

Naperville Subdivision Summer Water Polo League **NSSWPL Year 2006**

Objective:

To introduce the sport of water polo to pre-high school boy and girl swimmers between the ages of 8 - 14 years old in the western suburbs of Chicago. The League will coordinate summer conference games and direct the Annual Naperville City Championship series for both an 11&U and 14&U Coed Division. The League Coordinators and Executive Committee shall focus on the development and instruction of players, coaches, parents, referees and administrators in the fundamentals of water polo. Teams will represent various Naperville/Aurora Subdivision Pools and other Chicagoland Junior Programs. Information updates and correspondence shall be communicated via web site: www.napervillewaterpolo.com.

Detailed League Information:

Exhibit A:	Rules & Regulations
Exhibit B:	Calendar of Events
Exhibit C:	Active Programs and Contact Personnel
Exhibit D:	Waiver Form

League Coordinators:

Conference Results:	Jeff Plackett, jplackett@ncusd203.org
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Executive Committee (High School Head Coaches):

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	Bill Salentine, NCHS	420-4265	wsalentine@ncusd203.org
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Other Area Program Offerings:

Level #1: An introductory class for beginning players is offered via the Naperville Park District. Sign-up takes place during their Spring registration period. Classes will meet 1 day per week for approx. 1 – 1.5 hours per session. Classes will meet for a total of 8 regularly scheduled sessions at NNHS on Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm for 11U and from 7:30 – 9:00 pm for 14U. Participants will be invited to partake in optional scrimmages and games during the June/July term and represent the Beach in NSSWPL competitions. The focus of the class is to teach introductory water polo skills such as passing, catching and shooting. Later sessions are devoted to actual game situations and scrimmages against kids of like abilities.

Level #2: This level comprises the NSSWPL. Various Subdivision Pools throughout Naperville will offer independent Water Polo programs. These programs will target pre-high school boys and girls. Please check with individual pools for scheduling, fee structure, and coaching personnel (See Exhibit C for contact info). Beginning in the summer of 2006, the NSSWPL will no longer extend membership to club programs. The Naperville Park District class, Waubonsie Whitewater Club, and Delta Aquatics will remain “grandfathered” into league competition. If one of these organizations removes themselves from competition, their exemption will be terminated and they will not be allowed to rejoin the NSSWPL.

Level #3: For more experienced Age Group players and our High School and Open athletes, we encourage your participation in area Club programs that participate in the USWP Midwest Zone Summer League Tournaments such as Prairie States, Stevenson HS, Des Moines, Iowa and St. Louis, Missouri. Each program will require registration with USWP (see www.usawaterpolo.com for registration materials). Past programs have included the West Suburban Water Polo Club (www.wswpc.com) and the Armada Water Polo Club (www.armadawaterpolo.com). Please contact these programs for additional information on game scheduling, fee structure, and coaching personnel. They may also be accessed via the www.napervillewaterpolo.com web site, click “Links”.

Exhibit A

Naperville Subdivision Summer Water Polo League
NSSWPL YEAR 2006 - RULES AND REGULATIONS:

TEAMS:

Teams will consist of coed boys and girls that have not yet entered high school. Age group athletes will compete in three divisions: 14 & Under Coed, 14 & Under Girls, and 11 & Under Coed. Teams should be comprised of athletes from their own pool membership. Combination with one other Pool is possible with League permission. Recruiting selective athletes is not allowed. U11 athletes may be allowed to play in U14 division at coach's discretion but no 12 & older will be allowed to play in U11 Division. Eligible U11 athletes must be under 11 yrs old before 5/31/06 (mirrors the NPD Swim Conference). Eligible U14 athletes must be 14 yrs old or under as of 1/1/06. Any exceptions must be petitioned to the NSSWPL Coordinators.

Beginning in the summer of 2006, the NSSWPL will no longer extend membership to non-subdivision programs. The Naperville Park District class, Waubonsie Whitewater Club, and Delta Aquatics will remain "grandfathered" into league competition. If one of these organizations removes themselves from competition, their exemption will be terminated and they will not be allowed to rejoin the NSSWPL.

