



# *Water Polo*

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## *State Final Information*

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**TO:** Principal, Athletic Director and Head Coach

**FROM:** Beth Sauser, Assistant Executive Director

**DATE:** May, 2015

**RE: 2015 IHSA Boys and Girls Water Polo State Finals Qualifying Team**

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2015 Boys and Girls Water Polo State Finals!  
Please read the following information to help assist with any questions that may arise.

Head coaches are asked to meet with Beth Sauser, from the IHSA, in the pool office prior to warming up for your first game of the tournament. Participant passes, State Final programs and the state final packet will be distributed at this meeting.

Administrative passes for Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director and requested media passes may be picked up at the ticket booth at Lincolnshire High School.

Please review the attached documents which pertain to the Water Polo State Final Tournament.

Good Luck and we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

*Beth Sauser*

# 2015 IHSA BOYS/GIRLS WATER POLO STATE FINAL TOURNAMENT

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS BULLETIN FOR COMPETING SCHOOLS

### 1. Tournament Inquiries and State Final Contacts:

**IHSA Office** – Beth Sauser, Assistant Executive Director, Administrator of Water Polo or LeAnna Mutchler, Administrative Assistant (309) 663-6377

**State Final Manager** – Tricia Betthausen, Stevenson High School (847) 415-4226

**Emergency Calls** - during the tournament (847) 634-4000 ext. 1209

**Press Credential/Information** – Matt Troha, Assistant Executive Director (309) 663-6377

### 2. Included Are:

- A. Special Instructions Bulletin for Competing Schools
- B. Water Polo Terms and Conditions
- C. Sportsmanship Criteria Form and Letter
- D. Housing Information Letter
- E. School Media Press Credential Request Form
- F. School Information Sheet
- G. Tournament General Time Schedule
- H. SF Introduction Procedures

### 3. Housing Accommodations:

**A.** For each team that qualifies for the State Final Water Polo Tournament, the IHSA will reserve a block of fifteen (15) rooms for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at a local Marriott Hotel Property. All room charges, including taxes, phone calls, food, etc. will be at the expense of the competing school.

**B.** In cooperation with the Marriott Hotel, we are asking that all team personnel check into the hotel as a group. Additionally, each team must present the name of an adult in the group who will be responsible for all personnel in the group. This responsibility will include unauthorized expenses, damage to the rooms, behavior, unnecessary noise, etc. and generally being the chaperone. We appreciate your cooperation and assure you the IHSA and the Marriott Hotel will do everything we can to make your stay as enjoyable as possible.

### 4. Team Expenses:

**A.** In the State Final Tournament, the teams participating in the tournament shall be allowed transportation expenses at the rate of \$2.00 per mile per team for one round trip to and from the site where the tournament will be played. In addition, each school will receive a flat reimbursement to cover some of the costs incurred by schools at the State Final. Hotel rooms at the State Final Tournament will be reserved by the IHSA. Any expenses or costs associated or charged to the rooms will be at each school's expense.

<b>Round Trip Mileage To State Final Site:</b>	<b>Flat Rate Reimbursement</b>
0-150 miles	\$500.00
151-300 miles	\$1,000.00
301-over miles	\$1,500.00

### 5. Player Numbers, Uniforms:

**A.** The list of the players who will constitute your playing squad in the tournament is already in the hands of the printer and will appear in the official program. Please be conscientious about having the players wearing the numbers that were submitted for the official program. **Please note that each team may have a maximum of twenty-one (21) players in uniform for each game. Do not ask for exceptions.** **Players on the roster may change from game to game.**

**B.** It is especially important that each of the competing teams take two complete sets of caps to the tournament.

## **6. Fan and Team Bus Parking, Parking Permits:**

**A.** Team Bus Parking – All participants arriving before 3:45 pm on Thursday and Friday should be dropped off at the Field House entrance in parking lot D. If teams are dropped off before 3:45 pm (when our parking lots clear out) the buses will then have to temporarily move to the Port Clinton parking lot. They will be able to return to parking lot D once our school is dismissed and busses have left campus (after 4:00 p.m.).

Since our school is in session on the first two days of the tournament, we strongly encourage participants and teams to arrive after 3:45 pm. Those teams should then enter through the parking lot D entrance. There will be limited parking spaces in parking lot D after 2:45 pm for spectators of the 4:30 game. Security guards will be present in the parking areas (See enclosed Map). Coaches will be given team packets and participant passes on arrival at Stevenson. These may be obtained in the pool office.

**B.** Spectators are encouraged to park in Lots B & D. All parking lots will become more available after 3:45 pm on the first two days of the tournament. Doors to the pool will open at 3:45 pm. All spectators must be identified as paid to be admitted to the spectator area. **NEW THIS YEAR – THERE WILL BE TWO TICKET WINDOWS FOR SPECTATORS TO PURCHASE A TICKET. TICKETS WILL THEN BE TAKEN AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE POOL BALCONY.** Admission is established by the I.H.S.A. and will be \$8.00 per session (there will be 2 separate sessions on Saturday). There is handicapped access, via an elevator, to the pool balcony.

## **7. Locker Rooms:**

**A.** All participants will use the pool locker rooms. Only participants and coaches will be admitted to these locker rooms.

