



# University Interscholastic League

## REGION IV WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024



- WELCOME:** Southwest ISD will be the host for the 2024 UIL Region IV I Water Polo Championships.
- LOCATION:** The Southwest ISD Aquatic Center (SWAC) 9290 SW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78242
- DIRECTIONS:** The SWAC is located next to McAuliffe Middle School off of 410. Buses will be asked after dropping off teams at the ATHLETE ENTRANCE located at the back of the building to park in the designated area at McAuliffe Middle School.  
***Spectators will use the parking lot in front of building and will use McAuliffe when the pool parking is full.***
- FACILITY:** The SWAC has a Myrtha Pool that has two bulkheads that allows for pool to go from a 50 meter to two 25-yard courses or 1 water polo course in center of pool. The pool will be configured as a 75-foot x 65 foot water polo course, with floating Malmsten floating goals. Non turbulent side lines and goal form course perimeters. There is a second pool that will be used for warm up. The Colorado Timings system and Scoreboard system will be utilized to display Period, Period Time, Shot Clock Time with Score.  
***Locker Rooms are available, but unsecured. DO NOT leave valuables in Locker Rooms.***
- ELIGIBILITY:** All participants must be eligible under the University Interscholastic League guidelines as outlined in the UIL Water Polo Manual for 2024.
- RULES:** The University Interscholastic League directs that all water polo competition be conducted under **2023-24 National Federation Rules and Regulations**. This includes -  
***Practice/Warm Up:*** There will be no practice time, except during the official competition.  
***Spirit Signs:*** Hand held signs may not exceed 24" x 24".  
***Noise Makers Prohibited:*** The use of artificial noise makers, i.e. radios, whistles, bells, sirens, megaphones, horns or any other noise maker, will not be allowed at the meet.  
***Taunting/Unsportsmanlike Conduct: WILL NOT BE TOLLERATED BY FANS.***  
**YOU WILL BE ESCORTED BY SWISD POLICE FROM THE BUILDING WITH OUT REFUND.**
- FORMAT:** Six (6) Games featuring Eight (8) Teams {Four (4) Teams for each gender} will engage in a seeded, single elimination tournament. The winning Girls' Team and the winning Boys' Team will qualify for the UIL State Tournament in San Antonio Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> -2024.
- Procedure -** Team on top of bracket and 1<sup>st</sup> team listed wear dark caps. All tournament games are 7 minute quarters with 2 minutes between quarters and a 5-minute halftime. Each Team will have three (3) two minute timeouts and one (1) 30 second timeout per game. If the score is tied at full time in any game, transition into overtime shall begin after an interval of five minutes. Two periods shall then be played, each of three minutes actual play. If, at the end of the first two periods of overtime the score is tied, there shall be an interval of two minutes. There shall be a coin toss to determine ends for the first sudden-victory, golden goal, three-minute period. Additional three-minute periods will be played until a goal is scored; at which time the game shall end. After each sudden-victory three-minute period, a two-minute interval shall be allowed for change of ends. **Kap7 game balls** will be used and warm-up balls available.
- Souvenir T-shirts will be available to purchase.
- LIABILITY:** The University Interscholastic League, the Southwest Independent School District, accepts neither responsibility nor liability for injuries sustained by any individual, athlete, official, meet volunteer or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in the meet.



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**ADMISSION:**

Visit to purchase online tickets. <https://gofan.co/app/school/TX73110>

**Adults \$12.00 Students \$8.00 per session**

**All admittance \$12.00 if purchased @ the Door. No PASSES can be recognized.** Prelims session includes games held on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Finals session includes games held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Contestants, bus drivers, trainers and managers admitted without charge when identified by their coach and entering with the team. Cheerleaders in uniform will be allowed on deck during extended stoppages of play. **Doors will open one hour before session one event.**

**SPECTATORS:**

Competitor seating will be assigned to bleachers on the pool deck. Spectators will enter the facility and proceed upstairs to the **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**. A Concession Stand will be available for your convenience. No outside food will be permitted. Spectators are not allowed on the pool deck at any time. Reserving seats between games or during sessions is not allowed. Please see attached **“Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access”** attachment for specific information.

**MEDIA:**

Each team will be allowed one school photographer on deck. Each photographer must be pre-registered with Southwest ISD Aquatics Center. Register by filling out this google form: <https://forms.gle/J4pRb4UqarJ9a6Gp9> No parents are allowed on deck.

**PARKING:**

Parking lot has 196 regular spaces and 6 handicap spaces. Additional parking at the Christa McAuliffe Middle School parking lot can be available when needed.

