

## 2021 Underwater Hockey Secondary Schools Competition

The competition is based at the WRAC and open to all schools in the Wellington region. Schools are required to assist in the running of the competition through duty allocation and senior refereeing.

Date/Time: Tuesday (Seniors) and Friday (Juniors) evenings  
Competition starts 1<sup>st</sup> Week Term 2.

Venue: Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre (WRAC)

Grades: Junior Girls (under 15 at 1 Jan 2021)  
Junior Open (under 15 at 1 Jan 2021 - boys or mixed)  
Senior Girls  
Senior Open (boys or mixed)

*Teams with all girls must be entered into either Junior or Senior Girls*

Preseason League: This 'have a go' preseason league comes at no cost (only pool entry). This a great chance to give new players an opportunity and for teams to run trials to establish teams moving forward. There will be some gear available to borrow on the night.

Juniors – 19<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Seniors – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> April

PLEASE NOTE On March 19<sup>th</sup> all junior teams and any new senior players will be required to attend a rules course. This course will cover legal gear, pool rules, an introduction to UWH rules and information WUHA deems appropriate to cover. More details about the course will be circulated to teams.

Equipment: Gear required for every game, by all players:

- Mask with two lenses, either tempered glass or plastic
- Snorkel – must be cut in line with the player's head and flexible
- Mouth guard – either internal or external
- Glove – strongly contrasting to the puck and the stick
- Stick – as per CMAS rules
- Fins – no buckles, no sharp edges.

Entries: Entries are to be completed online by **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, and team lists completed by the **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**.

Coaches/Referees: All teams must identify coaches upon team entry. All schools should establish who needs to enrol for the referees course and register them with WUHA. Once students have been confirmed a place WUHA will confirm students and invoice the school directly.

Cost: Entry fee is \$515 per team (*schools will be invoiced for this*). Players need to cover pool entry cost upon entry.

UWH rules:

The Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre has asked WUHA to update teams on the pool rules.

- There should be no poolside changing.
- The 5m diving pool is out of bounds to all uwh players during school league nights.
- Players are not to walk across the bulkheads. The only time players are allowed on the bulkhead is if they are getting the barriers or goals in or out of the pool.
- A coach or manager is allowed to stand on the bulkhead during the game.
- Only 1 coach is allowed in the water during the game.
- Fins should not be worn while walking around the pool.
- Players should not jump over the bulkhead when moving from the warm-up lanes to the 2m pool.
- The enclosed stairwell area at the end of the pool (by the 5m area) is off limits at all times as it is a fire exit and cannot be blocked.
- Teams can use the birthday area outside of the main pool, near the toddler pool. Teams must leave that area as they found it.
- Baby shampoo should not be used in the pool.
- All teams are required to have a pool side first responder during team practices/trainings. The role of the first responder is to get the attention of pool staff should a player or coach become incapacity.
- If a game is defaulted and the pool space is available, WUHA can choose how to use that space.