

Rules HaBaWaBa Plus U13 – 2018 edition

1.0 The teams

- 1.1 The teams are composed of max. 15 players from whom 6 players (5 + goalkeeper) will be in the water and 9 reserves. Teams of only (9) players are also allowed.
- 1.2 In the 2018 edition of HaBaWaBa Plus U13, athletes born in 2005 and following will be eligible.
- 1.3 There will be 2 tournaments at the same time 1 male and 1 female. In the two tournaments can take part:
 - HabaWaba Plus U13 boys: boys born 2005 and onwards
 - HabaWaba Plus U13 girls: girls born 2005 and onwards

2.0 Field of play

- 2.1 The field of play should be 20 m x 15 m. (maximum)
- 2.2 The minimum pool depth to be 2.00 m.
- 2.3 The penalty area should be at 5 m. (green signal)
- 2.4 The offside area to be at 2m. (red signal)
- 2.5 The goal dimensions: 2.50 m. x 0.80 m
- 2.6 The ball to be Nr 4 (The match balls are provided by the Technical Sponsor of the event.)

3.0 Game duration

- 3.1 Each game will last 4 periods of 7 minutes each with 1,5 min interval between periods.
- 3.2 The time runs continually and is only stopped in the event of: the scoring of a goal, the award of a penalty shot, or incidents of sickness, injury or technical failures within the field of play.
- 3.3 In the semi-Finals and Finals the time will be stopped after a goal and Coaches will be allowed to request 1 time-out of 1 minute per period
- 3.4 The team in possession of the ball is limited to 30 seconds of play.

4.0 Rules

- 4.1 During the game when the teams play with equal number of players, an attacker cannot stand in front of the opponent goal and up to 5 m for more than 5 secs.
- 4.2 The player who commits three major fouls cannot return to the field of play. Players committing brutality or not showing respect towards players or referees will be removed from the field and immediately replaced. The player then will be disqualified as per the severity of his behavior.
- 4.3 The expelled player can immediately return to the field (except for brutality, violent game, or disrespect) after first entering the ejection area placed under the bench.
- 4.4 At any time in the game, a player may be substituted by leaving the field of play at the re-entry area that is nearest to the player's own goal line. 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.
- 4.5 During the game, when the teams play with equal number of players, the zone defense tactics is not allowed. An exclusion foul should be awarded to player who drops back to protect an area unless that happens immediately after committing a simple foul to the opponent with the ball. As soon as his opponent pass the ball to a teammate the defender should return in pressing defense. In all other cases should apply the general rules of Water Polo.
- 4.6 After a foul outside the line of 5 meters the attacking player cannot shoot directly at the goal.

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4.7 The goalkeeper may be replaced only at the following stages of the game:

- a) *after a goal is scored*
- b) *during the interval between the game periods*
- c) *in case of interruption of the game called from the referee in case of injury*
- d) *the player replacing the goalkeeper must wear a red cap*

5.0 Points

- 5.1 The winning team will be awarded 3 points
- 5.2 In case of a tie, one (1) point will be awarded 1 point to each team
- 5.3 The losing team will be awarded 0 points
- 5.4 After the conclusion of the round robin phases a draw will not be allowed. Therefore if the match ends in draw a series of five penalty shot-outs will take place. If, at the end of this phase, the teams are still tying, then each team will alternately take a penalty until a victory emerges. The players will take their penalties in the same order as the first series of penalty shots.
- 5.5 In the event that two or more teams have the same points after the round robin matches, the following criteria will be applied to determine the final standing of the teams:
 - a. *Result in the match between the teams with equal points.*
 - b. *Superior goal difference between the teams with same points.*
 - c. *Highest number of goals scored between the teams with the same points*
 - d. *Superior goal difference in the group*
 - e. *Greater number of goals scored in the group*
 - f. *Draw*

6.0 Referees

- 6.1 One referee to officiate each game
- 6.2 One secretary to keep the protocol of the game, the score and also to control the improper re-entry of excluded players, improper entry of substitutes, exclusion of players and the third personal foul.
- 6.3 One timekeeper to record the exact periods of actual play, the periods of continuous possession of the ball by each team (30 seconds), the intervals between periods and the time-outs (at the semi-finals and finals)

7.0 Miscellaneous

- 7.1 Only the Coach and two assistants or team officials can sit on the bench. Only the Coach may give instructions to the team and walk along the poolside to the half way line of the field of play. The Coach shall immediately reposition themselves on the bench at the end of the attack of their team. The Coach must not be a hindrance to the work of the referee at any given point.
- 7.2 During the tournament, the Coach and accompanying staff will be obliged to wear the accreditation provided by the organizer and they will wear the kit of the club or at least, the same outfit.
- 7.3 During every game players must wear the supplied caps supplied of the technical sponsor of the event.
- 7.4 The Coach or team official will automatically be sent off for protest and suspended for the next game unless additional days will be decided by the event disciplinary Committee.

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- 7.5 For any intemperance of Coaches or supporters in the stands that makes difficult the smooth running of the game the referee may suspend the game temporarily. In case of continuation game will end and a 5-0 defeat will be assigned to the team whose supporters or officials are considered to be responsible for the incident.
- 7.6 In case that the intemperance's involve both teams or even the public of both teams, each team will be assigned a 5-0 defeat.
- 7.7 All matters not provided for in these regulations are governed by the general rules laid down FINA and FIN.

8.0 Fair Play Trophy

- The **HaBaWaBa Plus U13** tournament is an event based on ethics and strong values of mutual respect, social integration and Fair Play.
- Each person involved in this competition (children, coaches, team leaders, parents, supporters ...) is bound to respect these values.
- In an attempt to praise and honor these principles, the WPD has established an award called the "**HaBaWaBa Plus U13 Fair-Play Trophy**".
- The purpose of this award is to combat bad behaviour and to praise and encourage good behaviour.
- The assessment of each team will be recorded on the game sheet written by the secretary of each match.
- The assessment applies to all teams for all matches of the tournament.
- At the end, the teams will be classified according to an average rating awarded during all matches of the tournament.
- In the case of a tie regarding the rankings for the said trophy, there will be a draw between the teams on equal points.

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