



## **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  |