

**2021 South Island
Junior Secondary Schools Championships
Stadium 2000, BLENHEIM**
Thursday 25th – Sunday 28th November 2021
Sanctioned by School Sport NZ
ENTRIES CLOSE: 5pm Friday 5th November 2021
ENTRY FEE: \$750.00 per team



Welcome

Welcome to the 2021 South Island Secondary Schools Junior Water Polo Championships, held at the Aquatic Centre, Stadium 2000, Blenheim.

This year is the second time that the tournament will be hosted in Blenheim. We are looking forward to welcoming you all and hope that you will enjoy all the sights and facilities that Marlborough has to offer.

All games are to be played in good spirit and impeccable sportsmanship while ensuring a high level of skill and ability is exhibited.

Thank you to those who have helped make this tournament possible. To the coaches, managers and teachers for your time spent organising and managing your teams. Showing such a high level of interest and commitment in the players and the sport is invaluable to the continued growth and success of water polo within the South Island. Thank you to the referees who will be ensuring the games are played within the rules and spirit of water polo and for endeavouring to ensure that refereeing is consistent and fair throughout the duration of the tournament.

All the best for a successful tournament.

Tournament Officials

Tournament Organiser: Martyn Birch - 0275705036

Pool Controller: Yolande McIntyre

Treasurer: Emma Sell

Admin: Ann Lindfield & Alice Collinson

Head Referee: TBC

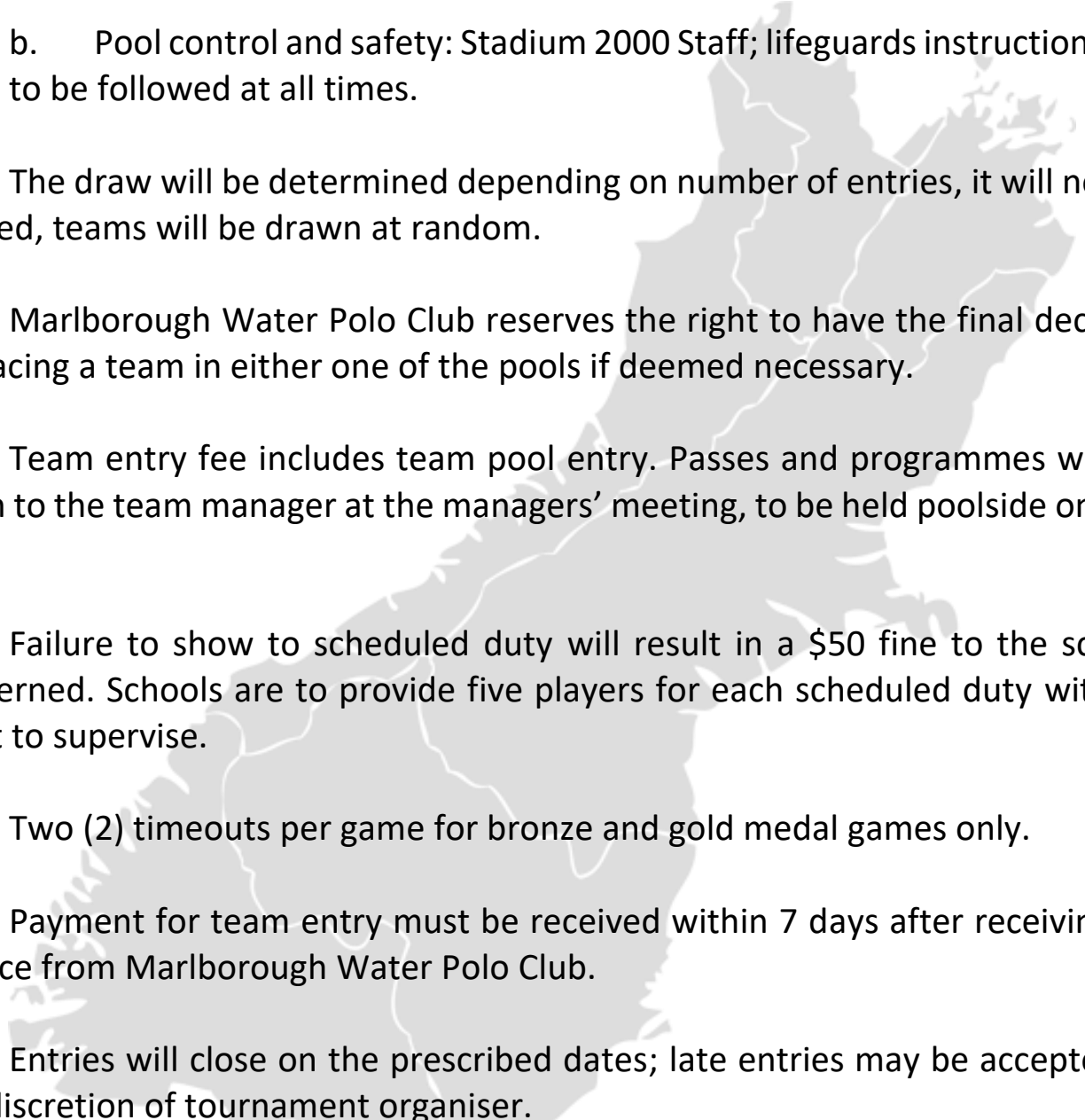
Senior Referee: TBC

Disputes Committee

A committee of three members will be appointed by the tournament organiser. Managers and coaches should note that the standard NZWP policy will form the guidelines in respect of the consequences of a disciplinary hearing.