**B. Locks** - Bring locks to secure your valuables. Neither the IHSA nor Stevenson High School can assume responsibility for lost or stolen property.

**C. Towels** - Towels will not be provided. Please bring your own towels.

**D. Access** - Only participants and coaches will be admitted to these locker rooms, and only coaches, administrators, and officials will be allowed in the pool office.

**E. Security** - Participants are responsible for their own valuables. The locker rooms will be locked whenever they are not occupied. However, neither tournament management, Stevenson High School nor the IHSA will assume responsibility for any losses nor injuries while on the premises.

## **8. Warm-Ups:**

**A.** Warm-ups in the competitive pool will be allowed for fifteen (15) minutes prior to the first game of the session. Warm-ups in the competitive pool will be allowed for ten (10) minutes each subsequent game thereafter. Please see the attached timeline for participants and fans in your information packet.

**NOTE:** Teams may warm-up in the auxiliary pool while games are played. **Please remind your players to enter the auxiliary pool FEET FIRST.**

**B. Home and Away Teams** - The team listed on the top line of the playing bracket (or first) is the Home team and will wear dark caps. The team listed on the bottom line of the playing bracket is the Visiting team and will wear white caps.

**C.** Stevenson will provide balls for warm-ups.

**D.** The warm-up clock will start even if teams are not ready to enter the pool. Teams will be notified when the competition pool is open for warm-up before each game.

**E.** Half-time is five (5) minutes.

## 9. Introductions:

For all tournament games, as soon as the 10 minute warm-up is finished, the officials will meet both teams in the middle of the deck in front of the scores table.

Each team will line up across from their team bench in the following order facing the fans: Official, Goal Judge, Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, Manager(s), goalies and players in numerical order. When an individual name is called, they should step forward towards the stands and then step back into the line.

### A. Quarterfinal Game Introductions:

1. **Visiting team players:** non-starters in numerical order are introduced.
2. **Home team players:** non-starters in numerical order are introduced.
3. **Visitor – Home players:** starting line-ups announced in alternating manner
4. **Visitor-Home Coaches:** Head Coach and Assistants are introduced.

**Note:** Each head coach and his/ her win-loss record at the school will be announced. Following that information, each school's varsity assistant coaches will be announced.

5. **Officials:** Officials are introduced.
6. **National Anthem:** Will be played before games 1, 5, 9, 13 and 15.
7. **After the National Anthem is finished the coaches and players will shake their opponents hand to wish them good luck as the Sportsmanship announcement is read, then walk around the pool to their respective benches for brief final instructions.**
8. **After the introductions, if no National Anthem is played, the coaches and players will shake their opponents hand to wish them good luck as the Sportsmanship announcement is read, then walk around the pool to their respective benches for brief final instructions.**

### B. Semi-finals, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Championship Games:

Each team will line up across from their team bench in the following order facing the fans: Official, Goal Judge, Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, Manager(s), goalies and players in numerical order. When an individual name is called, they should step forward towards the stands and then step back into the line.

Only the starting line-ups and head coaches will be introduced.

1. **Visitor – Home players:** starting line-ups announced in alternating manner.
2. **Visitor-Home Coaches:** Head Coaches are introduced.

**Note:** Each head coach and his or her win-loss record at the school will be announced.

3. **Officials:** Officials are introduced.
4. **National Anthem:** Will be played before games 9, 13 and 15.
5. **After the National Anthem is finished the coaches and players will shake their opponents hand to wish them good luck as the Sportsmanship announcement is read and walk around the pool to their respective benches for brief final instructions.**
6. **After the introductions, if no National Anthem is played, the coaches and players will shake their opponents hand to wish them good luck as the Sportsmanship announcement is read and walk around the pool to their respective benches for brief final instructions.**

## 10. Post-Game Press Interview Sessions:

- A. After the championship game, short interviews will be conducted on deck prior to the awards ceremony.

**11. Complimentary Tournament Programs:**

A. The IHSA will provide each team with 25 complimentary copies of the State Final Official Tournament Program. These will be distributed to each coach by Beth Sauser.

B. No additional copies of the program will be available without charge, but may be purchased from vendors at Stevenson High School.

**12. Presentation of Awards on Saturday:**

A. Coaches and players are asked to cooperate with tournament management by immediately going to the designated area on deck for the awards presentations. Coaches and players are asked to assist tournament management in seeing that fans and unauthorized persons do not come onto the deck following a game. Only 25 team/school representatives, plus the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Athletic Trainer, may participate in the awards presentation.

B. All team personnel must stay on deck immediately following the game to participate in the awards ceremony.

**13. Passes: (Participant, School Administrator, Student Media):**

**NOTE:** The following is a description of the passes needed by your team and other school personnel. Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of the representatives of the competing schools to maintain possession of their passes. Replacement passes will not be issued. If passes are lost or given to others, you must buy a ticket to enter.

**A. Participant Passes (*Passes will be distributed to the coach by Beth Sauser upon arrival*)** – Each school advancing to the State Final Tournament, according to Terms and Conditions, will be issued up to 25 participant passes for use by the maximum 21 team members and 4 team personnel. Please distribute these passes to your players for them to wear as they enter Stevenson High School. If you bring more than 21 players, you must purchase additional tickets at Stevenson High School.

