



## **RULES AND CONDITIONS P.S.U.K. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **WATER POLO**

1. Established team regions are Scotland, North West, Midlands, South West and Metropolitan. Regional teams from North East, South East, Wales and Northern Ireland would be welcomed.  
  
Any amendments to these regions must be approved by PSUK Committee prior to the championships, and any submission must be received by the secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> December of the preceding year.
2. Teams can comprise of members of either sex.
3. The PSUK Committee reserve the right to allow the entry of a "Nomad" team to comprise of competitors from regions not represented by another team. This team will not count in the competition, nor will goals for and against in matches against this team have bearing on championship positions.
4. Each match will consist of two halves. The length of each half shall be at the discretion of the organisers and the PSUK Committee, and may be on an "actual play" or "all in" time keeping basis.  
  
If an "all in" format is used, the clock will be stopped for injuries, discipline issues, referee discussion, time-outs etc.
5. There will be a two minute break at the end of the first half.
6. One "time-out" per team per match of 1 minute's duration will be allowed.
7. The winner will be decided on a league basis, with 2 points being awarded for a win and 1 for a draw. In the event of a tie on points, the result between the two teams will be decisive. In the case of a draw, the team with the better goal difference, and then "goals for" will be the winner.
8. Ideally the number of matches should be spread evenly over both days of competition, with the previous year's top two teams playing in the final match, the third and fourth teams playing the penultimate match etc.
9. The team named first in the programme will play in blue hats.
10. The committee reserves the right to enter a Nomad team to allow participation of players from regions without a team. This team will not count in the results, including goal difference.
11. Any team not fielding 7 players in the water at the published match time will, at the discretion of the organiser, forfeit the match.
12. The championships will otherwise be held in accordance with A.S.A. Law, and any organisational rules not covered herein will be at the discretion of the PSUK Committee.
13. A Jury of Appeal should be appointed for any appeal that the Competition Referee is unable to resolve. Such a jury should consist of at least three persons, including one representative of the Organising Committee and at least one representative of the PSUK National Swimming, Water Polo and Diving Committee.

14. The PSUK Swimming, Diving and Water Polo Section has in place the following procedure for dealing with matters concerning complaints, discipline and grievance arising out of the activities of the section. Such matters must always be notified in writing. Any aggrieved person shall have the right to a personal hearing before a panel comprising not less than three members of this Section's Committee, excluding any person implicated in the allegation, before any final decision is made to resolve the matter.
15. The PSUK Swimming, Diving and Water Polo Sub Committee will, at each A.G.M., review any complaints received during the previous year and the effectiveness of the reporting process.

**Below is a sample program as used at the 2008 PSUK Championships in Coventry.**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

0800	Warm Up		
0815	Metropolitan	v	South West
0840	West Midlands	v	Nomads
0905	North West	v	Scotland
0930	South West	v	Nomads
0955	Scotland	v	Metropolitan
1020	North West	v	West Midlands
1045	Nomads	v	Metropolitan
1110	South West	v	North West
1135	Scotland	v	West Midlands

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

1200	Warm Up		
1215	Scotland	v	South West
1240	Nomads	v	North West
1305	Metropolitan	v	West Midlands
1330	Scotland	v	Nomads
1355	West Midlands	v	South West
1420	North West	v	Metropolitan