

WPCR - APPENDIX 1

NATIONAL WATER POLO COMPETITIONS

FORMAT

(UP TO 2023)

- Preliminary Round – 2 Groups:
Group A – 1st, 4th and 6th Premier Division and 1st 3rd and 5th First Division
(according to classification of previous summer leagues)
Group B – 2nd, 3rd and 5th Premier Division and 2nd and 4th First Division
(according to classification of previous summer leagues)
- Cross-Over Round
- 1 Round Premier Division and 1 Round First Division
- Play-Offs for each division for all teams (best-of-3)
Premier Division: 3rd vs 6th and 4th vs 5th
First Division: 3rd vs 4th and 2nd vs 5th
- 1st and 2nd placed teams in the Premier Division go direct to the Semi-Finals
- 1st placed team in the First Division goes direct to the Final
- Teams will be seeded as per Final Classification of previous summer leagues
- Fixtures will incorporate top clashes at the end of each round
- Last Round fixtures will be set up according to classification after the Cross-Over Round
- Points won from direct encounters in the Preliminary and Cross Over Rounds will be carried forward
- In the Play Offs, the team placed higher in the classification will start with a 1-0 advantage
- The 1st Division Play-Off Semi-Final will start at 0-0
- The Play-Off Finals will start at 0-0

- There are no Play Offs between the losers at Quarter Final and Semi Final stages. The final classification will be as follows:-

Quarter Finals 3rd vs 6th 4th vs 5th

- Should the higher placed teams win, these will remain in 3rd and 4th place respectively unless they beat the 1st and 2nd placed team in the Semi Finals. 5th and 6th will also retain these placings.
- Should the 5th and 6th teams win, then these will be placed 3rd and 4th respectively (unless they beat the 1st and 2nd placed teams in the Semi Finals). Subsequently, the teams previously placed 3rd and 4th before the Play Offs, will be placed 5th and 6th respectively.