**\*\*Participant Passes will be collected by tournament officials when athletes enter the locker room prior to competition. These passes will be handed back to the athletes as they leave the locker room after their competition has concluded.**

**Participant and School Administrator Passes are good for all Tournament Sessions** - A Participant Pass is good for all tournament sessions of your respective tournament. Only Team Personnel with a Participant Pass are permitted in the team's locker room. Players in uniform will be admitted to the deck during their contest, but they must present their Participant Pass at all other times to be admitted to the authorized team areas of Stevenson High School.

**B. Administrative Passes (3) (*Passes will be at the ticket booth for pick up*)** – Each school advancing will be issued three Administrative Passes for use by the Superintendent/President, Principal, and Athletic Director. There will be a VIP entrance located in the Glass Commons. After parking in lot B, please enter through the circle drive and proceed to the right towards the pool. You will be able to sign in and pick up your Administrator's passes before entering the pool deck.

**C. Student Media Credential (3) (*Passes will be at the ticket booth for pick up*)** - Each school advancing has an opportunity to request three student media credentials. Students must show their student ID at the Media Pass Gate in order to obtain their pass for the tournament. If a school wishes to hire a yearbook company or professional photographer then those non-students must request a Press Credential through Beth Sauser. Student Media credential holders may not sit on the bench or cover the game in the bench area.

**14. Tickets**

There will be two ticket windows for spectators to purchase their tickets. Tickets will then be taken at the main entrance to the pool balcony. The cost is \$8.00 per session (there will be 2 separate sessions on Saturday). There is handicapped access via an elevator to our pool balcony.

**15. Team Bench:**

Only the players and team personnel who have been issued Participant Passes are allowed to sit on the team bench. In accordance with the Terms and Conditions, a maximum of 21 girls or boys shall be in uniform and be on the team bench during a game. Anyone seated on the team bench must have 1 of the 25 participant passes. **There will be no exceptions.**

If listed on the State Final Program Information, one (1) certified athletic trainer will receive an Athletic Trainer pass and sit behind the team bench.

**16. Medical Arrangements:**

An athletic trainer appointed by tournament management will be on duty on the pool deck during the tournament and will attend to participating players provided their coach is present at all times during evaluation.

**17. Video Taping:**

Participating schools are allowed to videotape their game from the stands. Schools will be able to set up their equipment twenty (20) minutes before game time.

**18. Alcohol:**

Alcoholic beverages may not be brought into Stevenson High School.

**19. Containers:**

Bottles, cans, coolers or other plastic containers are specifically prohibited from Stevenson High School.

**20. Fan Conduct:**

**A.** Patrons using foul language or appearing to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol may be ejected from Stevenson High School. If someone is interfering with the enjoyment of others, please contact the Stevenson security immediately. The IHSA Terms and Conditions prohibit the use of any mechanical or artificial noisemakers. This includes, but is not limited to, musical instruments, clap sticks, megaphones, and containers filled with rocks, coins, etc. Balloons are prohibited in the spectator/pool areas as well.

**B.** School Administrators are responsible for their fans behavior and actions while at Stevenson High School. Stevenson security and volunteers are there to assist you in making the state tournament a positive experience for your team and fans.

**NOTE:** Prior to arriving at Stevenson High School each Administrator should designate:

1. Staff members to act as school security in the stands. Prepare them to work with students and parents in the stands before, during and after the game.
2. Review the Do What's Right! Sportsmanship Expectations

**21. Smoking:**

In accordance with the State Law, smoking is prohibited at Stevenson High School. A designated smoking area has been established 15 feet away from the south entrance on the concourse level. If individuals wish to leave to smoke, their hand will be stamped, and they will have to present both the ticket stub and the stamped hand to re-enter.

**22. Concessions and Washrooms:**

Stevenson High School will have a full concession area with tables and chairs set up in the Glass Commons area overlooking the shallow end of the pool. Restroom facilities are also in this area.

**23. Hospitality:**

There will be a hospitality room set up in a Multi-Purpose room located next to the pool (Room 5044). Food and beverages will be available throughout the tournament for coaches, officials, administrators, and workers only.

**24. Merchandise:**

A merchandise stand is located in the Glass Commons Area and offers a variety of apparel items. Schools or fans may not sell or distribute state final merchandise at the site.

# 2014-15 Boys and Girls State Water Polo Series

## Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the Constitution, the Terms and Conditions governing the 2014-15 IHSA Boys and Girls Water Polo Tournament Series have been approved by the Board of Directors.

### I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo Tournament Series will be held for all member schools without classification.

### II. DATES AND SITES

**A. Game Sites:** Eight sites shall be selected by the IHSA Office to host the Sectional series. The winners of the eight Sectional sites will automatically advance to the Quarterfinals of the State Tournament.

**B. Sectional Game Dates: May 15-16, 2015**

**C. State Final Tournament:** The State Final Tournament on **May 21-23, 2015** will be hosted by Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, Illinois. Tricia Betthausen, Athletic Director, will serve as State Final Tournament Manager.

### III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND ON-LINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries, and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sport/activities included in the 2013-14 Entry Policies and Procedures.

