



**2016 Sunshine State Games
Water Polo Championships
Coral Springs Aquatics Complex
June 24-26, 2016**

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Check-in Procedures

Please have these documents completed and ready to turn in electronically by Thursday, June 23, 2016 to mwashington@flasports.com or you can submit your paperwork between 7AM – Noon on Friday, June 24, 2016.

1. USWP Verified Roster
 - Only 4 copies needed if not submitted electronically.
 - For Coed divisions, if a verified coed roster is not available, provide USWP membership printouts for each player and a typed roster.
2. Coaches Release Form
3. Waiver of Liability for each athlete participating

Teams not having submitted their USAWP certified rosters, coaches release form and waivers for all players at the mandatory coaches meeting or prior, will forfeit their first game. Subsequent games shall be forfeited until USAWP certified rosters and waivers for all players are received.

Each request to print any missing paperwork on-site will be subject to a \$20 administrative fee.

Housing

If you have not yet made your housing arrangements, please use the host hotel listed below:

Host Hotel

Marriot Coral Springs Hotel
Golf Club & Convention Center
11775 Heron Bay Boulevard
Coral Springs, Florida 33076
Reservations: 954-753-5598
Group Code: **SSG Water Polo**

Tournament Rules & Format

- United States Water Polo / Fina Rules, with the following exceptions
- Six-minute quarters.
- Two, 20 second time outs will be provided for each game.
- With 10 goal leads, time goes to running clock for remainder of the game.
- There will be an 11 goal mercy rule.
- Ties will be permitted in pool play games.
- Ties will be broken in advancement games during bracket play games by going straight to sudden death. After 6 minutes, the game will go straight to shoot outs.
- Bracket play seeding will be determined by record, head to head, goals differential, goals scored and shoot outs.
- Forfeited games will be scored 5-0.
- Brutality is a tournament exclusion.
- Red Card includes the following game.
- Players shall wear the same cap numbers for the entire tournament.
- Florida residents must have a permanent Florida residency at least 30 days prior to competition to be eligible to compete on a Florida team. Any teams with non-Florida residents will be deemed a non-domestic team.
- Females may play with Men's and Boy's teams (assuming age eligibility) from their club, as long as their club does not enter a female team in the same age group.
- Masters players can play in as many age divisions as they wish (assuming age eligibility) but only for up to 2 clubs, provided that they may only compete for 2 clubs if neither of the clubs has entered a team in the gender/age group, for which the athlete competes for the other club.
- Athlete age for this tournament is age at June 24, 2016. Referees will be checking each player's USWP membership card prior to each game.

USA Water Polo Sanctioned Event Photo ID Checking Procedure

Coaches MUST check-in with Officials at pool site upon arriving on deck for game(s). IDs will be checked either prior to athletes entering water, 15 minutes prior to start of game, or immediately after previous game ends. Participants must have cap on and ID in hand.

- 1.) Coach to provide copy of USAWP Verified Team Roster to referees. Verified Roster will be given to desk and will be attached to official scoresheet. It will not be returned.
- 2.) Participants should line up on pool deck in numerical order with acceptable form* of photo ID in hand.

3.) Referee will call each athlete and coach forward for participant check-in; beginning with Team Staff members.

Referee should match the picture with the participant as they are called forward

- If picture is not very easily recognizable (as determined by the ref) please ask participant to confirm date-of-birth.
- If picture is not recognizable at all, member will not be able to participate in that game until they can provide a proper photo ID.
- If NO picture is on ID and athlete is 12 years old or younger, a parent must show their ID to vouch for the member. Parent should also confirm date of birth of the athlete with the official.
- If no picture is on ID and member is OVER the age of 12, they will not be able to participate in that game until they can provide a photo ID. Parents ID voucher will not suffice.

