

Rules Changes Effective March 1 (Will play for all of league)

Rules Amendment #2:

Rule WP19 - Location of Free Throw: A free throw shall be taken at the spot of the ball, except (a) if the foul is committed by a defending player within the defender's 2-meter area, the free throw shall be taken on the 2-meter line opposite to where the foul was committed and, (b) where otherwise provided for in the rules.

Rules Amendment #4:

Rule WP5 - Additional Substitution

Area: An additional substitution re-entry area will be at any place in between the goal line and center pool line on the teams half of the field of play (for flying substitutions). Substitute must always re-enter via the re-entry box in the corner. The rule only applies to pools with sidelines of at least a half meter from the wall.

An ADDITIONAL Substitution Re-entry area will be at any place in between the goal line and the center field line on the teams half of field of play (for flying substitutions). [Note: an excluded player or the substitute must always re-enter via the re-entry box in the corner] TWPC Discussion notes and comments: There will be some restrictions in the application of this rule: 1. There is no restriction on the number of substitutes a team may have at the side of the pool. 2. In order to move along the side of the pool, a substitute must enter beside the re-entry area without diving – in the same manner as if entering the water for the re-entry area. 3. Players must visibly touch hands above the water once both the player exiting and the substitute are outside of the field of play. The player must exit the field of play before the substitute may enter. 4. The player exiting must swim along the side of the pool until behind the goal line. 5. Substitution can occur anywhere between the team's goal line and the centre line, and it can occur anytime during the game. 6. Any of the referees or the official table can

signal a violation of this rule, and the sanction for improper entry (WP 21.16) is to be applied.

Rules Amendment #5:

Rule WP11 - Interval at Half-time: The interval at half-time shall be no more than 3 minutes.

Rules Amendment #7:

Rule WP14 - Goalkeeper Privileges: The goalkeeper is allowed to move beyond and touch the ball past the half distance line. They are allowed to shoot from anywhere and can participate as a shooter in a penalty shot or shootout.

Rules Amendment #8:

Rule WP12 - Time-outs: A team is entitled to no more than 2 time-outs per game. Time-outs can be called at anytime by the coach of the team in possession of the ball, except after awarding a penalty throw.

Rules Amendment #10:

New Rule - Direct Shot Signal by the Referees: If a free throw is awarded for a foul outside, but within one meter of the 5-meter line, the referee administering the free throw will point downward to the 5-meter line to indicate that the player is eligible to shoot a direct shot on goal.

All rules and when they implement:

<https://usawaterpolo.org/news/2019/1/28/events-usa-water-polo-announces-implementation-of-new-fina-water-polo-rules.aspx>

More detailed description of rules here:

https://www.fina.org/sites/default/files/general/3-2018-test_rules_for_youth_world_championships_-_with_commentary_july-10_2018.pdf