



# HaBaWaBa Spain 2018



**RULES**





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## 1. The Teams

- 1.1. The teams are composed of a maximum of 15 players, including 6 players in the water (5 + goalie) and 9 substitutes. The minimum number of players per team will be 9.
- 1.2. The 2018 edition of the HaBaWaBa Spain 2018 Tournament will be open to:
  - » Athletes under 12 (12U) born in 2006 and younger.
  - » Athletes under 10 years old (10U) born in 2008 and younger.

## 2. The playing field

- 2.1. The size of the playing field is 20 meters by 12.5 meters.
- 2.2. The penalty area is located at 4 meters (yellow signal).
- 2.3. Offside is located at 2 meters (red signal).
- 2.4. The dimensions of the goals are 2.15 meters by 0.75 meters.
- 2.5. Ball No. 3 (School).  
Match balls are provided by the event's technical sponsor.

## 3. Game time

- 3.1. Each match consists of 2 periods of 12 minutes each, with a rest interval of 2 minutes between each period.
- 3.2. The stopwatch stops only in the following cases: due to injury or in case of any incident with the field of play.
- 3.3. In the semifinals and in the finals, time will stop after each goal and the coaches will be entitled to 1 timeout of 1 minute in each part..
- 3.4. The team in possession of the ball has no possession limit (therefore, there will be no limit of 30).
- 3.5. With reference to the previous point (3.4.), The referee may decide to change possession of the ball if there is a clear will to lose time or passivity in the attack.

## 4. Rules of the game

- 4.1. During the game and in numerical equality (even opponents), an attacker cannot be in static within the area of 4 meters for more than 5 seconds (offensive foul).
- 4.2. The player who commits 3 exclusions can-

not continue in the field. The player who commits an act of brutality, violent play or who does not respect opposing players, his own teammates, referee or assistants, will be expelled and replaced immediately. This player, in addition, will be sanctioned in a disciplinary way based on the severity of the infraction.

- 4.3. The excluded player can immediately return to the playing field (except for brutality, violent play or lack of respect) by re-entering from the re-entry zone, located in front of his own bench and bounded by a red lane rope.
- 4.4. At any time during the game, a player can be substituted by leaving the field of play for his re-entry zone. The substitute may enter the field from the same zone as soon as the substituted player is clearly visible within the ejection zone.
- 4.5. During the match, with the two teams in numerical equality, the zone defense is not allowed. The resulting lack of this situation will be called "lack of zone". The player remaining in zone defense (protecting a playing area) will be ejected, unless this



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occurs immediately after the player has committed an ordinary foul and is making active help to another opponent. As soon as the opponent has passed the ball to a teammate, the defender has to return to the defense in pressing. In all other cases, the general rules of FINA apply.

4.6. A shot is not allowed after any foul in any case.

4.7. The goalkeeper can only be substituted during the following phases of the game:

- » After a goal.
- » In the interval between the game periods.
- » In case of game interruption in case of injury and with the consent of the referee.

\* The player replacing the goalkeeper must wear a red cap.

## 5. Punctuation

The 1st Phase will be developed following a league system.

5.1. Three points will be awarded for each victory.

5.2. In case of a tie, 1 point will be awarded to each team.

5.3. The losing team will receive 0 points.

The 2nd Phase, the quarterfinals, the semifinal and the final will be governed by the following regulations:

5.4. All the matches will have to end with a winner. Consequently, if a match ends in a draw, a round of 5 penalties per team will be played, following the FINA rule until a team proclaims itself the winner.

5.5. If two or more teams have the same points in the final classification of the 1st Phase, the following criteria will be applied to determine the classification order:

- » The team that has obtained the most points in the matches between them will be the best classified.
- » The team with the best goal average (difference of goals for and against) in the clashes between the two teams in question will be the best classified.
- » The team with the best goal average overall will be the best classified.
- » The team that has scored the most goals

during the whole league will be the best classified.

- » A draw will determine the best ranked team.

## 6. Referees

6.1. Each game will be refereed by a referee.

6.2. A secretary will also be assigned to carry out the minutes of the match, the monitoring of the result and to control the return of the expelled players, the entry of the substitutes, the exclusion of the players and the third personal foul.

6.3. A secretary will be in charge of controlling the time of play, the intervals between the two times and the waiting times (quarterfinals, semifinals and finals).



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## 7. Various

- 7.1. Only the coach and an assistant coach or delegate can sit on the bench. Therefore, two people at most may be from the technical team.
- 7.2. Only the coach can give instructions to the team and walk along the edge of the pool to the middle of the field, while their team is in attack. In defense, the coach must return to the bench and in no case may hinder the work of the referee.
- 7.3. During the tournament, the coach and his assistant or delegate will be required to wear the accreditation distributed by the organization and must wear the club uniform.
- 7.4. During all matches, players must wear the hats provided by the Tournament Technical Sponsor.
- 7.5. When the coach or other staff member is expelled, he will automatically be suspended for the next match, unless the Disciplinary Committee decides a longer suspension due to the seriousness of the events.

## 8. Fair-Play Trophy

- 8.1. The HaBaWaBa Spain Tournament is an event based on ethics, mutual respect, social integration and fair play.
- 8.2. Anyone involved in this event (athletes, coaches, team leaders, family members, supporters ...) must comply with these values.
- 8.3. In an effort to honor these principles, Waterpolo Development, the proprietary association of the HaBaWaBa brand, has established an award called the "Fair-Play HaBaWaBa Trophy".
- 8.4. The objective of this award is to combat the wrong behavior and encourage participants to behave in a sporting manner.
- 8.5. The secretary of each party will make an evaluation of each team.
- 8.6. The evaluation is applied to all teams for all the matches of the tournament.
- 8.7. In the end, the teams will be classified in a ranking that will be developed taking into account all the matches of the tournament.
- 8.8. In case of a tie in the Fair-Play classification, there will be no tie-breaking and the teams in question will share the position.