



**KYO-YA HOTELS & RESORTS, LP
HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
GIRLS WATER POLO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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Assistant DirectorHarley Simon
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..... Stacy Jones, Coordinator
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Rules & Appeals..... Wendell Look, Dave Fasi, & Chris Chun
Officials Coordinator..... Ian Kusao & Wendell Look
Pairings..... Wendell Look, Chris Chun & league representatives
Tournament Desk & Announcers Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama
Results Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

I. HHSAA GIRLS WATER POLO REGULATIONS

HHSAA Girls Water Polo regulations may be found in the HHSAA Handbook found in this packet.

II. TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION (As of 3/25/2025)

	Division I
OIA	4
ILH	2*
BIIF	2*
MIL	2*
KIF	0
TOTAL	12

*ILH3 / BIIF 3/ MIL3 tied for final berth. Tie breaker procedure, BIIF 3 is in the tournament. ILH3 / MIL3 play in forfinal berth

III. TEAM ROSTERS

All schools who are POTENTIAL QUALIFIERS for the state tournament are requested to submit their team roster using the official HHSAA electronic roster entry form (Excel) by **Wednesday, April 29, 2026, NOON.**

IV. HEAD COACHES' MEETING

There will be NO coaches meeting. All coaches info will be sent out via email.

V. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Monday, May 4, 2026

Match #	Time tbd	First Round, Site TBD
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Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama

Match #5	3:30 p.m.	Quarterfinal match
Match #6	4:45 p.m.	Quarterfinal match
Match #7	6:00 p.m.	Quarterfinal match
Match #8	7:15 p.m.	Quarterfinal match

Friday, May 8, 2026 @ Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama

Match #	3:30 p.m.	Consolation match
Match #	4:45 p.m.	Consolation match
Match #	6:00 p.m.	Semifinal match
Match #	7:15 p.m.	Semifinal match

Saturday, May 9, 2026 @ Kamehameha Schools - Kapalama

Match #13	4:30 p.m.	5 th place match
Match #14	5:45 p.m.	3 rd place match
Match #15	7:00 p.m.	Championship match

VI. SPECTATORS

For Monday, Thursday and Friday games on Kamehameha Kapalama campus, spectators will not be allowed onto campus until 3:00 pm.

VII. CODE-OF-CONDUCT

The coach shall have direct responsibility for the conduct of team members prior to, during, and after tournament competition (in the hotel, in public, at the tournament, transportation to and from tournament site, etc.).

The drinking of alcoholic beverages, smoking, drug use, and loud, unruly, or destructive behavior will not be tolerated.

Coaches are requested to inform their athletes of hotel rules and regulations. Please emphasize the importance of appropriate conduct and behavior, and consideration for other hotel guests. Schools and students will be charged for any damage caused by them at the hotel.

It is recommended that schools inform parents regarding the Code-of-Conduct in writing.

VII. STATE TOURNAMENT DISQUALIFICATION RULE

Any student-athlete or coach disqualified before, during, or after a state tournament game/match/event for unsportsmanlike conduct, flagrant verbal misconduct, or flagrant physical misconduct shall be disqualified from his/her next scheduled state tournament game/match/event for that sport. The student-athlete or coach has the right to appeal any such disqualification to an appeals committee for the particular sport. Should a student-athlete or coach be disqualified from the final state tournament game/match/event for that sport, said disqualification shall NOT carry over to the following school year's state tournament for that sport. Instead, the student-athlete's or coach's league shall determine any appropriate penalty or sanction.

GIRLS WATER POLO

I. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- A. To determine the state champion for girls water polo through tournament competition.
- B. To recognize the combined efforts of all the participating teams and schools in the tournament.
- C. To promote and encourage the highest principles of citizenship and positive behavior in tournament competition.
- D. To promote the highest principles of good citizenship in tournament competition.

II. OFFICIALS

A. Qualifications and Requirements

- 1. Evidence of having passed the NFHS Girls Water Polo Officials' Examination.
- 2. Recommended and approved by their respective leagues.
- 3. All state tournament officials/umpires shall wear uniforms in accordance with their sport's NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations. In the absence of any NFHS rules/guidelines/recommendations, the sport's HHSAA Sport Coordinator shall have the final say as to the appropriateness of a state tournament official's/umpire's uniform.
- 4. The HHSAA Executive Director, Sport Coordinator, and Officials Coordinator shall review the names recommended by the leagues and make the appropriate selections as needed for the state tournament.

B. Selection and Assignment

- 1. The selection of match officials shall be made by the Sport Coordinator and Officials Coordinator.
- 2. Match officials and coaches are requested to meet with the Sport Coordinator prior to the tournament for a briefing regarding the tournament format.
- 3. Leagues may request that an official be selected for the tournament. However, if selected, the league shall be responsible for the official's expenses to the tournament.

