



# *HaBa WaBa North America 12U Rule*



## 1.0 The teams

- 1.1 The teams are composed of up to 15 players with 6 players (5 + goalkeeper) in the water and 9 substitutions. Minimum 7 players on the roster are allowed. The team members are all male, all female or co-ed.
- 1.2 In the 12U competition, 2006 and younger athletes will be eligible (cut of date is Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006)
- 1.3 **Throughout the tournament, each player will wear the same numbered cap**

## 2.0 Field of play

- 2.1 The size of the competition area is 22 x 11
- 2.2 Depth of the pool 1.80 – 5.9 feet (minimum) - All participants need to know how to swim
- 2.3 Penalty area 4m (green line)
- 2.4 Offside area 2m (red line)
- 2.5 Goal Dimensions: 2.15 X 0.75 m
- 2.6 Ball size No. 3

## 3.0 Duration of the game

- 3.1 **2 X 12 min running time** with 2 min break in between periods. The time will stop only in Semi-Finals and Finals for the event of: scoring a goal, penalty shot, injury or equipment malfunction.
- 3.2 No shoot clock time
- 3.3 The referee may decide that possession of the ball should be given to the other team if there is obvious evidence of an intention to waste time.
- 3.4 **No time-out** other than during Semi-Final and Final games

## 4.0 Rules

- 4.1 4 exclusions (penalties) rule will be implemented for this age group. Also, any brutality and/or un-sportsmanship behaviors towards the opponents, referees or any volunteer will result in automatic disqualification.
- 4.2 The excluded player can immediately return to the game, (in and out rule) except in the case of brutality and disrespect, as long as his/her head clearly appears outside of the water in the penalty box. Also, substitution can enter the game from penalty box with the same approach (head must be outside of the water prior to substitution is allowed to enter the game).
- 4.3 Only in the 12U category players are allowed to catch the ball with two hands; Please note players must throw the ball with one hand.

4.4 Any kind of **ZONE OR DROP** game is **NOT ALLOWED**. A foul awarded due to this type of play will be referred to as a "zone play foul". In the case of the first foul of this type, the team will be shown a yellow card. The player who commits the second foul of this type will be excluded

4.5 **5m free throw is NOT allowed**

4.6 The goalkeeper may be substitute only during the following stages of the game:

- a) after a goal
  - b) during the break between periods
  - c) during a time-out (available only in the Semi-Finals and Finals)
  - d) in the case that referee stops the game for injury
- the player replacing the goalkeeper must wear a red cap.

## 5.0 Points

5.1 The **winning** team will be awarded **3 points**

5.2 In the case of a **tie** game, teams will be awarded **1 point** each

5.3 Team that **loses** the game will receive **0 points**

5.4 In the event that two or more teams have the same points total after the round robin matches, the following criteria will be applied to determine the final standings of the teams:

- a) Result in the match between the teams with equal points.
- b) Better goal difference between the teams with equal points.
- c) Higher number of goals scored in between the teams with equal points.
- d) Higher goal difference in the group.
- e) Greater number of goals scored in the group.
- f) Draw.

**In the crossover phase a tie result isn't allowed.** (if the match ends in a tie, a series of five penalty shots will take place. If after 5 penalty shots the score is still tied, each team will alternately take a penalty shot until one team wins. The players will take their penalties in the same order as the first series of penalty shots.

## 6.0 Referees

- One referee per match
- One official per table to record the goals and to act as a timekeeper

## 7.0 Important Notes

- Only a coach and an assistant coach/manager can sit on the bench
- Only a Coach can give instructions to the team and get up and follow the action to the 5m line of the field. The coach shall immediately return to the bench at the end of his/her team's offense. Whatever the case is, the coach shall not interfere/disturb the referee in any way.
- **During the games at the tournament, the coach and assistant/manager** will be required to **wear** the accreditation and a **golf shirt** provided by the organizing committee and our **sponsor Turbo**.
- The coach or manager who has been excluded for protesting will automatically be suspended for at least one game.
- The general rules of water polo will apply to any other matter that has not been explained here.

## Fair Play Trophy

The Haba Waba North America Festival is an event that is based on ethics and strong values of mutual respect, social integration and Fair Play. Each person involved in this event (child, coach, team leader, parent, supporter, official...) is asked to respect these values.

In an attempt to command the respect of these principles, the WPD and Global Wave has established a "Haba Waba Fair Play" trophy.

The purpose of this award is to encourage good behavior of all participants and banned bad behavior.

The assessment of Fair Play of each team will be recorded on the game sheet written by the official of each match. The assessment applies to all teams for all games during the tournament. At the end of the festival, the teams will be ranked according to an average rating from the total of ratings during the whole tournament.

The Fair Play Trophy will be awarded to the best behaved team throughout the whole Haba Waba North America festival.