



# T.I.S.C.A. WATER POLO BY-LAWS

## Article I. Membership

### Section A: Teams and their members

Section 1.01 Any Texas public high school or private school that is a member in good standing with the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association is eligible to participate in the TISCA water polo program. There shall be one division for high school girls and one division for high school boys.

Section 1.02 Members of the TISCA Water Polo Committee are those TISCA members present at a regularly scheduled TISCA Water Polo Committee meeting.

Section 1.03 Consolidated school teams, also required to be in good standing with TISCA, may participate in regular season competition, but are prohibited from participating in post-season varsity competition.

Section 1.04 Schools must adhere to all University Interscholastic League rules and regulations.

Section 1.05 Athletes must be eligible to compete under the current UIL guidelines, and are subject to subsequent penalties as deemed by the UIL.

Section 1.06 Coaches must adhere to all UIL rules, and are subject to subsequent penalties as deemed by the UIL.

Section 1.07 No girls' team shall compete against a boys' team, and vice versa.

### Section B: Officers, Elections, & Other Elected Positions

Section 1.08 The **TISCA Water Polo Board** shall act as the TISCA Water Polo Committee between TISCA Water Polo Committee Annual Meetings in September. This Board shall have the right to enact and respond to policy, but is not allowed to revise the By-Laws. The TISCA Water Polo Board shall have geographical representation from the four Regions of TISCA Water Polo. The Board shall consist of five members: the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and two At-Large selections.

(a) **The Chairman** shall preside at all meetings of the TISCA Water Polo Committee.

The Chairman shall represent the TISCA Water Polo Committee at all TISCA Executive Committee meetings as well as the TISCA general meeting. The Chairman shall be elected by a simple majority of the Water Polo Committee, and serve a two-year term beginning in the odd numbered years.

(b) **The Vice Chairman** will act as Chairman when the Chairman is not present in TISCA Water Polo Board meetings and be in charge of set up and communication at meetings. The Vice Chairman shall be elected by a simple majority of the water polo committee, and serve a two-year term beginning in the even numbered years.

- (c) **The Secretary** shall keep or cause to be kept the minute book for the committee. The Secretary shall be elected by a simple majority of the TISCA Water Polo Committee and serve a two-year term beginning in the even numbered years.
- (d) **At Large Members (2):** these board members will have project oriented duties decided by the Board and Chairman. The At Large Board Members shall be elected by a simple majority of the TISCA Water Polo Committee, and serve a two year term beginning in the even numbered years.
- (e) **TISCA Water Polo Competition Council:** shall be responsible for the integrity of water polo competition at the regional and state tournaments. The Competition Council shall review and rule on major rule infractions.
- (f) The *Competition Council* shall consist of five members of the Water Polo Committee, elected by a simple majority, to serve a two-year term beginning in the odd numbered years. *Should a member of the Competition Council be unable to attend either a Regional or State Tournament, that member shall assign his proxy to another member from the same region.*
- (g) The Competition Council shall be made up of at least one representative from each of the four TISCA Water Polo Regions.
- (h) In order to eligible to for any elected position in the TISCA Water Polo Board or Competition Council, members shall have participated in the previous TISCA water polo championship season.
- (i) All elected positions shall take effect immediately following the TISCA Water Polo Annual Meeting.

#### Section 1.09 The Referee Liaison and Referee Association

- (a) The Referee's Liaison shall be nominated by the Referee Association and approved by a simple majority of the Water Polo Committee, and serve a two-year term beginning in the odd numbered years.
- (b) The Referee Liaison shall serve as the Head Referee at the TISCA Water Polo State Championship Tournament during the two-year term.
- (a) The Referee Liaison shall act as the primary link between the TISCA Water Polo Committee and the Referee Association.
- (b) The Referee Association shall be elected by a simple majority of the TISCA Water Polo Committee and serve a two-year partnership beginning in odd numbered years.
- (c) All other duties and responsibilities of the Referee Liaison and Referee Association are outlined in Article II of the TISCA Water Polo By-laws

#### Section 1.10 Replacement/Removal of Elected Positions

- (a) *Replacement of Vacant Positions:*
  - (i) Any member of the TISCA Water Polo Board that resigns, is no longer a registered TISCA member, is removed, permanently moves outside of the Texas, or in case of a vacant position will be replaced by a new officer appointed by the remaining members of the TISCA Water Polo Board. The incoming Board member shall carry out the remaining term and be subject to re-election according to the TISCA Water Polo By-laws.

