



HaBaWaBa Asia 2018 (Singapore Edition) 13U Rules and Regulations

1. Team Composition

- a. Teams are allowed to register up to a maximum of 15 players and a minimum 9 players for the tournament.
- b. Only a maximum of 6 players (5 players and one goalkeeper) are allowed to be in the pool during a match. Remaining players will remain on the bench as reserves.
- c. For the 2018 edition, only boys and girls born in the year 2005 and later are allowed to participate.

2. Field Of Play

- a. The field of play will be 20m x 15m.
- b. The minimum pool depth is 2.0m
- c. The Penalty Area will be at 5m (designated by green cones)
- d. The Offside Area will be at 2m (designated by red cones)
- e. The goal dimensions will be 2.50m x 0.80m
- f. Size 4 balls shall be used for the tournament.

3. Game Duration

- a. Each game will be played in 4 periods of 7 minutes with a break of 1 minute after the first and third period and 5 minutes after the second period.
- b. The game time will run continuously and will only be paused when:
 - i. A goal is scored
 - ii. A penalty shot is awarded
 - iii. There is an incident of sickness or injury.
 - iv. A technical failure occurs
- c. In the Playoff games, time will be stopped after a goal and coaches will be allowed to request for a timeout of 1 minute per period.
- d. Teams in possession of the ball are limited to 30 seconds of play.

4. Rules

- a. Attacking players are not allowed to stay within 5m of the opponent goalpost for more than 5 seconds.

- b. Players who commit three (3) major fouls cannot return to the field of play. Furthermore, players found guilty of committing brutality or displaying disrespect towards other players or referees will be removed from the field immediately. The player might even be disqualified from the tournament depending on the severity of his actions.
- c. An expelled player may immediately enter the field of play (except for brutality or disrespect cases) after entering the rejection area situated under the bench.
- d. At any point of time in the game, a player may be substituted by leaving the field of play via the re-entry area situated nearest to the player's own goal line. Once the player substituting out has visibly risen up to the surface of the re-entry area, the substitute may enter the game via the re-entry area.
- e. When teams are playing with equal number of players, the "zone" defense tactic is not allowed. Exclusion fouls will be awarded to players who drop back to protect an area unless it happens right after a simple foul is committed to an opponent with the ball. As soon as the fouled opponent passes the ball, the defender should return to defending his own player.
- f. After a foul outside the 5m line, the attacking player cannot shoot directly at the goal.
- g. The goalkeeper can only be substituted in the following situations:
 - i. After a goal is scored
 - ii. During the end of each period
 - iii. When the referee calls for an interruption of game due to injury. The player replacing the goal keeper must be wearing a red cap.
- h. The general water polo rules will be applied in all other cases.

5. Points

- a. Winning teams will be awarded 3 points.
- b. In the case of a tie, one (1) point will be awarded to each team.
- c. Losing teams will be awarded zero (0) points.
- d. Points system will only apply to the preliminary games.
 - i. Beyond the preliminary phase, games ending in a draw will end in a 5 penalty shoot out.
 - ii. If the game is still tied at the end of that phase, the penalty shoot out will reach a sudden death phase where players from each team will continue the penalty shoot out in the same order. Each team will take a penalty alternatively until one team emerges as victor.
 - iii. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points accumulated after the preliminary round, the following

criteria will be used to determine the final standings of the teams:

1. Results of the match between the teams with equal points
2. Superior goal difference between teams with equal points
3. Highest number of goals scored between the teams with equal points
4. Superior goal difference in the group
5. Greater number of goals scored in the group

6. Technical Officials

- a. Each game is to be officiated by one (1) referee
- b. Each game requires one (1) official to keep the protocol of the game (score, re-entry, substitution, timeouts etc.)
- c. Each game requires one (1) timekeeper to record the timing for game periods, continuous possessions, breaks, and timeouts.

7. Miscellaneous

- a. Only one (1) coach and one (1) assistant are allowed to sit on the bench
- b. Instructions to the team can only be communicated to the team by the coach.
- c. Only the coach of the team is allowed to walk along the poolside up to the half way line. The coach must immediately return to the team's bench at the end of the attack. The coach must not be a hindrance to the referee at any given point of time.
- d. During matches, coaches and assistants of the teams are required to wear the accreditation passes provided to them by the organizers, and outfit representing their clubs
- e. During every game, players must wear caps supplied by the organizers.
- f. Coaches and assistants sent off for protest will also be suspended for the team's following game unless the organizers make the decision to increase the length of suspension
- g. Referees are allowed to temporarily suspend the game to deal with interference or disturbances caused by supporters or coaches in the stands that might affect the running of the game. In the case of continuous interference and disturbance, the game will end and a 5-0 defeat will be assigned to the team whose supporters/officials are considered to be responsible for the incident.
- h. In the case of a fight that involves both teams or even the public of both teams, a 5-0 defeat will be assigned to both teams.
- i. All matters not provided in these regulations are governed by general rules laid down by FINA.

8. Fair Play Trophy

- a. In an attempt to praise and honor the sporting values of mutual respect, social integration and fair plays, the WPD has established an award called the **“HaBaWaBa Fair- Play Trophy”**.
- b. The purpose of this award is to combat bad behaviour and to praise and encourage good behaviour.
- c. The assessment of each team will be recorded on the game sheet written by the official of each match.
- d. Teams will be ranked according to their average rating awarded to them during all matches of the tournament.
- e. In the case of a tie regarding the rankings for the HaBaWaBa Fair-Play Trophy, there will be on a draw between teams that attain equal points.