

**ORANGE EMPIRE CONFERENCE  
MEN’S & WOMEN’S WATER POLO SUPPLEMENT**

**Section 4.31 – Water Polo**

**4.311 Season of Play**

- A. The water polo season shall begin on the date specified in the State Athletic Code.
- B. The water polo season is limited to the number of contests/dates as specified in the State Athletic Code.

**4.312 Pool**

- A. Games shall be played whenever possible, in a 25 meter (goal face to goal face). Pool must have side markings at **2 and 5 meters**.

**4.313 Ball**

- A. All games shall be played with the ball that has been approved for the California Regional and State Championships.

**4.314 Official Rules**

- A. Water polo contests shall be governed by NCAA rules.

**4.315 Officials**

- A. Two officials shall be assigned to each contest. If only one official is present at game time, teams shall delay the start of the game until the second official arrives or 15 minutes elapses (whichever happens first). The game shall be played in the event of only one official.
- B. The officials are certified by the Water Polo Officials Association.

**4.316 Home Team Requirements**

- A. Supplies and equipment needed for the conduct of the match shall be the responsibility of the host college.
- B. The home team shall arrange for three table workers (scorekeeper, game-clock timer, shot-clock timer.)
- C. *Air Horns should be available to call time outs in case of loud crowd noise.*

**4.317 Awards**

- A. There will be two champions, a single round and conference tournament champion. The conference tournament champion receives the award in this format.
- B. The conference will provide a trophy (one) for the Most Valuable Player as selected by the coaches.
- C. The conference will provide 18 All Conference Team Certificates
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5 All Conference Team
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 4 All Conference Team
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 3 All Conference Team
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 2 All Conference Team
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 All Conference Team
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 All Conference Team
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 All Conference Team
- D. The coaches may select a Coach of the Year. The conference will not supply this award.

**4.318 Time of Play**

- A. Odd numbered years - Women 3:00, Men 4:00, maximum, ½ hr warmup between games or mutually agreed.
- B. Even numbered years - Men 3:00, Women 4:00 maximum, ½ hr warmup between games or mutually agreed.

**4.319 A. The point system for seeding into Southern Cal’s as follows:**

	<b>Single Round</b>	<b>Conference Tournament</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	8 points	16 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 points	12 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 points	10 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	4 points	8 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	3 points	6 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	2 points	4 points
7 <sup>th</sup>	1 points	2 points

In case of a tie in total points the team with the higher finish in the conference tournament is seeded ahead of the team they tied.

In case of ties in the single round, the following tie breakers will apply.

1. Head to head competition in case of a 2 way tie.
2. Goal difference amongst tied teams only (+3 teams) in conference play.
3. Goal difference against all conference teams in conference single round play, using the +3-3 goal formula.
4. So Cal System in all contest, +3 -3 maximum.

4.320 Preparing Next Year's Schedule

A. Teams draw based upon Men's finish from previous year (as in 4.319 – seeding to Southern Cal's).

B. Final week will match teams:

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7-BYE

4.321 Rotation for hosting the conference tournament

A. 2011 Riverside

B. 2012 Cypress

4.322 When the women play at 3pm during conference play, they will play on Thursday for our conference tournament.

When the men play at 3pm during conference play, they will play on Thursday for our conference tournament.

Women's Championship Game will be played prior to the Men's Championship Game

4.323 In the event of a cancellation due to weather the game will be made up on the first available date agreed to by both colleges.