



University Interscholastic League  
Region II Water Polo Championships  
Saturday, October 21, 2023



- WELCOME:** The Houston Independent School District is pleased to host these 2023 UIL Region TWO Interscholastic Water Polo Championships.
- LOCATION:** McDonald family Aquatic Center @ Lamar High School, 3325 Westheimer Road; Houston, Texas 77098
- DIRECTIONS:** The MAC is located on the Lamar High School Campus, in the Upper Kirby Region of Houston. Access from US 69 (Southwest Freeway) by taking Kirby exit. Proceed North on Kirby, turn right on Westheimer, then turn right again on Eastside Street. Use the circle drive of the Eastside Transit Center to unload your Bus. A Security Guard will direct your athletes through the Athletics Entrance and down the Athletic Hall to the Natatorium. The Security Guard will direct the parking of your Bus.  
***Spectators are directed to PARK in the PARKING GARAGE off Eastside Drive.***
- FACILITY:** The Natatorium is configured as a 75 foot x 63 foot, water polo course, with floating Anti Goal cages. Non turbulent side lines and goal ropes form course perimeters. A Paddock flow through bulkhead separates a 75 foot x 30 foot warm-up course in the Diving Well. The Daktronics Omnisport 2000 timing and Scoreboard system will be utilized to display Period, Period Time, Shot Clock Time with HOME and VISITOR 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 2023.
- RULES:** The University Interscholastic League directs that all water polo competition be conducted under **2022-24 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 HISD POLICE FROM THE BUILDING WITH OUT REFUND.**  
There is to be no food on the deck at any time. The back outdoor patio will be open to eat.  
**Please warn your students and parents.**
- 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 inaugural UIL State Tournament in San Antonio on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 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) one 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.
- HOSPITALITY:** Spectators will enter the facility from the **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor ATHLETIC LOUNGE**. A Concession Stand will be available for your convenience. Programs will be available for **\$10.00** at the admissions table. Souvenir T-shirts will be on sale.
- LIABILITY:** The University Interscholastic League, the Houston Independent School District, and Lamar High School 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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**SPECTATORS:** Competitor seating will be assigned to bleachers on the pool deck. Spectators are not allowed on the pool deck at any time. Reserving seats between or during sessions is not allowed. Please see attached “**Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access**” attachment for specific information.

**PARKING:** Spectators will **PARK in the PARKING GARAGE** off Eastside Drive. (Map attached)

**ADMISSION:** Visit <https://gofan.co/app/events/701636?schoolId=TX27294> to purchase online tickets.  
**Adults \$12.00 Children (under 12) FREE No PASSES can be recognized.**

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 the event.**

**INFORMATION:** Team Packets containing meet information are available at “**A Child’s Place**” Hospitality Suite upon arrival. Local Restaurants and Hotels can be found with link-  
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1TKZJo6lXLM5l3DBDPwlr7XERgZljjqc&usp=sharing>

**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..

**Deadline -** E-mail your entries to both the UIL Office AND [MacBelbot@yahoo.com](mailto:MacBelbot@yahoo.com). The entry deadline is **4:00 PM, Wednesday, October 18, 2023.**

**Fees -** Tournament costs will be divided amongst competing schools as determined after completion of tournament. Once Costs are determined, All checks will then be made out to:

**HISD Athletic Department.**  
**André D. Walker, Athletic Director**  
**Houston ISD**  
**2020 Mangum Rd., 77092, Rt.7**

**Contact -** Please include your name, school address, work and home phone, *e-mail*, and the best time to reach you.

**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.

**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.

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

**TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION:**

<p><b><u>Tournament Coordinator</u></b>                  Mac McDonald                  Houston Independent School District                  Cell: (832) 641-2386  <a href="mailto:MacBelbot@yahoo.com">MacBelbot@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Athletic Trainer</u></b>                  Louis Ray                  Houston ISD                  Training Room on Premises</p>
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Email your Entry to **Tournament Coordinator** (see above).