- (ii) The TISCA Water Polo Chairman replacement requires approval of the TISCA Executive Board. Replacement of a TISCA Water Polo Board member, who is not the Chairman, does not require TISCA Executive Board approval.
- (iii) The replacement of any Competition Committee member, the Referee Liaison, and the Referee Association shall be selected and approved by the TISCA Water Polo Board

*(b) Removal of Elected Positions*

All members of TISCA Water Polo Board are volunteers. They serve in their position at the pleasure of the TISCA Water Polo Committee. The elected positions shall be removed from their position by the TISCA Executive Board or an emergency vote of the TISCA Water Polo Committee if they are proved to negligent in their duties; poor attendance, misuse of funds, lack of communication and/or follow through, or demonstrated failure to perform the fundamental responsibilities inherent with their position and the TISCA Water Polo Committee. Replacement of the elected positions shall be the responsibility of the remaining TISCA Water Polo Board members.

*(c) Removal of the Referee Association*

In the case the elected Referee Association is negligent in their duties; poor attendance, misuse of funds, lack of communication and/or follow through, or demonstrated failure to perform the fundamental responsibilities inherent with their position and the TISCA Water Polo the TISCA Water Polo Board shall have the right to remove the Referee Association by a majority vote.

## **Article II. Meetings and Procedures**

### Section A: Meetings

Section 2.01 During annual TISCA clinic, there shall be an Annual Meeting of the TISCA Water Polo Committee for the purpose of information and approval of by-law revisions.

Section 2.02 The TISCA Water Polo Board shall meet bimonthly via conference call between Annual Meetings as needed by the Chairman.

- (a) The TISCA Water Polo Board shall have meeting in June every year to discuss upcoming proposed legislation for the Annual Meeting in September. This meeting shall be open to the general TISCA Water Polo Committee.
- (b) The minutes from each TISCA Water Polo Board meeting shall be distributed to all TISCA Water Polo Committee members within 7 days of the completion of the each meeting.
- (C) All matters voted upon within the TISCA Water Polo Board will only be approved with a majority vote and a minimum of three Board members must vote for any approval.

Section 2.03 Legislation Proposals may be submitted to the TISCA Water Polo Board Proposals will need to be specific toward either By-Law revisions or suggestions for Policies and Procedures.

- (a) Proposals shall be submitted to TISCA Water Polo Board Vice Chairman by May 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
- (b) By-Laws proposals shall be discussed at the June TISCA Water Polo Board meeting, and the TISCA Water Polo Board shall determine which proposals will be presented for approval by the TISCA Water Polo Committee at the TISCA Water Polo annual meeting.
- (c) All legislation proposals to be discussed at the TISCA Water Polo Committee Annual Meeting will be posted online at the TISCA Water Polo Website by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- (d) All legislation proposals needs a simple majority of the TISCA Water Polo Committee for approval.
- (e) All approved legislation of the TISCA Water Polo Committee shall be ratified by the TISCA Executive Board
- (f) All approved legislation will go in effect immediately following the TISCA Executive Board ratification.

Section 2.04 All matters not covered in the TISCA By-Laws will be covered in Policies and Procedures as approved by the TISCA Water Polo Board.

#### Section B: Emergency Procedures

Section 2.05 There shall be an emergency procedure allowing in season implementation of By-Law revision subject to approval by a vote of 75% of the responding TISCA Water Polo Committee. The emergency procedure and voting process shall be decided and approved by the TISCA Water Polo Board.

#### Section C: Quorum

A quorum sufficient to conduct business shall be considered to be the number of TISCA Water Polo Committee members present at the Annual Meeting of the TISCA Convention in September.