**A. On-line Entries:** All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA Website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org). The deadline for entry is (February 1, 2015). The 2014-15 Entry Policy and Procedures outlining the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments can be found in the Schools Center on the IHSA website.

**B. Late Entries:** Any attempt to enter a sport or activity on-line after the established deadlines will be denied. Schools that wish to enter after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal/Official Representative must contact the IHSA administrative officer in charge of that sport or activity. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.00 for that sport/activity by the school.

**C. Breach of Contract By-law 6.041 (Withdrawal Procedure):** To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in writing, of the school's withdrawal from the respective sport by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Wednesday Season Summary Form deadline.

If a school withdraws after the Seeding Date/List of Participants due date but before the first competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty and, if applicable, the cost of game officials and the host school guarantee provided for in the Terms & Conditions.

If a school does not officially withdraw prior to the first competition and/or does not show up for competition, the school will be charged a \$100 penalty, the cost of game officials and the host school guarantee according to the Terms & Conditions for the respective sport.

**D. Eligibility:** All member schools in good standing may enter one team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 3.054. (By-law 4.071 for activities)

**E. Affirmative Action:** Boys and girls shall be permitted to participate in the state series except as provided in the IHSA Affirmative Action Policy.

#### **IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**A. Preliminary Games:** The host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue the checks to goal judges and game officials. The host shall receive a guarantee of \$230, reimbursement of goal judges and game officials and retain 20% of net income. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

**B. Quarterfinal Games:** The host school shall pay for all local expenses, the cost of goal judges and the cost of officials. The host shall receive a guarantee of \$270 and retain 20% of net income. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

**C. Semifinal and Final Games:** Host school shall pay for all local expenses and issue the checks to goal judges and game officials. Host shall receive a guarantee of \$270, reimbursement of goal judges and game officials and retain 20% of net income. If admission is not charged, the host school shall forfeit the guarantee.

The host school guarantee for each IHSA State series event has been calculated on the premise that certain expense components will most likely be incurred by the host school

**D. Admission Prices:** The following ticket prices have been set by the IHSA Board of Directors, "In Advance" or "At the Door".

Preliminary Rounds	\$5.00 per day
Quarterfinal Rounds	\$5.00 per day
Sectional Semifinals	\$5.00 per day
Sectional Finals	\$5.00 per day
State Final	\$8.00 per session
Baby in Arms	No Charge at any level

**E. State Final Team Expenses:** In the State Final Tournament, the teams participating in the tournament shall be allowed transportation expenses at the rate of \$2.00 per mile per team for one round trip to and from the site where the tournament will be played. In addition, each school will receive a flat expense reimbursement to cover some of the costs incurred by schools at the State Final. The IHSA will reserve a block of rooms for teams competing at the state finals for their use if they so choose. Any expenses or costs associated or charged to the rooms will be at each schools expense.

#### **Round Trip**

Mileage to State Final Site	Flat Rate Reimbursement
0-150 miles	\$500.00
151-300 miles	\$1,000.00
301-over miles	\$1,500.00

#### **F. Rights Fees for TV and Radio:**

1) Television Rights Fees to be charged by Local Managers and/or the IHSA are contained in the IHSA Television Policy.



2) Radio Fees, which shall be charged, are:

- a. Sectional Contest = No Charge
- b. State Final = \$50.00

3) Policy regarding media requirements for each Local Manager is contained in the current News Media Directory and IHSA Official Handbook.

## V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING

**A. Sectional Assignment:** All teams will be assigned to a Sectional complex on a geographic basis. If possible, an equal number of teams shall be assigned to each of the eight (8) Sectional tournament complexes.

**B. Season Summary Form:** Schools entered into the Boys and Girls Water Polo state series will be required to submit a Season Summary Form on-line in the IHSA Schools Center. Failure to do so by **10:00 a.m.** on Wednesday, April 22, will result in a school forfeiting its opportunity to participate in the seeding process. The Season Summary Form can be found in the IHSA Schools Center.

**C. Seeding:** All seeding will be conducted on-line through the IHSA Schools Center. Each school that completes the Season Summary Form by **10:00 a.m.** on Wednesday, April 22 shall have one (1) vote in the seeding process. No school shall vote for their own team. The link to seed the teams is located in the IHSA Schools Center and will be activated at **11:00 a.m.** on Wednesday, April 22. The deadline to seed teams is 12:00 Noon on Thursday, April 23. Seeding will only occur at the Sectional tournament level.

**D.** State Final pairings will be made by chance drawing in the IHSA Office.

## VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND TIME SCHEDULES:

### A. Playing Schedules: Sectionals

#### Girls:

Sectional Preliminary Round (if needed)	<b>Monday, May 11, 2015</b>
Sectional Quarterfinals	<b>Wednesday, May 13, 2015</b>
Sectional Semi-Finals	<b>Friday, May 15, 2015</b>
Sectional Finals	<b>Saturday, May 16, 2015</b>

#### Boys:

Sectional Preliminary Round (if needed)	<b>Tuesday, May 12, 2015</b>
Sectional Quarterfinals	<b>Thursday, May 14, 2015</b>
Sectional Semi-Finals	<b>Friday, May 15, 2015</b>
Sectional Finals	<b>Saturday, May 16, 2015</b>

1) Starting Times: 4:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. on school days. The Saturday Sectional Final games are to begin no earlier than 10:00 a.m. and no later than 4:00 p.m. Sites with three (3) games to play in a night must play at 5:45 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 8:15 p.m.