Rules

1. Player Eligibility - Players must be in Year 9/10 and be under 15 as at 1 January 2021 and enrolled with their selected school.
2. Composite teams will only be entered at the discretion of the tournament organiser. Any composite team can only finish as high as 5th. I.e., if they are in 4th or better going into the finals, they will play for 5th vs 6th.
3. Players can only participate for one team.
4. A maximum of thirteen (13) players can participate throughout the tournament in any one team: 11 field players and 2 goalkeepers.
5. All players MUST be enrolled directly with their school to be eligible to participate in this event, unless prior permission has been granted by the organiser. All [entry forms](#) must be completed, and returned to Marlborough Water Polo, entry forms are available from <https://marlboroughwaterpolo.weebly.com/sijss-2021.html>. Please note the [NZ School Sport Form](#) re: eligibility and team composition must be signed by your school's principal and emailed to contact@marlboroughwaterpolo.com.
6. Teams withdrawing from the tournament after Thursday 4th November 2021 will automatically lose their entry fee.
7. Games will start on Thursday 25th November 2021. The tournament will conclude with prizegiving on Sunday. (Exact time TBC once entry numbers are known).
8. For the purposes of all Championship Rules and Regulations, the Girls' and Boys' Championships are to be treated as separate Championships.
9. Marlborough Water Polo Club requests that - where possible - teams supply a referee, C grade and above. Please put forward the referee's name and grading. Any referee can only be nominated by, and represent, one school.

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10. The tournament will be run as follows:
 - a. Entries/Draw/Finance/Overall control: Marlborough Water Polo Club.
 - b. Pool control and safety: Stadium 2000 Staff; lifeguards instructions are to be followed at all times.
 11. The draw will be determined depending on number of entries, it will not be seeded, teams will be drawn at random.
 12. Marlborough Water Polo Club reserves the right to have the final decision in placing a team in either one of the pools if deemed necessary.
 13. Team entry fee includes team pool entry. Passes and programmes will be given to the team manager at the managers' meeting, to be held poolside on Day One.
 14. Failure to show to scheduled duty will result in a \$50 fine to the school concerned. Schools are to provide five players for each scheduled duty with an adult to supervise.
 15. Two (2) timeouts per game for bronze and gold medal games only.
 16. Payment for team entry must be received within 7 days after receiving an invoice from Marlborough Water Polo Club.
 17. Entries will close on the prescribed dates; late entries may be accepted at the discretion of tournament organiser.

Disciplinary Matters

1. A player incurring a brutality will have a minimum one game suspension with the power of the judiciary to increase.
2. Any player ejected for misconduct may incur further action before a judiciary. Any player who repeats any offence of brutality or misconduct may be asked to appear before a judiciary and will be subject to further sanctions.
3. Officials or players ejected from pool side on red cards will serve an automatic one game stand down with provision for this to be increased.
4. Officials or players who continue to show misconduct after being ejected or cited for misconduct will have their actions considered for further action by the judiciary panel.

Coaching Boundaries

1. A defensive coach must not go any further forward than the goal line, unless in dead time, such as following a goal, time out, injury, where they can proceed to the 6m line.
2. An offensive coach must not go any further forward than the 6m line, unless in a timeout where they can proceed to as far as the halfway line.
3. Assistant coaches must stay seated for the duration of the game, apart from dead time, such as between quarters, time out.

Protocols for South Island Junior Secondary Schools 2021

The following protocols will apply to the South Island Junior Secondary Schools 2021:

1. All participating teams should be attired in the same uniform top when on poolside.
2. All those seated as team staff on the bench should be attired in the same top **and** in similar coloured pants, skirt or dress.
3. All players should wear the same uniformed swimsuits (where possible) and playing caps.
4. It is expected that all teams will provide their own playing caps. If this is not possible, please inform the tournament organiser. Marlborough Water Polo Club will provide match balls.
5. Coloured water polo caps may be worn, however; teams may be ordered by the referees to change caps to standard blue or white.
6. Bathing caps worn must be of the same/similar colour to the playing cap.
7. Participants not presenting in team uniform may be denied entry into the game and/or medal presentations.
8. Designated referees must attend the Technical and Referees' Meeting, unless otherwise directed or agreed with the Marlborough Water Polo Club Representative. This meeting will take place at a time to be determined dependent on the draw.
9. Coaches and assistant coaches **must** complete the [NZ Water Polo Coaches' Code of Ethics](#) before their first game of the Championships, otherwise they will not be allowed on the team bench.