

Rule Adaptations HaBaWaBa Spain Plus

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HaBaWaBa rules are based on the simplification and adaptation of the WORLD AQUATICS official Water Polo rules (2022 - 2024), tailored to meet the needs of the benjamín (U10), alevín (U12) and infantil (U14) age groups.

DURATION AND SCORING

- Each match will have a duration of 2 periods of 13 minutes each, with a 2-minute interval between halves.
- The clock operates continuously and only stops if the referee deems it necessary to prevent time losses or in case of interruptions due to injury or unexpected situations.
- The last 2 minutes of the match will be played with the clock stopped in the event of a two-goal difference or less in the score.
- The score will be closed when a 10-goal difference is reached. The remaining game situations (exclusion Fouls, disciplinary actions, etc.) will continue to have effect.
- All matches, except for the Finals, may end in a draw. If the match requires a winner, there will be a 3-penalty shootout.
- Teams are not allowed to call a timeout under any circumstances.

GAME ASPECTS

- Zone defense is not allowed at any time during the game. Teams must defend individually (1x1) starting from their defensive half, and only active help on circulation (movement) and 2x1 situations are allowed if the player in possession of the ball is not allowed to shoot. The referee will notify both coaches in the event of a zone defense situation, and if the situation persists, then penalize the player committing the infraction with an exclusion foul.
- Any player can act as a goalkeeper (and vice versa). Changes of cap must be approved by the referee before being carried out.
- All players listed on the roster must participate in the match. Coaches will be responsible for ensuring compliance with this rule, as there will be no specific control by the referees.
- Substitutions are allowed at any time using the exclusion area (no flying substitutions).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- In the group stage, 3 points will be awarded for a win, 1 for a draw, and 0 for a defeat.
- All teams will compete wearing the official organization caps, which they must return at the end of each match.
- After the completion of each match, referees will score teams based on their behavior and fair play, awarding a minimum of -4 and a maximum of 4 points. At the prize ceremony, the best team will be awarded the Fair Play Trophy.
- Any disciplinary exclusion will be reviewed by the organization to assess if it warrants any form of ban.