2) Warm-up time is 15 minutes prior to each game in competition pool. If an auxiliary pool is available at a Sectional site, competing teams are able to warm up after half time of the preceding game. Only swimming and passing drills may be practiced during this warm up.

3) In the event of a tie at the end of regulation play in tournament games, the overtime procedures in the National Federation Rules Book will be followed.

4) Preliminary Round games shall be held at the highest seeded school if facilities meet NFHS specifications. If not, a mutually agreed site shall be chosen.

5) In Even numbered years Boys will play M-W-F-S and Girls will play T-TH-F-S

6) In Odd numbered years Girls will play M-W-F-S and Boys will play T-TH-F-S

7) No local manager is authorized to change the order of games which are to be played as determined by the system adopted and announced by the IHSA Office.

### **State Final:**

#### **Thursday, May 21 Girls Quarterfinals**

Game 1 4:30 p.m.

Game 2 5:45 p.m.

Game 3 7:00 p.m.

Game 4 8:15 p.m.

#### **Friday, May 22 Boys Quarterfinals**

Game 5 4:30 p.m.

Game 6 5:45 p.m.

Game 7 7:00 p.m.

Game 8 8:15 p.m.

#### **Saturday, May 23 Girls Semifinals**

Game 9 9:00 a.m. - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Game 10 10:15 a.m. - Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

#### **Saturday, May 23 Boys Semifinals**

Game 11 11:30 a.m. - Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6

Game 12 12:45 p.m. - Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8

#### **Saturday, May 23 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Championship**

Game 13 3:30 p.m. - Loser Game 9 vs. Loser Game 10 (Girls Third Place)

Game 14 5:00 p.m. - Loser Game 11 vs. Loser Game 12 (Boys Third Place)

Game 15 6:30 p.m. - Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10 (Girls Championship)

Game 16 8:00 p.m. - Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12 (Boys Championship)

1) A third place game shall be played at the State Final Tournament between the losers of the two semifinal games.

2) In the event of a tie at the end of regulation play in tournament games, the overtime procedures in the National Federation rules book will be followed.

3) In Even numbered years Boys will play TH-S and Girls will play F-S

4) In Odd numbered years Girls will play TH-S and Boys will play F-S

## **VII. ADVANCEMENT OF WINNERS**

The eight (8) Sectional winners shall be advanced to the State Final Tournament.

## VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

**A. Rules of Play:** The 2014-15 National Federation Water Polo Rules as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations are adopted as the official playing rules for all tournament matches.

- 1) Each game in the tournament series will be played in four seven-minute periods.
- 2) A game shall not remain in a tie. Overtime procedures in the NFHS are to be followed.
- 3) Rules of Play: Mercy Rule (boys and girls). If a team has a ten-goal advantage at half time or anytime in the second half, the clock will run continuously. This is for state series matches only.

**B. Warm-ups:** Warm-up time is 15 minutes prior to each game in competition pool.

**C. Home Team:** Throughout the tournament series, the teams listed on the top line or the team listed first of a single game playing bracket shall wear dark colored caps and will be considered the home team. The team listed on the bottom line shall wear white caps and will be considered the visiting team.

**D. Balls:** The KAP7 International, Inc. KAP 105 is the Official Game Ball of the IHSA Boys Water Polo State Tournament. The KAP7 International, Inc. KAP 104 is the Official Game Ball of the IHSA Girls Water Polo State Tournament. Each Sectional Manager will receive three (3) balls to be used in the games at the site. The Manager shall give one ball to the Sectional winner upon completion of the Sectional Tournament.

**E. Team Roster:** The coach of each competing team must indicate the names of a maximum twenty-one (21) team players who will constitute the squad, prior to each game of the tournament series.

**F. Players in Team Uniform:** In each of the tournaments, no school shall have in uniform more than twenty-one (21) participants. The twenty-one (21) players shall be the ones designated in E above. No more than a total of twenty-five (25) persons from a school may be on the team bench.

### **G. Player Uniforms:**

1) All players shall wear regulation caps. Please refer to the NFHS Water Polo Rules Book Rule 4, Sections 1-6 regarding cap specifications. **NOTE:** new cap specifications will be in effect July 1, 2015.

2) The color of the ear guards on the field players' caps must match the color of the caps as closely as possible. Ear guards on the cap of the home goalkeeper must be dark; the ear guards on the caps of the visiting goalkeeper must be white.

3) Players shall wear non-transparent, one-piece swim suits. The suits shall contain only one visible manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference not exceeding 2 ¼ square inches in area and not exceeding 2 ¼ inches in any dimension. The suits may also include the name of the school or mascot.

4) Players shall remove any articles likely to cause injury including the following: jewelry, medical or religious medals, watches and swim goggles.