**INFORMATION:**

**Hotels within 10 miles of Aquatic Center**

North of Pool	
Holiday Inn Express	10 miles
Courtyard by Marriott	9.8 miles
Comfort Suites near Sea World	9.5 miles
La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham San Antonio	8.3 miles
Homewood Suites	8.5 miles
Springhill Suites by Marriott San Antonio SeaWorld/Lackland	8.4 miles
Hampton Inn & Suites San Antonio Lackland	8.1 miles
Home2 Suites by Hilton San Antonio Lackland/SeaWorld	8.6 miles
Best Western Plus Lackland Hotel & Suites	5.4 miles
<b>South of Pool</b>	
Best Western Plus Palo Alto Inn & Suites	5.7 miles

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Hotels/@29.4030707,-98.6221074,13z/data=!4m8!2m7!3m6!1sHotels!2sSouthwest+ISD+Aquatic+Center,+9333+SW+Loop+410,+San+Antonio,+TX+78242!3s0x865c5bbc67e9e779:0x28e2e189af1a7af0!4m2!1d-98.6215997!2d29.3339254>

**REGIONAL**

**QUALIFIERS:**

All potentially qualifying teams must submit a complete **team roster** (with roster verification signed by principal) AND **team photograph**. Use template for roster and roster verification form, which will be provided prior to Regional Quarter Finals.

**ENTRY FORMATS:**

Please provide cap numbers and grade for each athlete when you submit you roster. Use template provided in this email. Captain’s names, mascot, colors, current record, and all coaches’ names should also be provided with the team roster.

**Deadline -**

E-mail your rosters to both the UIL Office AND [klibardoni11219@swisd.net](mailto:klibardoni11219@swisd.net) by end of day on **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**



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**Fees -** There will be a charge of \$300.00 per team per gender. All checks will then be made out to:

**SWISD** under memo: Regional Water Polo

**mail to:** Peter Wagner, Athletic Director  
SWISD  
11914 Dragon Lane  
San Antonio, TX 78252

**Contact -** Kristin Libardoni [klibardoni11219@swisd.net](mailto:klibardoni11219@swisd.net)

**Contingencies -** In the unlikely event that a session(s) needs to be cancelled, the corresponding events will be held the following Monday and/or the first available day thereafter.

**AWARDS:** Championship Trophy to both Girls' and Boys' winning teams.  
*You may elect to have a School Administrator present these awards.*

**TOURNAMENT  
ADMINISTRATION:**

**Tournament Coordinator**

Kristin Libardoni  
Southwest Independent School District  
Cell: (210)243-7434  
[klibardoni11219@swisd.net](mailto:klibardoni11219@swisd.net)

**Head Referee**

TASO

**Athletic Trainer**

Southwest ISD  
First Aid Room on Premises

Email your roster entries to [klibardoni@swisd.net](mailto:klibardoni@swisd.net)

