

Test Water Polo Rules

To be applied during FINA Junior World Water Polo Championships 2015 and FINA Youth World Water Polo Championships 2016.

Water Polo Rules

WP 1 FIELD OF PLAY & EQUIPMENT

WP 1.4 The distance between the goal lines shall not be less than 20 metres and not more than 25 metres. The width of the field of play shall be not less than 10 metres and not more than 20 metres.

For FINA Events, the distance between the respective goal lines shall be 25 metres and the width of the field of play shall be 20 metres. The depth of the water shall be consistently not less than 1.8 metres and preferred 2.0 metres.

[Diagram in WP 1.2 and FR 7.2 to be read to be consistent with this WP 1.4]

WP 3 THE BALL

WP 3.3 and WP 3.4 The circumference of the ball shall be not less than 0.65 metres and not more than 0.67 metres, and its pressure shall be 48 - 55 (kilo Pascal's) (7 - 8 pounds per square inch atmospheric).

WP 4 CAPS

WP 4.3 Caps shall be numbered on both sides with numbers 0.10 metres in height. The goalkeeper shall wear cap no. 1 and the other caps shall be numbered 2 to 11. The substitute goalkeeper shall wear a red cap numbered 11. A player shall not be allowed to change his cap number during the game except with the permission of a referee and with notification to the secretary.

WP 5 TEAMS AND SUBSTITUTES

WP 5.1 Each team shall consist of a maximum of eleven players: nine field players and two goalkeepers. A team shall start the game with not more than six players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper and who shall wear the goalkeeper's cap. Four reserves may be used as substitutes. A team playing with less than six players shall not be required to have a goalkeeper.

WP 5.6 At any time in the game, a player may be substituted by leaving the field of play at the re-entry area nearest to the player's own goal line. The substitute may enter the field of play from the re-entry area as soon as the player has visibly risen to the surface of the water within the re-entry area. If a goalkeeper is substituted under this Rule it must only be by the

substitute goalkeeper. If the team has less than six players the team shall not be required to have a goalkeeper. No substitution shall be made under this Rule between the time a referee awards a penalty throw and the taking of the throw.

***[Note:** In the event that the goalkeeper and substitute goalkeeper are not entitled or able to participate, a team playing with six players shall be required to play with an alternative goalkeeper who shall wear the goalkeeper's cap.*

During a game should a team have no more substitutes apart from the substitute goalkeeper either the goalkeeper or substitute goalkeeper may play as a field player.]

[Interpretation: Should the goalkeeper or substitute goalkeeper play as a field player the player shall be required to wear cap numbered 12 of the team.]