**H. Scorers and Timers:** Adults are recommended.

**I. Goal Judges:** Goal judges will be hired by the local manager. It is recommended that you use an IHSA licensed official. If a licensed IHSA official is not available, adults at least 21 years of age are recommended. Goal judges must be at least 21 years of age and may not be a member of the girls or boys water polo teams competing. It is recommended to secure adult goal judges. All goal judges should wear a plain white shirt and khakis while working the games.

**J. Assignment of Officials:** IHSA will hire four officials for all state series matches prior to the State Final. Host schools will be notified of those assigned officials. The IHSA will hire a total of eight officials for the Boys and Girls State Finals.

**K. Conduct of Coaches and Players:**

- 1) No coach, player or any other person connected with the team shall be permitted to use tobacco products on the bench or playing area either during practice or while a game is in progress.
- 2) The captain and the head coach shall be the official spokesmen and the sole representatives of their team in all communications with the officials.
- 3) Abusive remarks to game officials by coaches or players shall be regarded as unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be punishable under the provisions of By-law 3.151, 6.011, and 6.012.

**IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

**A. All-Star Teams:** No tournament personnel, game officials or anyone serving under the supervision of the Illinois High School Association may cooperate in any way in the selection of an all-star tournament team.

**B. Consolation Games:** In the Sectional tournaments, consolation matches to determine third place winners will not be permitted.

**C. State Final Passes:** Teams shall not be given passes to any Sectionals. For the State Final Tournament games, each Sectional winner will receive up to 25 deck passes for its 21 players and other team personnel for the State Final tournament. Three (3) additional passes for the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director will be given to gain entry to the tournament, but not on the deck.

**D. Bands:** Musical Instruments and bands shall be excluded from the natatorium.

**E. Signs and Noisemakers:** The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at IHSA state series events is permitted, provided they are in good taste, reflect good sportsmanship in their message, they reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school/community, they are not displayed on the field of play or in a manner which interferes with play, they do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators, and they are safe.

All mechanical and artificial noisemaking devices shall be excluded from the natatoriums. The local manager has the authority to exclude other noise making devices that distract from the competition including megaphones.

**F. Damage to Property or Equipment:** If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

**G. Practice Sessions:** For the Sectional and State Final Tournament games, teams will not be permitted to practice in the pool, unless it is their home school.

**H. Media Requirements:**

1) Provide Space: Space shall be set aside to provide for news media representatives covering the state series whether they are for newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations.

2) Radio and TV Originators: It is the responsibility of the Local Manager to accept applications, approve requests to originate, collect proper rights fees payments (where required) and make cancellation refunds for television and/or radio play-by-play origination's, according to IHSA Television and/or IHSA Radio Broadcast Policy.

a) Television Rights Fees for all levels of competition below the State Final level shall be paid to the host school and shall become part of the revenue to be shared by the member school(s) and the Association according to the financial terms stipulated in these Terms and Conditions.

b) Radio Broadcast Rights Fees are not required for any level of competition in this series (except State Final). Local Managers shall permit radio play-by-play originations of the competition.

c) Television and/or Radio Stations which do not apply in advance, or which do not pay required rights fees prior to the start of competition in each respective level in this state series shall not be given credentials nor allowed access to the facility to originate. Sponsors of the originations for television and radio shall be only those so stipulated in the respective IHSA Television and Broadcast policies.

3) All media requirements for the State Final tournament shall be handled through the IHSA Office.

4) Local tournament managers shall be responsible for reporting tournament information and results to the IHSA Office and the news media as stipulated in printed instructions received from the IHSA Office.

**I. Videotaping by Schools or Spectators:** Videotaping is allowed under the following conditions:

1) Local managers should be ready to provide an area for a competing school to videotape, if requested. When one school requests video space, then the local manager should provide similar space to both competing schools.

2) Non-competing schools and spectators will be allowed to videotape matches in the stands provided they do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators.

**J. Flash Photography:** The use of flash cameras is prohibited by fans during any match. News media is allowed the use of strobe lighting or electronic flashes provided the local manager agrees that the flashes are not causing interference with the conduct of the contest. The local manager can require, at any time, the photographer to cease use of the flash. The manager's decision is final.

**K. Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products:** The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

**L. Use of Inhalers:** A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self administration in the Illinois school code.

**M. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series:** The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premise, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

**N. Prayer at IHSA State Series Contests:**

Prayer at an IHSA state series contest that takes place over the public address system is prohibited.

**X. AWARDS**

**A. Sectional:**

1) Team awards will be provided by the IHSA for the winning team at each Sectional tournament.

**B. State Final:**

1) Team awards and individual medallions will be presented to the first, second, third and fourth placing teams at the State Final.

2) A medallion will also be presented to the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer of the first, second, third and fourth placing teams at the State Final.

**XI. OFFICIALS**

**A. Appointment and Fees:**

1. Sectional:

a) Four (4) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for each Sectional game. Each official will be paid a fee of \$35.00 per game worked. Goal Judges will be paid a flat fee of \$10.00 per game worked.

2. State Final:

a) Eight (8) officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. Officials will be paid a flat fee of \$49.00 per game worked plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator.

b) Goal Judges will be paid a flat fee of \$10.00 per game worked plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator.

c) One (1) Head Official will be appointed by the IHSA Office for the State Final games. The Head Official will be paid \$125.00 per day plus up to three nights lodging at a hotel designated by the IHSA Administrator.

