adult Sponsor(s)/Team Contact: _____

*Adult Sponsor Email: _____ Phone: _____

Combined School? Yes / No

School Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Coach: _____ Coach Email: _____

*Name of Adult Sponsor will be primary contact for BCWP team membership email.

TO BE SUBMITTED to BCWP BY DEADLINE OF March 10, 2009.

First come, first served.

Late Registrations will not be accepted.

BC WATER POLO TEAM ROSTER (FORM B)
HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 2-5, 2009

SCHOOL/TEAM: _____

Hat#	Care Card #	Name	DOB	BCWP Memb?
1				
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TEAM COACH: _____

TEACHER/SPONSOR: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

TO BE SUBMITTED with Fees BY DEADLINE OF March 10, 2009

**BC Water Polo
High School Championships
April 2-5, 2009
Combined Schools Information Sheet (FORM Comb1)**
Must be submitted by March 6, 2009

The following schools are applying to combine for purposes of creating a team to participate in the 2009 BC Water Polo High School Championships, April 2-9, 2009 to be held at Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex, 16555 Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC:

School Name	School Address	School Telephone
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Contact information:

School Number	Contact Name & relationship (teacher or parent)	Phone Number	Email Address
1			
2			

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Phone: _____

**BC Water Polo
High School Championships
April 2-5, 2009
School Authorization Letter (FORM Comb1, pg. 2)+**
(+this letter can be filled out & submitted or used as a sample but must be received by March 6, 2009)

TO: BC Water Polo Association, High School Tournament Coordinator

Date: _____

FROM: _____

(List names of schools to be combined)

We, the undersigned officials of the schools indicated, hereby apply on behalf of the students listed on the attached roster or list of students to compete as a combined team in the 2009 BC Water Polo High School Championships at Surrey Sport and Leisure Complex in Surrey, BC on April 2-5, 2009. The representative sponsor staff member is

_____ of _____

and the representative adult/parent sponsor is _____

of _____. The team is being coached by _____

_____.

By signing this letter, we agree to permit our students, as named, to participate in this year's tournament.

Principal of _____

Principal of _____

Principal of _____

Principal of _____

Principal of _____

Principal of _____

ATTACHMENT: list of students or draft roster