

HaBaWaBa Rules and Fair Play

1.0 The Teams

- 1.1 The teams should be made up of a maximum of 15 players with 6 players (5 + a goalkeeper) in the water at one time and 9 reserves. The team players can be all male, all female or mixed. Teams of only 9 players are also eligible.
- 1.2 The following players are eligible to participate in the **HaBaWaBa International Festival 2016**:
 - In the **Under 11 (U11) tournament**, those born in the years **2005 – 2006**
 - In the **Under 09 (U09) tournament** those born in **2007 and later**

2.0 Field of Play

- 2.1 The field of play is a maximum size of 25 x 15m. and a minimum size of 20 x 10m.
- 2.2 The minimum pool depth is 1.10m. for the **U09** and 1.40m. for the **U11** category.
- 2.3 Penalty area 4 m. (green line)
- 2.4 Offside area 2 m. (red line)
- 2.5 Dimensions of the goal: 2.15m x 0.75m.
- 2.6 Ball n° 3

3.0 Duration of the Game

- 3.1 2 periods of 12 minutes with a 3-minute interval between.
- 3.2 The time runs continually. In the Semi-Finals and Finals the time will be stopped after each goal and the coaches will be allowed to request a time-out. In the case of points **4.6.d** and **4.6.e** time will be stopped.
- 3.3 The team in possession of the ball is not limited to 30 seconds of play.
- 3.4 The referee may decide that possession of the ball should be given to the other team if there is obvious evidence of an intention to waste time.

4.0 Rules

- 4.1 A player who has committed four major fouls cannot return to the game. The player, who commits brutality, conducts himself violently or who fails to respect the players, referees or officials will be excluded and immediately replaced. He may be disqualified for further games based on the severity of the action.
- 4.2 The expelled player may immediately return to the game (except in the case of brutality, violence or disrespect) after he has clearly entered the expulsion area (his head must emerge from the water) located next to the team bench. A replacement may only enter the expulsion area after the head of the expelled player has clearly emerged from the water in the said zone.
- 4.3 Only in the case of the **U09** category, can the player catch the ball with two hands but he/she must throw the ball with one hand.
- 4.4 **Zone play is not allowed** in the HabaWaba tournaments.

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A foul awarded due to this type of play will be referred to as a "zone play foul". In the case of a first foul of this type, the team will be shown a yellow card.

The player who commits the second foul of this type will be expelled. The normal rules of water polo will apply in other cases.

- 4.5 After a foul, the player cannot directly shoot at the goal.
- 4.6 The goalkeeper may be replaced only when the game has been paused in the following cases:
- After a goal
 - During a time-out (available only in the Semi-Finals and Finals)
 - In the interval between the two periods
 - If the game has been stopped by the referee due to injury.
 - The player replacing the goalkeeper shall wear a red cap. Such a change should be made on the poolside and the referee and officials must be informed of the change. For the purposes of the draw, the player will always be identified by his number on the scoresheet which is valid throughout the whole tournament.

5.0 Score

- 5.1 The winning team will be awarded 3 points.
- 5.2 In the case of a tie, each team will be awarded 1 point each.
- 5.3 The losing team will receive 0 points.
- 5.4 In the event that two or more teams have the same points total after the preliminary group matches, the following criteria will be applied to determine the final standings of the teams:
- Result in the match between the teams with equal points.
 - Superior goal difference between the teams with same points
 - Highest number of goals scored between the teams with the same points
 - Superior goal difference in the group.
 - Greater number of goals scored in the group.
 - Draws
 - From the second phase and onwards, a draw isn't allowed.** Therefore, if the match ends in a draw, a series of five penalty shoot-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 victor emerges. The players will take their penalties in the same order as the first series of penalty shots.

6.0 Referees

- 6.1 One referee per match.
- 6.2 One secretary to record the goals and to act as a timekeeper.
- 6.3 At the discretion of the referee, coaches and/or carers may also be used to officiate. Potential candidates for referees should be reported to the Tournament Director by the respective parties prior to the tournament and a telephone contact number should be provided.

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7.0 Important Notes

- 7.1 Only a coach and an assistant/manager can sit on the bench.
- 7.2 Only the coach can give instructions to the team and get up and follow the action until the half way line of the field of play. The coach shall immediately return to the bench at the end of his team's attack. Whatever the case, the coach shall not hinder the work of the referee.
- 7.3 During the tournament, the coach and assistant/manager will be required to wear the accreditation provided by the organisation. They will also be required to wear their club uniform or a HaBaWaBa t-shirt.
- 7.4 During all of the games, the players must wear the caps of the Technical Sponsor of the event.
- 7.5 The coach or manager who has been expelled for protesting will automatically be suspended from at least for the next game.
- 7.6 Should the coaches, managers, helpers or supporters in the spectating areas make it difficult for the referee to officiate the match, then the latter will suspend the game temporarily and should the match continue, the team whose supporters, managers or helpers caused the disturbance will forfeit the match with a score of 5-0. If the disturbance is caused by both teams or even the supporters of both teams, then each team will forfeit the match 5-0.
- 7.7 The general rules of water polo will apply to any other matter that has not been examined in the preceding paragraphs.

Fair Play Trophy

- The HaBaWaBa International Festival is an event that is 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 honour these principles, the WPD has established an award called the "**HaBaWaBa 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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