



## Water Polo Tournament Rules

### **Rule Amendment #1 (Will Not Be Played as Pool Facilities Do Not Permit)**

Rule WP 20 — Ordinary Fouls (Corner Throw)

Existing rule:

"WP 20.15 – “The timekeeper recording the possession time shall reset the clock to 30 seconds:

c) When the ball is put into play after awarding a corner throw”

**PROPOSED rule:**

The timekeeper recording the possession time shall reset the clock to 20 seconds when a) the ball is put into play after awarding a corner throw, b) after a rebound after a shot which does not cause change of possession and c) after an exclusion - unless there is more than 20 seconds on the shot clock at the time of the exclusion, that greater time will remain.

### **Rule Amendment #2**

Rule WP 19 — Free Throws

Existing rule:

WP 19.1 – “A free throw shall be taken at the place where the foul occurred”

**PROPOSED rule:**

A free throw shall be taken from the location of the ball, except a) if the foul is committed by a defending player within the defender’s 2 metre area, the free throw shall be taken on the 2 metre line opposite to where the foul was committed and b) where otherwise provided for in the Rules.

### **Rule Amendment #3**

#### Rule WP 17 — Corner Throws

Existing rule:

WP 17.2 – “The corner throws shall be taken by a player of the attacking team from the 2 metre mark on the side, nearest to which the ball crossed the goal line. The throw need not be taken by the nearest player but shall be taken without undue delay”

**PROPOSED rule:**

**A player taking a corner throw and out-of-play free throw, may:**

- a) Shoot directly,**
- b) Swim and shoot without passing**
- c) Pass to another player**

### **Rule Amendment #4**

#### Rule WP 14 — Method of Scoring

Existing rule:

WP 14.3(d) – “A goal may be scored by (d) an immediate shot from a free throw awarded outside 5 meters”

**PROPOSED rule:**

**“A goal may be scored by a) an immediate shot from a free throw awarded outside 6 meters or b) after fake or dribble or putting the ball on the water”  
(Both the foul and ball must be outside 6m)**

**Note: After the player visibly puts the ball into play, the player can fake and shoot or swim and shoot. Once the player puts the ball into play, the defender can attack the player with the ball.**

**Visibly putting the ball into play means the ball must leave the hand of the player with the ball.**

## **Rule Amendment #5**

### Rule WP 14 — Method of Scoring

Existing rule:

WP 14.2 – “A goal may be scored from anywhere within the field play; except that the goal keeper shall not be permitted to go or touch the ball beyond the half distance line”

**PROPOSED rule:**

The goal keeper is allowed to move beyond and touch the ball past the half distance line. The goalkeeper is also entitled to take a penalty throw or to be one of the nominated players to take a penalty during a penalty shootout

## **Rule Amendment #6**

### Rule WP 5 — Teams and Substitutes

Existing rule:

WP 5.6 - “At any time in the game 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”

**PROPOSED rule:**

An ADDITIONAL Substitution Re-entry area will be at any place in between the goal line and the centre field line on the teams half of field of play (for flying substitutions).

[Note: an excluded player or the substitute must always re-enter via the re-entry box in the corner]