

# Ohio Water Polo Referees Association (OWPRA) Annual (2008) Rules Test

The successful completion of this test does not qualify you automatically for membership in OWPRA. If you are interested in joining OWPRA, you can find an application (with instructions) at [owpra.org](http://owpra.org).

This is not a test for certification as a USAWP or CWPA referee.

The test is based on the current (**2008-2009**) NFHS (NISCA or “high school”) water polo rules; **these are the rules we will be using for the upcoming water polo season**. A copy of this rule book has been mailed to those of you who are active members of OWPRA. For those of you who do not have a copy of the current rules, you can download the following documents from the NFHS web site:

“2008-09 NFHS Water Polo Rule Changes”:

[http://www.nfhs.org/web/2008/07/200809\\_nfhs\\_water\\_polo\\_rules\\_ch.aspx](http://www.nfhs.org/web/2008/07/200809_nfhs_water_polo_rules_ch.aspx)

“2008-09 NFHS Water Polo Instructions to Referees and Points of Emphasis for Coaches and Referees”:

[http://www.nfhs.org/web/2008/07/200809\\_nfhs\\_instructions\\_to\\_ref.aspx](http://www.nfhs.org/web/2008/07/200809_nfhs_instructions_to_ref.aspx)

“Major Differences Between 2007--08 NFHS and 2008-10 NCAA Water Polo Rules”:

[http://www.nfhs.org/web/2008/07/major\\_differences\\_between\\_20070.aspx](http://www.nfhs.org/web/2008/07/major_differences_between_20070.aspx)

Unless indicated otherwise, you should assume that the questions in this test apply to a game that is played in a pool of regulation width, length, and depth. The test is “open book.” Answer all questions and return your answers to Pete Pappas --- instructions are located at the top of the answer sheet.

In accordance with OWPRA’s Policies and Procedures (Article 4.2.5), you may take the test more than one time. However, **your score on the first test that you submit for grading will be used to determine, in part, your membership level in OWPRA. If you wish to be considered for assignment to either of the Regional Tournaments or the State Championships, you must submit a copy of this test for grading no later than:**

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For the following statements, indicate whether each is true (T) or false (F). If any part of the statement is false, then the correct answer is false. (Or, the entire statement must be true for the correct answer to be true.)

- 1) The water polo ball must be predominately yellow or gold in color. If the ball has color panels, the panels must be manufactured (i.e., not painted).
- 2) There must be a pre-game meeting among the referees and team captains. Coaches are not required to attend this meeting.
- 3) Blue is on defense, and the blue coach calls a timeout. The white team should be awarded a penalty throw.
- 4) An excluded player interferes with play while leaving the field of play. The referee should exclude the player for the remainder of the game with delayed substitution and award a penalty throw to the opposing team.
- 5) During a game of regulation length (4 quarters), each team is entitled to 3 timeouts of 2 minutes and one timeout of 20 seconds.
- 6) W18 is charged with a penalty foul (3<sup>rd</sup> personal foul). As the teams are lining up for the penalty throw and W18 is exiting the pool, W18 commits an act of misconduct. The blue team is awarded an additional penalty throw, but W18's substitute is permitted to enter the game before the two penalty throws are administered.
- 7) If an excluded player re-enters the game improperly at any time (e.g., pushes off the side of the pool), the referee should exclude the player again and award a penalty throw to the offended team.
- 8) If a coach is issued a red card, he/she must leave the pool facility.
- 9) B12 is excluded and charged with his 1<sup>st</sup> personal foul. While swimming to the re-entry area he commits an act of misconduct. B12 should be excluded from the remainder of the game with delayed substitution, and the offended team should be awarded a penalty throw.
- 10) If a player is injured, the referee should suspend play for 3 minutes to determine if the player will be able to continue in the game.
- 11) Any "correctible errors" should be addressed at the conclusion of the game and, if appropriate, any protest filed at that time.
- 12) A defensive player who is inside of the 5 meter line raises two hands to prevent a probable goal. The referee should charge the player with a penalty foul.
- 13) A referee may issue a red card to a player on the bench or to a player in the water if the player refuses to leave the field of play after receiving a game misconduct penalty.