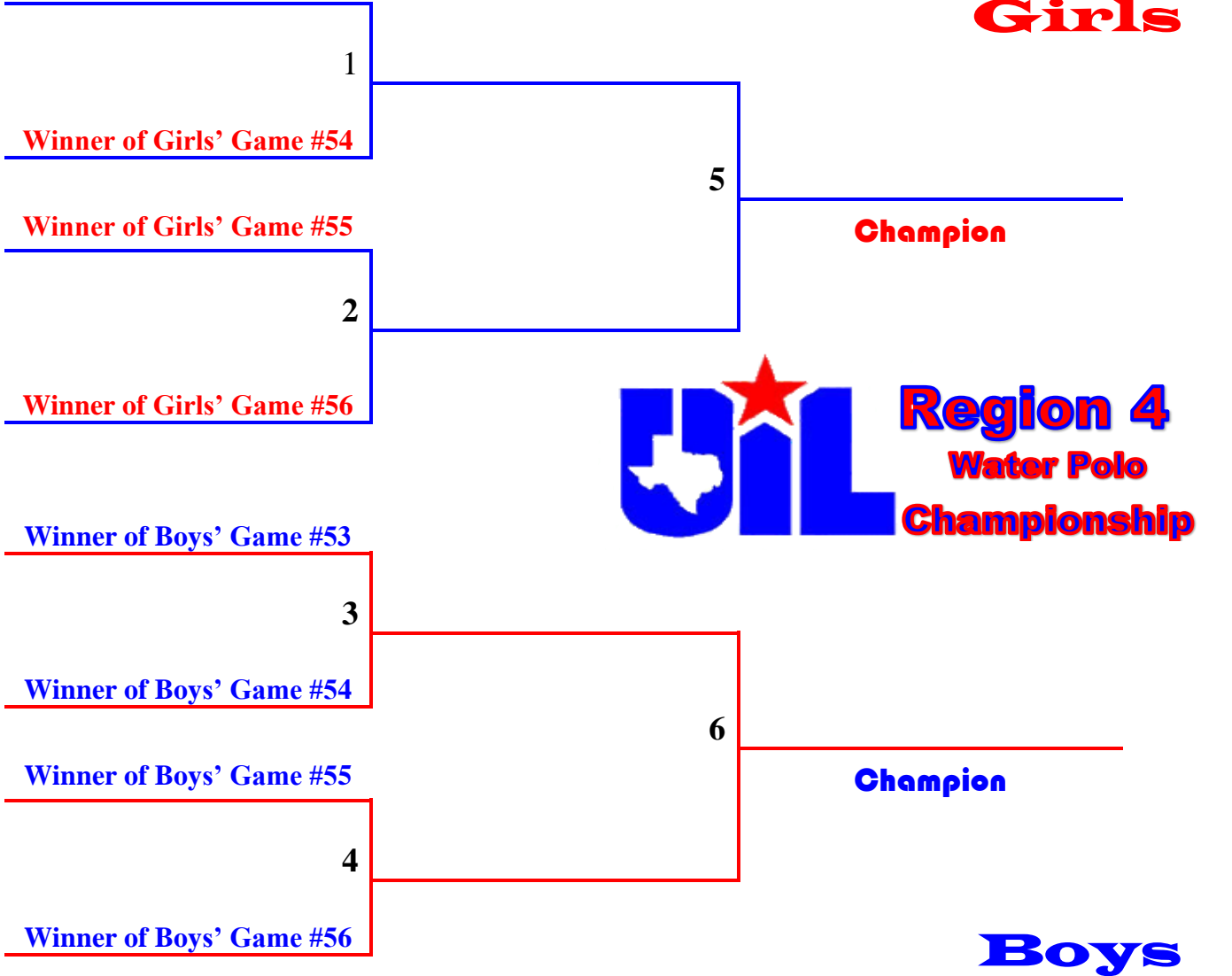


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**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:**

Game	Time	DARK CAPS	vs	WHITE CAPS
1	Friday 2:00 PM	Winner of Girls' Game #53	vs	Winner of Girls' Game #54
2	Friday 3:30 PM	Winner of Girls' Game #55	vs	Winner of Girls' Game #56
3	Friday 5:00 PM	Winner of Boys' Game #53	vs	Winner of Boys' Game #54
4	Friday 6:30 PM	Winner of Boys' Game #55	vs	Winner of Boys' Game #56
5	Saturday 1:00 PM	Winner of Game #1	vs	Winner of Game #2
6	Saturday 2:30 PM	Winner of Game #3	vs	Winner of Game #4





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### Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access

- SWISD is committed to the health and safety of all participants. The cornerstone of this policy is based on CDC guidelines which mandate safe practices.
- Security personnel are empowered to enforce any and all regulations established by SWISD Policy.
- Only participants, coaches, staff, and event volunteers are allowed on the pool deck – all spectators and parents must remain in the grandstand.
- Filming or videotaping will be permitted from the balcony (Media Deck Pass required for exception). *Videotape or film will not be used in determination OR review of any Official's call.* When using the mezzanine of the balcony for filming, please be sensitive to the other spectators.
- Participants and spectators are not allowed to lean against glass the rails, climb over banisters / railings, or pass any posted barriers. No outside food allowed in bleachers.
- Participants and spectators are not allowed to use other areas of the SWAC during this event without securing a pass at the Services Desk located in the facility lobby.
- Lawn Chairs are not allowed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Stadium seats shall not exceed 17" wide x 13" deep.
- Each competing team is permitted one temporary banner, placed at the discretion of the Meet Coordinator. Team banners must not exceed 5' by 8'. No handmade signage is allowed. Blue painters tape only to secure. Bungee cords or rope that will allow sign to be below the glass rail.
- Absolutely no tobacco, electronic cigarettes (vape-pen/E-Cig), alcohol products, or glass containers are allowed on Southwest Independent School District property. This applies to the parking lot.
- Teams are allowed an Ice-Chest (1) PER GENDER on the deck provided they do not contain glass items, bottled water is allowed.
- No chewing gum, will be allowed on the pool deck.
- Betting and gambling is strictly prohibited.
- Teams are expected to police their respective areas at the conclusion of the competition.
- Participating in any activity that can be interpreted or described as "risky" or "horseplay" is prohibited throughout the entire SWISD Campus.
- The use of flash cameras or noise-makers is prohibited.
- Blocking or restricting fire lanes or emergency exits, and the use of emergency exits for non-emergency use is prohibited.