If member ID does not match player on roster, or no photo ID is provided, member will not be able to participate even if you personally know them. The member cannot be added back to the roster until they can provide a clear, acceptable form of photo ID. The athlete must give their assigned cap to the scoring table until a proper form of photo identification is received and accepted. If this occurs during the course of play, member is to check in with the scoring table during the next quarter break. Compliance is mandatory. Any violation is subject to immediate disqualification.

*Acceptable forms of ID (headshot photos must be clear and recent) - State- or Government-Issued Identification Card - State-issued Drivers License - USA Water Polo Membership Identification Card o Permanent; Temporary; OR via smart phone access to membership account - School-Issued Identification Card - Passport

Schedule

Pool 1 – Main Pool

Pool 2 – Diving Well

Pool 3 – 25m Pool

All tournament scheduling and results will be through Tourney Machine. Please use this link and share with your players and families, to access up to date tournament information. Please sign up for updates or download the free app, in order to stay tune with scheduling updates.

<http://www.tourneymachine.com/R21164>

Protest Procedures

To protest a misapplication of the rules in a game a head coach or team official named on the game roster must:

1. do so within 30 minutes of its ending time

2. immediately pay a \$100 cash Protest Fee to the Tournament Director, who holds it in behalf of FSF
3. describe the incident and nature of the protest in writing, using the Protest Form.

The Tournament Director shall **immediately** notify these parties of a completed filing

1. the non-protesting team's head coach
2. the lead referee at the game site, or in his/her absence, the SSG head referee(s)
3. the SSG Tournament Committee who shall timely hear all protests, and whose decision shall be final.

NOTE: If an adverse condition is known prior to the start of a game, all provisions apply, EXCEPT filing must be complete BEFORE the signal to start the game is given by the game referee. Teams will proceed with the game at the scheduled time.

SSG Red Card and Brutality Suspensions

A participant who receives a red card shall not participate in the team's next game in that division, and until the suspension is served, shall not participate with any team in any division.

A participant penalized for a violation of Rule 21.11 of the USAWP Playing Rules (brutality/violence) shall not participate in the team's next game in that division, and until the suspension is served, shall not participate with any team in any division, and may be subject to additional punishment by action of the SSG Tournament Committee.

Weather Delay Procedure

In the case of adverse weather conditions, the following process will take place in determining schedule adjustments in order to insure we complete the tournament.

50 minute delay: any games that have been played through the first half will end with the current score being final. Any games that have not yet reach the first half will either be completed through the first half using a running clock or will go to two 6-minute quarters with a running clock.

100 minute delay: 50 minute delay procedure + all subsequent games will be played as 5 minute quarters with a running clock until the tournament is back on schedule.

150 minute delay: 50 and 100 minute delay procedures + any non-essential games will be cancelled.

Venue Directions

Coral Springs Aquatic Complex
12441 Royal Palm Boulevard
Coral Springs, FL 33065

From I-95: Take Exit 39 - Sample Road / SR 834. Turn West onto Sample Road past Florida's Turnpike to Sportsplex Drive (10.2 miles). Turn Left onto Sportsplex Drive

and road will veer left and become Royal Palm Boulevard (1 mile). Entrance to facility is on the left and additional parking is available on the right.

“Coaches Release”

I _____ coach of _____
(print) (team or teams)

hereby acknowledge that I am responsible to make sure that all my players are registered USWP athletes, I am a registered coach, the above stated team is a registered USWP club for the year 2015, and are in compliance with the terms and conditions as set forth in the 2015 Sunshine State Games General Information document, which has been online more than 60 days. In addition, each coach will insure that each of their players can produce upon demand at least one of the following to prove Florida residency:

1. Valid Florida Driver’s License.
2. Valid Florida Identification Card.
3. Paycheck stub within 30 days and phone # of employer.
4. Valid Voter registration card greater than 30 days old.

If any player or team participates, having not satisfied this agreement, the above team may forfeit all or some games, depending on the tournament committee’s decision.