- 14) B6 is charged with brutality (flagrant misconduct). B6 is excluded from the remainder of the game with delayed substitution, the white team is awarded a penalty throw, and the white team retains possession of the ball after the penalty throw is taken.
- 15) B3 is excluded and begins to swim to the re-entry area. Before B3 reaches the re-entry area, the referees signal a change in possession, so B3 swims back into the field of play. Under these circumstances, the white team should be awarded a penalty throw, and B3 is charged with a personal foul.
- 16) A defensive player tips a pass out of bounds over the sideline. The offensive team retains possession of the ball, and the possession clock is not reset.
- 17) Before a penalty throw is taken, only the team on offense may call a timeout. If the offensive team calls a timeout, both teams may substitute players before the penalty throw is administered.
- 18) If a player is issued a red card, he/she must leave the pool facility.
- 19) If the head coach receives a red card, the assistant coach assumes the rights and privileges of the head coach (e.g., the assistant coach may stand and walk up to the 5 meter line when his/her team is on offense).
- 20) A field player who is outside of the 5 meter line raises both hands in an attempt to block a shot. That player should be charged with an exclusion foul.
- 21) During actual play, the assistant coach for the offensive team stands, walks to the 5-meter line, and starts yelling at his/her players. The coach should be issued a red card.
- 22) If an illegal (8<sup>th</sup>) player enters (or re-enters) the game while his/her team is not in possession of the ball, that player should be excluded for the remainder of the game and the opposing team awarded a penalty throw.
- 23) If a referee awards a foul but points in the wrong direction, play should be stopped, the ball removed from the pool, and play restarted when neither team has an advantage.
- 24) W12 is charged with a penalty foul (2<sup>nd</sup> personal foul). As the players are lining up for the penalty throw, you hear W12 say, "no way!," and you exclude W12 for a "minor act of disrespect." The blue team should be awarded a second penalty throw.
- 25) After a goal was scored and play was re-started, one of the referees noticed that the game clock was started 5 seconds late. This error should be corrected at the next stoppage of play.

- 26) The authority of the referees over the players, coaches and team officials begins 15 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin and ends 5 minutes after the game is completed.
- 27) If a defensive player tips a pass out of bounds over the end line, a corner throw should be awarded.
- 28) The game is stopped to correct a clock error. Play is restarted by B8 taking a free throw at mid-pool. B8 may take an immediate shot at the goal.
- 29) A team may elect not to take a penalty throw and keep possession of the ball during any period of overtime.
- 30) A protest, if filed after the game, must be filed within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the game.
- 31) The attack referee calls an ordinary foul on B3, and, simultaneously, the perimeter referee calls an exclusion foul on W4. The exclusion foul takes precedence in this situation, so W4 is excluded and the foul against B3 is ignored.
- 32) As long as the ball is within the field of play and outside of the 2 meter line, all free throws are taken from the location of the ball.
- 33) W9 is excluded and the blue team calls an immediate timeout. During the timeout, W13 substitutes for W9, but W9 leaves the pool before entering the re-entry area. When play is re-started by the blue team, W13 should be charged with an exclusion foul for an illegal entry.
- 34) The attack referee excludes W12 and B6 simultaneously. Since there will be no change in possession, the shot clock should not be re-set when play re-starts.
- 35) It is an exclusion foul for any defensive player, other than the goalkeeper, to attempt to block a pass or shot with two hands while inside of the 5-meter line.
- 36) The white team's coach has been given a yellow card. He/she must remain seated for the remainder of the game except when making substitutions or calling a timeout.
- 37) The referees do not switch sides of the pool if the teams change ends after each period of play. This is true for both "all deep" and "shallow-deep" pools.
- 38) Blue is on offense and has no timeouts remaining. The blue team's coach calls for a timeout. The white team is awarded the ball at or behind mid-pool.
- 39) B19 is excluded (3<sup>rd</sup> personal foul) and, while exiting the pool, yells at the referee, "you suck." The white team is awarded a penalty throw.
- 40) A coach must wait until the end of a game to file a protest.

- 41) If a player is "gamed" for misconduct, he/she must remain seated on the team's bench with his/her cap on.
- 42) As W4 is taking a penalty throw, B18 splashes water in his/her direction. The penalty throw is good. Since a goal was scored, B18 should not be penalized.
- 43) White has possession of the ball. B21 jumps off the pool deck and into the field of play. B21 should be excluded from the remainder of the game, and the white team should be awarded a penalty throw.
- 44) B23 and W12 are excluded simultaneously. The exclusion period begins when one of the players involved in the neutral throw actually touches the ball.
- 45) Before a game begins, referees must ensure that the field of play, game equipment, suits and caps, etc., comply with all rules of the game.
- 46) At the conclusion of the game, the blue team's coach files a protest. In support of his protest, the blue team's coach offers to show the referees a videotape. The referees should view the videotape before making any decision relative to the coach's protest.
- 47) At 4:19 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of regulation play, W9 receives his third personal foul, but the table does not red-flag him. W9 re-enters the game at 4:09 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, at which time the score is 4-7 (blue-white). This error is discovered at 5:12 of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of play, at which time the score is 12-8 (blue-white). Under these circumstances, the blue team, which is now winning, has the option of ignoring the table's mistake and playing on as if nothing happened.
- 48) With 2:10 remaining in the 4<sup>th</sup> period of play, B12 is excluded, and the white team's coach tries to call an immediate time out. Because of noise, the referees do not immediately hear the coach. The referees finally hear the coach at 2:05 and call a timeout. Under these circumstances, the game clock should be reset to 2:10 and the shot clock should be reset to 30 seconds before play is restarted after the timeout.
- 49) W17 is excluded. He swims to the edge of the field of play and ducks under the lane line marking the edge of the field of play. He then swims to the team's re-entry area. The player should be excluded from the remainder of the game with delayed substitution.
- 50) It is an ordinary foul to retain possession of the ball for longer than 35 seconds without shooting it at the opponent's goal.
- 51) Blue is on offense. In order to swim around a defender, B17 momentarily swims inside of the 2-meter line but does not interfere with play. Under this circumstance, an ordinary foul should not be called.

