



UNIVERSITY SPORT SOUTH AFRICA AQUATICS ASSOCIATION

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Tournament Format and Rules

The pools will be set up and games played in the respective men's and ladies "long course" format.

All pool games will be four periods each of seven minutes actual play (4 x 7 min playing time), and all play-off matches and finals will be four periods each of eight minutes actual play (4 x 8 min playing time)

Coaches are permitted two timeouts per game.

Teams to please be ready before their game to get in the pool and start on time.

Men's section - Round robin within two pools, with cross pool play-offs on final day for final positions.

Ladies section - Round robin within two pools, with cross pool play-offs on final day for final positions.

Points

- Win = 3 points
- Draw = 1 point
- Loss = 0 points

In the event of two or more teams finishing with the same number of points, the following will determine the order in the pool

The team winning the game between the two teams shall be placed higher.

If the game between the two teams resulted in a tie, a further classification shall be established based on their results against the other teams in order of their ranking; first based upon goal difference, and next, based on goals scored. The comparison shall be made first, compared to the highest team, and then, if still tied to the next highest team, and so on.

If they are still tied, the tie shall be resolved by each team shooting five penalty shots at its opponent's goal in alternate succession. The first team shall take its first penalty shot and then the other team shall take its first penalty shot, etc. If a tie shall exist after that procedure, each team shall then take alternate shots until one team scores and the other misses. Different members of the team must shoot each shot. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of that round or at the first practical opportunity.

Play-offs, Semi-Finals & Finals

- In the event of a draw in the play-offs, semi's and finals, two three minute periods of extra time will be played. Thereafter a penalty shoot out will determine position.
- One additional timeout will be allowed in extra time.

Rules

1. All normal FINA rules to apply.
2. Any player or coach found guilty of misconduct, violence or brutality shall be dealt with in the following manner:
 - Misconduct – the punishment of the exclusion of the game shall be deemed sufficient punishment.
 - Violence – the punishment of the exclusion of the game shall be deemed sufficient punishment. A disciplinary hearing shall only be deemed necessary at the discretion of the technical delegate.
 - Brutality- any player excluded from a match for brutality will be immediately suspended for the player's next match and he/she will be required to appear before a disciplinary committee, who may, at its discretion, impose further suspensions.
 - In the event of a coach/manager receiving a red card he/she will face an automatic 1 game suspension. A disciplinary hearing shall only be deemed necessary at the discretion of the technical delegate.
3. No player may play for more than one team throughout the duration of the tournament.
4. Teams may register only 13 male and 13 female players for the tournament.
5. In all events, based on FINA Rules, the USSA appointed tournament director's decision is final.