



## Waterpolo Official Rules

### Promotional Sport

The water polo tournaments shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the “Fédération Internationale de Natation” (FINA).

**Team Composition:** in accordance with the sporting spirit, fairplay and friendships that animate the World InterUniversities Championships, and since Waterpolo has been introduced for the first time in the Championships as “Promotional Sport”, the IUSC Committee has decided to allow the entry of female players into the team, together with the male players.

There will be the possibility to have a mix Waterpolo team (male and female) or a total male team.

#### **Team Size:**

team of seven (7) players  
maximum 13 in total

#### **Rules**

Competition is divided into two periods of 8 minutes. The game clock starts when the first player comes into contact with the ball; the clock is stopped when a referee blows the whistle and will resume when the ball leaves the hand of the player in possession of the ball.

A three-minute break takes place and the two teams change sides.

Timeout: 1 for team for match

If the score is tied at the end of regulation play, one three-minute overtime period is played

If the tie is not broken after one overtime period, a penalty shootout will determine the winner.

**Promotional Sport: Waterpolo male:** it will not concur in the University Final Ranking and will have only Trophy/Cups and Medals

**Also:** The organizing committee reserves the right to change the format of the Championships if it is in the best interest of competitors and based on organizational needs. The team will obviously be warned of the changes in time.

**Every coach and player must take note of the rules of the game with the exceptions above. With this document we would like to acknowledge that you know and are aware of the rules of the game and accept them for this Championship.**