- 52) During a girl's game, you discover that the zipper on B5's suit is broken and will not zip. B5 should be removed from the game at the next stoppage of play and a substitute allowed to enter immediately. B5 should not be permitted to re-enter the game until the zipper is fixed or she changes into a new suit.

For the following questions, enter the letter(s) of the correct answer(s) for each question in the answer sheet. Note that each question has at least one correct answer, but some questions might have more than one correct answer. To receive credit for an answer, the answer must contain all of the correct answers and none of the incorrect answers.

- 53) A goal throw ...
- Is awarded if a defensive player blocks a pass and sends the ball over the goal line.
  - Is awarded if a defensive player deliberately throws the ball over the goal line.
  - May be taken outside of the 2-meter line if the counter ball is thrown into the pool outside of the 2-meter line.
  - Counts as a goal if the goalkeeper accidentally drops or throws the ball into his/her own goal.
  - Must be taken within the 2-meter area by only the goalkeeper.
  - Must be taken within the 2-meter area by any player on the offensive team.
  - That is taken incorrectly must be retaken.
- 54) If a coach calls for a timeout when neither team has possession of the ball ...
- The offending team shall lose one of any remaining timeouts the team has.
  - The coach shall be issued a yellow card.
  - The referee shall award the ball to the opposing team.
  - The opposing team is awarded a penalty throw.
- 55) During play, a player leaves the water (pool) after being excluded but before going to the re-entry area. That player ...
- Shall be charged with only an additional personal (exclusion) foul.
  - Shall be charged with misconduct and be excluded from the remainder of the game with delayed substitution.
  - Must go to the re-entry area before a substitute can enter.
  - Shall be charged with a minor act of disrespect and the opposing team awarded a penalty throw.
- 56) For a regular timeout...
- The possession clock is not reset.
  - Both teams must move to their respective defensive sides of the pool.
  - The defensive team may request a timeout anytime after the offensive team has been awarded a timeout but before the ball has been put into play.
  - Neither team is permitted to line up for a re-start until the entire 2 minute timeout has been completed.
  - Only the coach or assistant coach is permitted to call a timeout.

- 57) In the case of a double (simultaneous) brutality foul ...
- Both players are excluded for the remainder of the game.
  - Both teams are awarded a "dead-time" penalty throw.
  - The first penalty throw is taken by the team that was in possession of the ball when the fouls were called.
  - After the penalty throws are completed, play is restarted by the team that was in possession of the ball at the time of the fouls taking a free throw at mid-pool.
- 58) B5 is excluded. Just before the buzzer sounds to end the period, W15 shoots at the blue team's goal. The teams will begin the next period "even-up" if ...
- 20 seconds of playing time had elapsed as the period ended.
  - The goalkeeper tips the ball over the goal line.
  - The goalkeeper tips the ball over the side line.
  - If the goalkeeper catches the ball.
  - A defensive player tips the ball over the goal line.
- 59) A head coach is allowed to advance beyond the 5-meter line ...
- Whenever his/her team is on offense.
  - During a timeout.
  - After a goal is scored.
  - When his/her team is on defense.
  - When he/she disagrees with a call.
- 60) If a player commits an act of misconduct (minor or major) after being charged with a personal foul (an exclusion or penalty foul) ...
- The opposing team is awarded a penalty throw if the foul was an exclusion foul and the player's 3<sup>rd</sup> personal foul.
  - The opposing team is awarded a penalty throw regardless of the number or type of foul committed and the number of personal fouls the player had.
  - The opposing team is awarded two penalty throws (i.e., the original penalty throw plus an additional penalty throw) if the foul was a penalty foul and the player's 3<sup>rd</sup> personal foul.
  - The player is given a "red card" and suspended from the next game.

## WATER POLO TEST ANSWER SHEET

Print a copy of this answer sheet and enter your answers. FAX this sheet to Pete Pappas (614-292-2914, no cover sheet is necessary) or scan it and send a copy via e-mail ([pappas.3@osu.edu](mailto:pappas.3@osu.edu)). Keep the original copy of your answers for your records.

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