

FAIRFIELD COUNTY SWIMMING LEAGUE

FINA/USAWP RULES

FCSL Water Polo will be conducted under the current FINA/USAWP Water Polo Rules with modifications and exceptions as described in the FCSL Water Polo Rules, which are in addition to and supplement the rules in the General Sports Section of the FCSL Rules.

USA Water Polo Rules are updated in line with FINA Water Polo Rules, generally every 4 years.

FINA & USA Water Polo Rules have been updated and links to the new Rules: New FINA WP Rules 2020, New FINA Rules - USAWP Implementation 2020, and the previously published New USAWP Rules Implementation 2019 are listed on the FCSL Website in the Downloads and Rules section under the Water Polo heading.

Please NOTE:

FCSL Water Polo will follow the **updated USAWP rules subject** to the following:

1. Goalies will not be allowed to go past half court. [Different from USAWP]
2. The free throw will take place where the ball is located at the time of the foul NOT where the foul itself takes place. [New rule; consistent with USAWP]
3. If a player is inside the 5M mark and they are fouled from behind they will receive a penalty shot whether the player drops the ball or not. [New rules; consistent with USA WP]
4. If a player is fouled inside the 6M line, the player needs to pass the ball to someone else on the same team. *
5. A Senior player (only) can shoot immediately after being fouled outside the 6M line. *
6. A Senior player can put the ball in play to self and then shoot if the Senior player was fouled outside the 6M line. *

Links to the previous 2009-2017 USAWP Playing Rules, Rules Changes Summary, and New Rules Points of Interest pdf files are still located at <http://www.usawaterpolo.org> Click on Resources for Rules-Ethics.

There are also links to various pdf files in the Water Polo list on the Downloads page on fcsl.info

We suggest you download these pdf files to our smartphone, tablet or laptop, or print them out.

They must be available for reference at each FCSL Water Polo game at the Scoring Desk.

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