**B. Mileage Reimbursement Policy:**

1) Each of the appointed officials, who actually incurs the expense, will receive 30 cents per mile for each mile over 70 miles for one round trip to the site provided the official submits a mileage reimbursement form to the IHSA office.

# Do What's Right!

## Sportsmanship

### DWR! EXPECTATIONS

- ❖ Represents their school and community well with positive interaction with opposing fans and players.
- ❖ Uses positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- ❖ Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- ❖ Respect and acknowledge the integrity/judgment of officials.
- ❖ Exhibit positive behavior with opponents and fans before, during and after the contest.

### Acceptable Behavior...

- During the National Anthem, students, participants and fans should remove any hats, face the flag, not talk, place the right hand on the heart, and remain still until the end of the anthem.
- Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Players shaking hands with opponents while both sets of fans recognize player's performance with applause.
- Accept all decisions of the game officials.
- Spirit Participants lead fans in positive support.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of contests, regardless of the outcome.
- Treat competition as a game, not a war.
- Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
- Applause at the end of the contest for performance of all participants.
- Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of the team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display sportsmanlike conduct.

### Unacceptable Behavior...

- Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision.
- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
- Yells that antagonize opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
- Blaming the loss of the game on officials, coaches or participants.
- Laughing or name calling to distract an opponent.
- Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.
- Doing own yells instead of following the lead of spirit participants.



## Boys/Girls Water Polo

### **Hotel Information**

#### **Participating Schools:**

For Teams requiring hotel accommodations, please contact Joan Bochat at Marriott Courtyard Lincolnshire at **847-232-5303** by 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2015 for hotel information.

#### **Family and Friends:**

Following is a list of hotels in the Lincolnshire area. You will be responsible for making your own hotel reservations during the Water Polo State Series Tournament. However, when calling any of these hotels, make sure to let them know that you will be with the *IHSA Water Polo State Series Tournament*. If you would like more information concerning these hotels, other hotels in the Lincolnshire area and/or any restaurants, please contact the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-LAKE-NOW, or by logging onto [www.lakecounty.org](http://www.lakecounty.org).

Courtyard by Marriott  
505 Milwaukee Ave.  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069  
Phone: 847-634-9555  
[www.courtyard.com](http://www.courtyard.com)

Hampton Inn  
1400 Milwaukee Ave.  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069  
Phone: 847-478-1400  
[www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com)

Hawthorn Suites Hotel  
10 Westminster Way  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069  
Phone: 847-945-9300  
[www.hawthorn.com](http://www.hawthorn.com)

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Lincolnshire  
10 Marriott Dr.  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069  
Phone: 847-634-0100  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)



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## State Final Student Media/Video Taping



Contact: Matt Troha • [mtroha@ihsa.org](mailto:mtroha@ihsa.org) • Phone: 309-663-6377 • Fax: 309-663-7479

### STUDENT MEDIA CREDENTIALS FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Congratulations on qualifying for an IHSA state final in a team sport. In order to provide the best possible coverage of this event for your school newspaper, yearbook and AV club, etc. you are entitled to have up to three students receive credentials to cover this event as official media members. In the event that you have less than three students, an adult sponsor may be included on this list. To apply for student media credentials, please have your Athletic Director or an individual involved with the aforementioned programs email Matt Troha ([mtroha@ihsa.org](mailto:mtroha@ihsa.org)) at the IHSA with the following information:

- 1) The names of individuals attending
- 2) Whether they are students or adults
- 3) If the attending individuals will serve as reporters, photographers, videographers, etc.

Student media who are registering for credentials are expected to maintain a level of professionalism while covering this event. That includes no cheering while in the press box or game coverage area. Proper attire is also required. Wearing school shirts and colors is acceptable, but students wearing face paint, costumes, carrying props, etc. will be required to change before receiving credential clearance.

The individual applying for student media credentials will receive specific information on credential pick-up and media regulations at the event via email in the days leading up to the state final.

Please note that student media credentials are only available for state final events in team sports. Due to the sheer volume of schools who qualify in individual sports, our press facilities would be unable to accommodate student media from all participating schools in individual sports. Student media are also welcome to cover IHSA state final activities. Credentials are not required for these events, but please have your students check-in with state final personnel upon arrival for media coverage regulations.

### VIDEO TAPING STATE FINALS FOR COACH FILM BREAKDOWN

Each school will be eligible to receive a pass for an individual attending the state final event to shoot game film that is for the sole purpose of being used by the coaching staff for postgame breakdown. Passes for videographers shooting highlight videos, documentaries, etc. should be included in student media application reference above. Additional passes for videotaping purposes will need to come from the allotment of state final passes given to school/head coach at or prior to the state final event.

To apply for a credential to shoot video, please have your Athletic Director email Matt Troha ([mtroha@ihsa.org](mailto:mtroha@ihsa.org)) at the IHSA with the name of the individual who will be taping and whether they are an adult or a student.

*Please contact Matt Troha (309-663-6377) at the IHSA for any questions related to this document.*

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# IHSA Boys/Girls Water Polo



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Please fill out the following information and fax or email it to LeAnna Mutchler by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19<sup>TH</sup>.