### Access to the deck of the SWAC is restricted by pass to the following:

Athletes from competing teams	Administrative support personnel
Coaches of competing teams	Facility/District Staff
Officials	Marshalls
Timing System operators	Security personnel
Computer systems operators	Lifeguards
Service and supply vendors	Medical support personnel
Credentialed media personnel	Hospitality personnel
<i>One (1) photographer from each competing team</i>	



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**Coach's Meeting**

1. Welcome
  - a. Welcome to all teams
  - b. Packets will be available in Hospitality room upon arrival.
  - c. Protest Procedure
    - i. Within 5 minutes of end of game in question; per Rule 3 Section 12 in NFHS rulebook.
    - ii. Discussion by Head Referee
    - iii. Cannot protest matters of judgment, only application of rules and/or procedures.
2. Awards
  - a. All-Region Teams, Coach of the Year, and MVP Award Voting Procedure
    - i. YOU MUST TURN IN A BALLOT AND **CANNOT VOTE FOR YOUR OWN PLAYERS** in order for your players to be eligible for the All-Region Team.
    - ii. Turn Ballots in to Rene Rodriguez
    - iii. Deadline for Ballots to be turned in is **conclusion of game 4.**
    - iv. Awards Ceremony will be conducted after the Girls Championship Game to present Girls awards and the Boys Championship game to present Boys awards.
3. Tournament Coordination (Kristin Libardoni)
  - a. Tournament Entry Fees
  - b. Admission for event
  - c. Programs for event
  - d. Location of locker rooms – **NO DECK CHANGING!!!**
  - e. **NO Glass** allowed on deck
  - f. **Noise Makers** are **NOT** allowed on site.
  - g. Warm up area is only the instructional pool. **DO NOT** warm-up in the main pool during quarter breaks, half time and end of the game. Feet first entry **ONLY!**
  - h. Warm up procedures: Be smart and be careful.
  - i. Location of Benches and Table
  - j. Security for Event, Tournament Expectations for Parents, Coaches, and Athletes
  - k. Hospitality Area for Coaches and officials is in the Coaches Office. No Athletes or parents allowed in hospitality.
  - l. Table workers
  - m. Announcements & Line-Up for all games.
  - n. Award Ceremony after each final Championship game
4. Event Overview
  - a. Schedule Review
  - b. Tournament Caps- 1<sup>st</sup> Team list wear **DARK CAPS!** All teams should bring their own caps. There will be a backup set of caps at the pool.
  - c. Bench Decorum – All players to be seated on the team bench. Only Head Coach can stand and address the officials.
  - d. The official book will be kept by TBA
  - e. On line Scheduling updates and Scoring:
5. Games that end in a tie:

If the score is tied at full time in any game, transition into overtime shall begin an interval of five minutes. Two periods shall then be played, each of three minutes actual play. If, at the end of the first two periods of overtime the score is tied, there shall be an interval of two minutes. There shall be a coin toss to determine ends for the first sudden-victory, golden goal, three-minute period. Additional three-minute periods will be played until a goal is scored, at which time the game shall end. After each sudden-victory three-minute period, a two-minute interval shall be allowed for change of ends.
6. Head Official – (TBA)

Coaches and officials of State Tournaments: Here are a few notes for you to ponder:



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**Officials:**

- a. Make sure you check nails on all participants through the first round. After the first round of play players only need to be checked if requested by a coach or captain of a team.
- b. Please check the score sheet after each period of play. Pay particular attention to the number of Exclusion fouls credited to individual players, and the score.
- c. The following came up at a recent tournament - Time Outs to a team NOT entitled to a time out: Rule 4-10, 11, 12 (Read this rule in your book) Team in possession of the ball, Team not in possession of the ball, Neither team has possession of the ball.
- d. Penalty foul awarded in the last minute of game, 2nd OT or sudden death: The coach may select to waive the penalty throw, and maintain possession of the ball by crossing his/her arms in front of the chest. Ball is put into play at half tank and play is resumed.
- e. Check each team's equipment; suits and caps. Suits may not be a club suit. Each team should have team suits and caps. The color of the swim cap worn underneath a water polo cap shall match the color of the water polo cap. Dark cap = dark swim cap; White cap = white swim cap.
- f. There is no jewelry allowed on players.

**Coaches:**

*You will be expected to comply with the cap, ear guard and swim cap rules as they are stated in the rule book (Rule 1-20-26).*

- a. Dark caps may NOT be yellow, gold, orange, powder blue, light gray, pale green, or similar light colors. Visiting team caps shall be solid white.
- b. Dark ear guards with dark caps, and white ear guards with white caps.
- c. The color of the swim cap worn underneath a water polo cap shall match the color of the water polo cap. Dark cap = dark swim cap; White cap = white swim cap.
- d. Score table observer: You are advised to provide an observer at the Scorer's table during your team's games.