

# SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES WATERPOLO



## Match Guidelines 08-09

### Preface

These guidelines have been devised in order to continue the progression of Scottish Universities Water Polo with the use of two central all-deep venues (Edinburgh and Stirling) for men's league matches and the Scottish Cup (with a few exceptions) and to give the women the most opportunities possible to play. It is hoped that these guidelines will help manage expectations across the board and provide a framework for an easily administered, well-organised and enjoyable programme. These guidelines are to be revised on a rolling basis and at least once per year.

### Guidelines

#### **1. Fixture dates and times**

These have been planned and set over the summer. They have been distributed to all teams in advance of a final version which has now been completed. It is attached and will be published on [www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp](http://www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp) and on the BUCS website (where appropriate).

Fixtures should not be changed without permission from SUS Water Polo and only in exceptional circumstances. It is the responsibility of club captains from both teams to make contact at least ten days prior to each fixture to confirm match arrangements.

#### **2. Venues**

For the men's league, the majority of matches will take place at the National Swimming Academy and at the Edinburgh University Pool, St Leonards, with a few matches taking place at the RGU sport centre. For the women's league, a home and away structure has been set up and all teams will play each other in one home and one away fixture.

The Scottish Cup has been scheduled to take place at Edinburgh University over the course of a weekend. Travel directions to each venue are to be published on [www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp](http://www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp)

#### **3. Meeting arrangements**

Teams are required to meet at the appropriate venue at least 30 mins prior to the advertised start time. Teams should aim to be changed and at pool-side ten minutes prior to the start of the match

#### **4. Duration of play**

Each match will consist of four playing periods of 6 minutes (stop/start timings), with a 2 minute break between each period. A ten minute warm-up will be available at the outset of each match, beginning at the stated match start-time.

#### **5. BUCS fixtures**

Some of the fixtures will be counting both towards the results of the Scottish Universities Water Polo League as well as the BUCS group stages. While the official rules of BUCS states that during the group stages an official match will consist of 2 halves of 10 minutes, an agreement has been reached that for the Scottish groups, 4 x6 minute matches will be played. Essentially this means that the end result of the match will be what counts towards both the BUCS group stage fixtures and the Scottish Universities Water Polo League fixtures.

## **6. Officiating**

Referees for all matches will be arranged by SUS Water Polo. Referees will be paid expenses only at 25p per mile and will be reimbursed by the SUS office upon receipt of an official claim form (appendix 1). A fee will be added to team subscriptions at the start of the season to cover this cost. Additionally, each team will be required to provide at least one table-official for each match

## **7. Results**

It is the responsibility of each team captain to report the match score to SUS Water Polo within 24 hrs of the match. These will also be subsequently confirmed by receipt of the match score-sheet (see below). Results will be updated regularly at [www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp](http://www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp)

## **8. Scoresheets**

All matches will be recorded on official scoresheets, to be filled in by the table officials during the game. These sheets will be used to keep statistics during the season. A copy of the official scoresheet is included in appendix 2 and will be available at [www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp](http://www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp)

## **9. Kit**

Teams are asked to bring both white and blue caps to each match and to provide their own ball/s for warm-up and for the match itself. In other words it is the responsibility of both teams to ensure that each match has use of the correct kit. Each team should also bring a stopwatch.

## **10. Finance**

Each team will pay an annual subscription fee to SUS Water Polo. This fee will be used to cover pool hire and officiating costs for league matches and the Scottish Universities Cup. The 2008-2009 subscription fee will be £250 for men's teams and £150 for women's teams. SUS will be directly invoicing the individual sports unions in early October and fees will need to be paid within the stated four week period.

## **11. Contact details**

A full list of contact details for SUS Water Polo teams and volunteers is included in appendix 3 and can be found at [www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp](http://www.susport.org.uk/waterpolo.asp)

## **12. Post-match Hospitality**

All teams playing at Edinburgh are invited to meet at Oddfellows bar for food and drinks after the match

Enc.

1. Club Contact details
2. SUS Claim Form
3. Official Scoresheet