Name of City/School \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Boys    Girls

Head Coach's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**List below any additional bench personnel (e.g. managers, statisticians) that are not included in your Team Information pages, and will be receiving a medal in the awards ceremony:**

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# Water Polo Tournament Series Time Schedule

## Thursday, May 21, 2015

### Girls Quarterfinals

Ticket Booth and Doors Open	3:30 p.m.
Auxiliary Pool opens for Game 1 teams	3:45 p.m.
Game 1 Warm Ups Begin:	4:05 p.m.
Introductions/ Anthem:	4:20 p.m.
Game 1	4:30 p.m.
Game 2	5:45 p.m.
Game 3	7:00 p.m.
Game 4	8:15 p.m.

\* Games 2, 3 and 4 follow same timeline as Game 1, except the National Anthem will not be performed for games 2, 3 and 4.

## Friday, May 22, 2015

### Boys Quarterfinals

Ticket Booth and Doors Open	3:30 p.m.
Auxiliary Pool opens for Game 1 teams	3:45 p.m.
Game 5 Warm Ups Begin:	4:05 p.m.
Introductions/ Anthem:	4:20 p.m.
Game 5	4:30 p.m.
Game 6	5:45 p.m.
Game 7	7:00 p.m.
Game 8	8:15 p.m.

\* Games 6, 7 and 8 follow same timeline as Game 5, except the National Anthem will not be performed for games 6, 7 and 8.

## Saturday, May 23, 2015

### Girls Semifinals

Ticket Booth and Doors Open	8:00 a.m.
Auxiliary Pool opens for game 9 teams	8:20 a.m.
Game 9 Warm Ups Begin:	8:40 a.m.
Introductions/ Anthem:	8:55 a.m.
Game 9	9:00 a.m. - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Game 10	10:15 a.m.-Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

### Boys Semifinals

Game 11	11:30 a.m. - Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6
Game 12	12:45 p.m. - Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8

\*Games 10, 11 and 12 will follow the same timeline as game 9, except the National Anthem will not be performed for games 10, 11 and 12.

## **Saturday, May 23, 2015**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Championship**

Ticket Booth and Doors Open

3:00 p.m.

Game 13

3:30 p.m. - Loser Game 9 vs. Loser Game 10  
(Girls Third Place)

Game 14

5:00 p.m. - Loser Game 11 vs. Loser Game 12  
(Boys Third Place)

Game 15

6:30 p.m. - Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 10  
(Girls Championship)

Game 16

8:00 p.m. - Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 12  
(Boys Championship)

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**Tournament  
Pairings**

**Thursday, May 21, 2015 – Girls Quarterfinals**

**Ticket Booth and Doors open at 3:30 p.m.**

<b>GAME 1:</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>WINNER FROM:</b> Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep) Buffalo Grove	(H) (V)
<b>GAME 2:</b> 5:45 p.m.	<b>WINNER FROM:</b> Naperville (Neuqua Valley) Oak Park (Fenwick)	(H) (V)
<b>GAME 3:</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>WINNER FROM:</b> Frankfort (Lincoln-Way North) Northbrook (Glenbrook North)	(H) (V)
<b>GAME 4:</b> 8:15 p.m.	<b>WINNER FROM:</b> Schaumburg (H.S.) LaGrange (Lyons)	(H) (V)

**Friday, May 22, 2015– Boys Quarterfinals**

**Ticket Booth and Doors open at 3:30 p.m.**

<b>GAME 5:</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>WINNER FROM:</b> Schaumburg (H.S.) Oak Park (Fenwick)	(H) (V)
<b>GAME 6:</b> 5:45 p.m.	<b>WINNER FROM:</b> Buffalo Grove Frankfort (Lincoln-Way North)	(H) (V)
<b>GAME 7:</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>WINNER FROM:</b> Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep) Northbrook (Glenbrook North)	(H) (V)
<b>GAME 8:</b> 8:15 p.m.	<b>WINNER FROM:</b> Naperville (Neuqua Valley) LaGrange (Lyons)	(H) (V)

**Saturday, May 23, 2015**

**Ticket Booth and Doors open at 8:00 a.m.**

**GAME 9 – Girls Semifinals:**

9:00 a.m.	Winner Game 1	(H)
	Winner Game 2	(V)

**GAME 10:**

10:15 a.m.	Winner Game 3	(H)
	Winner Game 4	(V)

**GAME 11 – Boys Semifinals:**

11:30 a.m.	Winner Game 5	(H)
	Winner Game 6	(V)

**GAME 12:**

12:45 p.m.	Winner Game 7	(H)
	Winner Game 8	(V)

**Saturday, May 23, 2015**

**GAME 13 – Girls Third Place Game:**

3:30 p.m.	Loser Game 9	(H)
	Loser Game 10	(V)

**GAME 14 – Boys Third Place Game**

5:00 p.m.	Loser Game 11	(H)
	Loser Game 12	(V)

**GAME 15 – Girls Championship Game:**

6:30 p.m.	Winner Game 9	(H)
	Winner Game 10	(V)

**GAME 16 – Boys Championship Game:**

8:00 p.m.	Winner Game 11	(H)
	Winner Game 12	(V)

### MAP OF STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