I understand, that as the coach, I am responsible for the behavior of my team and fans. I agree to work with tournament officials to keep the team tent/area free of non-essential personnel, family, fans or guests. I understand that unacceptable behavior of any player, coach or fan of the above team may forfeit all or some games, depending on the tournament committee's decision.

(Signature)

“Coaches Release”, USWP verified Roster, and completed Release and Waiver of Responsibility for all players must be turned in no later than the Coaches meeting Friday morning..

Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability

In consideration of being permitted to participate in or assisting others in participating in Florida’s Sunshine State Games “Games”, and related events and activities, on behalf of myself, or a minor child or ward, heir, next of kin, personal representative, successor or assign;

- (1) I ACKNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTAND, DECLARE AND AGREE THAT:
 - (a) To the best of my knowledge, I am in Good Physical Condition and have no disease or injury that would be aggravated by participating in activities related to the Games;
 - (b) Participating or assisting others in participating in the Games may involve RISK OF INJURY TO ME, INCLUDING DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ME OR MY PROPERTY, or other consequences, which might result not only from my own actions, inaction or negligence but also the actions, inaction or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the conditions of the premises or of any equipment used;
 - (c) There may be OTHER RISKS not known or not reasonably foreseeable; and Understanding All of the Above,
- (2) I ASSUME ALL OF THE ABOVE RISKS AND RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE:
 - (a) the State of Florida or any of its agencies, Enterprise Florida, Inc. and the Florida Sports Foundation, Inc., their commissioners, employees or volunteers, coaches, trainers, officials affiliated with the international organizations, agencies, sponsors, or advertisers, the respective administrators, officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, volunteers, coaches, trainers, officials or any other individuals affiliated with the Games;
 - (b) any affiliated subsidiary, successor, organization, or related companies or businesses, other participants, participating or sponsoring municipalities, governmental agencies, international organizations, agencies, sponsors, or advertisers, the respective administrators, officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees or volunteers of such entities or organizations;
 - (c) the National Congress of State Games (NCSG), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and/or their respective representatives, officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns;
 - (d) owners, lessors and lessees of premises used to conduct the Games FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, OR ANY OTHER CONSEQUENCE in connection with entry in or arising out of participation in, performance in or lack of performance in, including travel en route to and from the Games.
- (3) I FURTHER AGREE THAT:
 - (a) Prior to participating as an athlete, I, or in the case of a minor, a parent or guardian, will INSPECT the facilities and equipment to be used, and if I believe same to be unsafe, I will immediately REPORT such condition(s) to the athletic coach, supervisor, or official connected with the Games of same and either DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE or ASSUME THE RISK of participating;
 - (b) I will ALLOW my PHOTOGRAPH, PICTURE or LIKENESS and/or VOICE to APPEAR in any official documentary, promotional (including any and all advertisements), television, radio or film coverage of the Games, WITHOUT COMPENSATION.
 - (C) I have read and fully understand the NO REFUND policy as implemented by the Florida Sports Foundation and forfeit all entry fees in event of withdrawal or ejection from competition.
- (4) I CONSENT TO ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT as may be deemed appropriate under existing circumstances by medical personnel or personnel associated with the Games.
- (5) I GRANT PERMISSION TO RELEASE MEDICAL RECORDS to the Florida Sports Foundation, related to injury or illness, evaluation of injury or illness or treatment of injury or illness by on-site Games medical personnel or medical personnel contracted by the Florida Sports Foundation.

I HAVE READ THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY AND HAVE PROVIDED TRUTHFUL INFORMATION.

Participant Name (print)	Participant Signature (if 18 years or older)	Date
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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian, individually and in the capacity as Parent/Legal Guardian is required if the Participant is under 18 years of age.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)	Parent/Legal Guardian Signature	Date
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All participants must complete the Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability in order to compete in Florida’s Sunshine State Games. Teams should have a Waiver of Liability for each player with their final roster submitted on site.