PLAYING RULES:

We will follow all current USWP rules (see www.usawaterpolo.com) with the following exceptions:

- a. U14 Quarters will be 5 minutes in length (stop/start).
- b. U11 Quarters will be 5 min. running time with stop/start in the last minute of each quarter.
- c. Each team will be allowed two (2) timeout per game. One (1) in overtime.
- d. No goggles or jewelry / bands will be allowed during competitions
- e. Overtime will be used only during Championship games. 2 x 2 minute periods, followed by a sudden-victory period (a coin flip to be "called" by the visiting team shall determine defensive zones).
- f. Forfeits will result if ineligible players are used.
- g. Any Brutality or Unsportsmanlike foul is cause for expulsion from League play and the Championship series.
- h. All scores are final. The referee authority in each game is final.

LEAGUE RULES:

1. Each Team will play a minimum of five (5) Conference Games against different Teams in the League to secure seeding in Championship series. If more than one game is scheduled against a Team, the coaches must decide which game counts as the Conference qualifier. Teams can schedule games at a site as mutually agreed. Team games schedules and game results should be forwarded to League Coordinator when available. Game results will be posted on web site.
2. The League will attempt to secure additional pool time at the area high schools and/or Centennial Beach. Dates will be made available via web site and equitably shared amongst the programs. Priority will be given to Conference game qualifiers and start-up programs lacking pool time. The home team (blue caps and listed second in the schedule) is required to report the results of the contest within two days to the League Coordinator. Once posted on web site, results become final one week thereafter.
3. The 8th Annual "Naperville City" Championship series will be held during July and coordinated by the NSSWPL and elected host Team. For 2006, the 14U Girls and Coed Cups (hosted by Huntington Estates) will take place during the week of July 17 at NCHS from 6 – 10 pm. The 11U Cup (hosted by Cress Creek) will be held Sunday, July 16th at Cress Creek Country Club. Awards for the top three places for the U14 and U11 divisions shall be provided. Single or double elimination will be determined based upon number of teams and pool availability. Coaches shall select an All-League Team at the conclusion of both Championships. Championship entry fees and tournament budgets shall be determined by the Tournament Directors with approval by the League Coordinators at a pre-Championship coaches meeting held on the Thursday night before the U11 tournament.

4. During tournament play, no individual player will be eligible to play for more than one team, regardless of division.
5. Teams are responsible for their own practice balls and game caps. The home pool is responsible for the game balls and running the table. All U14 and U11 Conference games shall have two referees per contest. Each team will supply one referee for four quarters. The teams must mutually agree on the services of two objective Referees (parents, administrators, or assistant coaches). Absent mutual consent, the teams must select a Referee from a list of eligible officials that have been certified by the League and posted on the web site. Any Referee fees shall be predetermined and paid by the participating teams. The League will secure the services of officials during the "Naperville City Championships".
6. Each team shall be required to pay an insurance premium for each athlete in advance of its first event. The fee for each player participating in League play in the 14&U division is \$5.85. The fee for each player in the 11&U division is \$5.50. A check made payable to: Francis Dean & Associates (ph 630-665-7011), shall be submitted to the League Coordinator within two weeks of the initial May coaches meeting. In order to participate, all parents or guardians of athletes must sign the waiver form as depicted in Exhibit D. Copies of the original forms should be forwarded to League Coordinator prior to competing in their Teams' first Conference game. Valid Waiver forms shall determine eligibility for Conference play and the Championship tournaments.
7. The success of the League requires the mutual respect amongst all the participants, including coaches, parents, administrators and Board members. Each team will be held responsible for its actions and the actions of its parents/fans at all League venues. Failure to respect property and person may result in the exclusion from future League participation as determined by the Executive Committee.
8. Further League Information and Updates can be found via web site: www.napervillewaterpolo.com

Program Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this program, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program (including transportation services/vehicle operation, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this program, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this program against the Naperville Subdivision Summer Water Polo League, the Naperville Park District, the Team indicated herein, officials, coaches administrators, agents, volunteers, and employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as League).

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the League from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this program.

Warning of Risk: Recreational programs are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental, and emotional resources of each participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning, and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when participating in any recreational program. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Depending on the particular activity, participants must understand that certain risks, dangers, and injuries due to inclement weather, slipping, falling, poor skill level or conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, premises defects, inadequate or defective equipment, inadequate supervision, instruction or officiating, and all other circumstances inherent to indoor and outdoor recreational programs exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the League to guarantee absolute safety.

Team: _____

Athlete Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

My son / daughter has permission to participate in the competitive water polo program offered by the Team highlighted herein.

Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact #1 Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact #2 Phone: _____