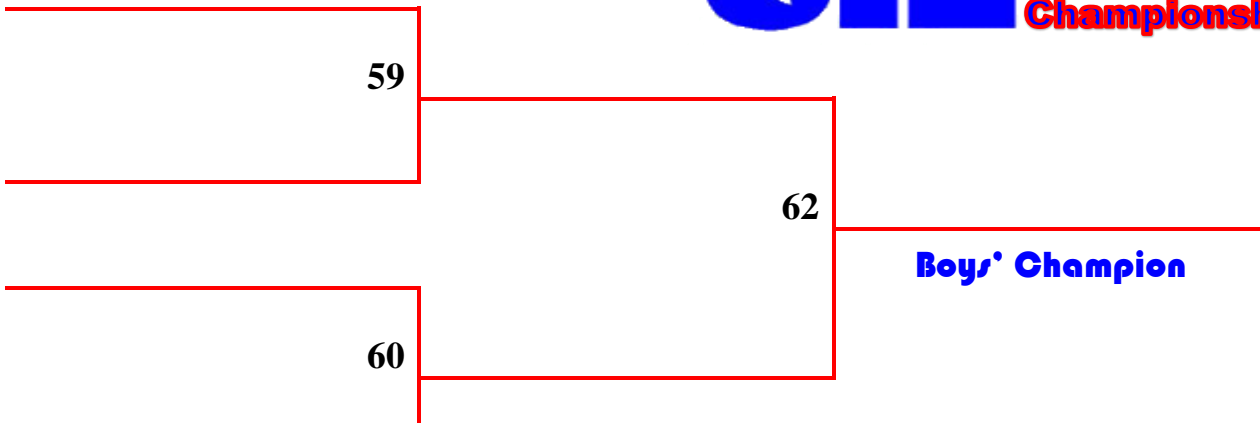
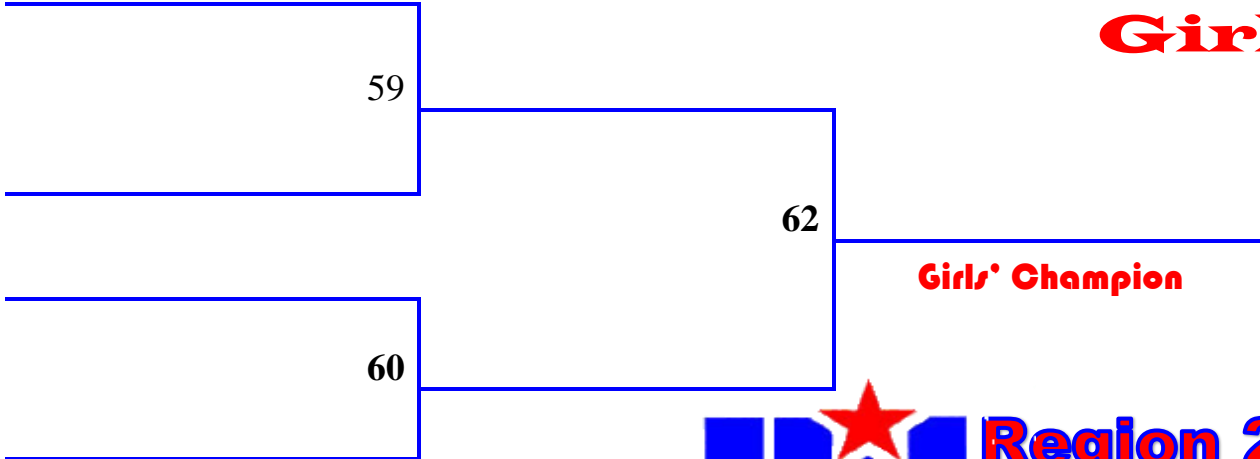
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**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:**

Game	22-Oct	Time	BLUE CAPS	vs	WHITE CAPS
59	Saturday	9:00 AM	Winner of Game #53	—	vs Winner of Game #54 — Girls
60	Saturday	10:15 AM	Winner of Game #55	—	vs Winner of Game #56 — Girls
59	Saturday	11:30 AM	Winner of Game #53	—	vs Winner of Game #54 — Boys
60	Saturday	12:45 PM	Winner of Game #55	—	vs Winner of Game #56 — Boys
62	Saturday	2:30 PM	Winner of Game #59	—	vs Winner of Game #60 — Girls
62	Saturday	4:00 PM	Winner of Game #59	—	vs Winner of Game #60 — Boys

**Girls**



**Boys**





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## Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access

- HISD 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 HISD Natatorium Policy.
- Only participants, coaches, event administrators, 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 in swim suits are not allowed in the Grandstand-seating area. Participants and spectators are not allowed to lean against glass the rails, climb over banisters / railings, or pass any posted barriers.
- Participants and spectators are not allowed to use other areas of the HISD Natatorium complex during this event.
- Lawn Chairs are not allowed in the MAC Balcony-seating area, 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.
- Absolutely no tobacco, electronic cigarettes (vape-pen/E-Cig), alcohol products, or glass containers are allowed on Houston 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, food or color based drinks will be allowed on the pool deck, water only.**
- 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 HISD 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 MAC is restricted by pass to the following:

Athletes from competing teams  
Coaches of competing teams  
Officials  
Timing System operators  
Computer systems operators  
Service and supply vendors  
Credentialed media personnel

*One (1) photographer from each competing team*

Administrative support personnel  
Facility/District Staff  
Marshalls  
Security personnel  
Lifeguards  
Medical support personnel  
Hospitality personnel



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Coaches' Zoom 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; Art 1, 2 & 3 in NFHS rulebook.
    - ii. Must be written and filed by Head Coach
    - iii. Must make protest know to officials and other team's head coach before the end of the game.
    - iv. Cannot protest matters of judgment, only application of rules and/or procedures.
2. Tournament Coordination (Mac McDonald)
  - 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 Diving Well. 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. No skylarking!**
  - 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 "A Childs' Place" at the northeast corner of the deck. No Athletes or parents allowed in hospitality.
  - l. Table workers provided by Houston LAMAR
  - m. **Announcements & Line-Up for all games.**
  - n. **Award Ceremony after each final Championship game**
3. 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. **Each team will be allowed one person to sit at the desk and keep score. The official book will be kept by jHOLA!**
  - e. On line Scheduling updates and Scoring:

The Google doc will be updated every 60 minutes.

4. 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.





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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.

**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; Sections 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.

**FEET FIRST ENTRIES at all times**  
**Stay off Lane Lines**  
**Please DO NOT bring your own warm-up balls.**  
**Return warm-up balls to hamper at end of warm ups**  
**YES to PopUp Tents on back patio and/or Field**

**Introduction of Teams**

- Semi Finals?
- Refs, then Cap'n, then by #'s
- Clap twice
- National Anthem