C. Officials Compensation

1. Officials shall be compensated based on HHSAA rates.
2. HHSAA Rates: Referee (\$40); Timekeeper and Secretaries (\$15)

III. ELIGIBILITY (SEE HHSAA HANDBOOK)

IV. RULES GOVERNING TOURNAMENT

- A. NFHS Water Polo Rules shall prevail, with HHSAA modifications as necessary.
- B. Each team shall be entitled to three regular time-outs and one 20-second time out during the first four periods; in overtime, each team shall be entitled to only one regular time-out regardless of the number of time-outs called during regulation time.
- C. Adopt a 30 sec shot clock for the HHSAA Girls Water Polo Tournament. (Per NFHS Water Polo Rule. 5-0. Currently we use :35s shot clock) ~~A 35-Second shot clock will be used in the Girls Water Polo Tournament.~~ (Rev 6/2023)

V. TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

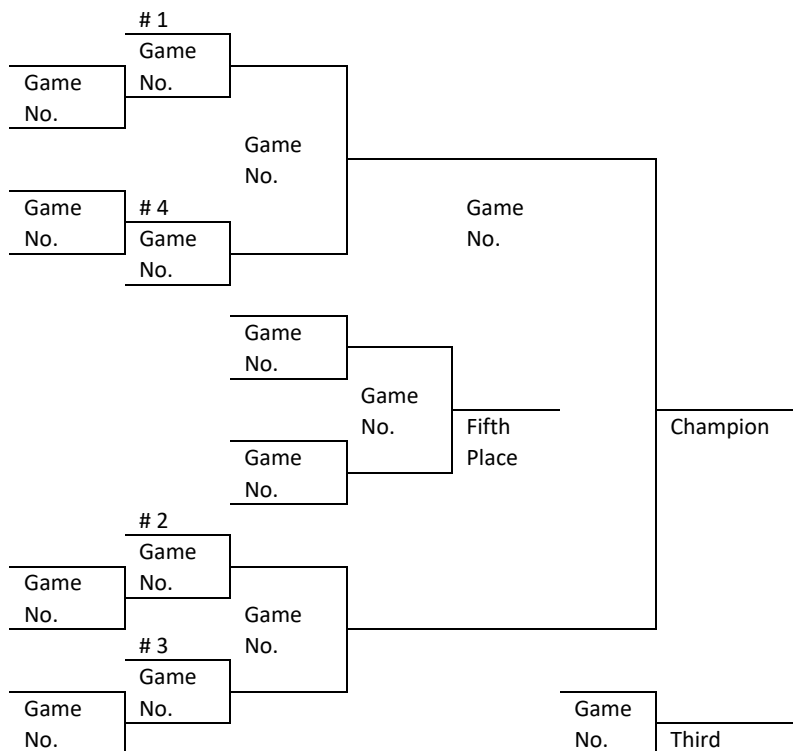
- A.

$\frac{\text{Number of participating teams in league}}{\text{Number of participating teams in state}}$	X	$\text{Number of teams in state tournament}$
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- B. Pac-Five teams are eligible to participate in the following HHSAA state tournaments: baseball, canoe paddling, cheerleading, football, soccer, softball, and girls water polo.
- C. For team-only state tournaments, a combination team shall be counted in the league representation formula as long as one of the schools in the combination team has a minimum number of players, as follows:

Volleyball – 6, Football – 11, Softball – 9, Soccer – 11, Basketball – 5, Baseball – 9, Canoe Paddling – 6, Water Polo – 7
- D. For team-only state tournaments, if a combination team qualifies for a state tournament, only players from one of the schools with the above-listed minimum number shall be allowed to participate in the state tournament.

VI. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Twelve-team, single elimination tournament (plus consolation matches) held over four days.



VII. SIZE OF TEAM IN TOURNAMENT

Schools may bring an unlimited number of players accompanied by authorized coaches. Names of players and coaches must be listed on the official tournament roster.

VIII. SEEDING / PAIRING

(Rev. 6/2012)

- A. League champions shall be determined no later than 4 days prior to the start of the Tournament. (E.G. if the Tournament begins on a Monday, league champions must be completed by the Wednesday prior). This only applies to the following tournaments: Division I boys and girls basketball, Division I boys and girls soccer, Division I boys and girls volleyball, and girls water polo. **(Rev 6/2023)**

B. If a league champion is not determined by this date, that league will lose their ability to host the first round of the Tournament AND shall be responsible for all non-refundable expenses for the traveling team's first round match.

1. A league may apply to the HHSAA Board for an exemption to this deadline due to extenuating circumstances. (Rev 6/2023)

C. Seeding/Pairings shall be done by the Tournament Seeding/Pairing Committee.

1. HHSAA Executive Director, Chairperson
2. Sport Coordinators
3. Tournament Director
4. Others as selected by the Sport Coordinator

D. Seed the league champions.

E. Place the league's 2nd representative in the opposite half bracket based on league champion's seed. EXAMPLE: The state's top seeded league will place their 2nd representative in the same quarter bracket as the state's 3rd seed.)

F. Place the league's 3rd representative in the opposite quarter bracket of the league's 2nd representative.

G. Place the league's 4th representative in the same half bracket opposite quarter bracket from league champion.

H. Place the league's 5th representative in the same quarter bracket as the league champion. If the bracket is full, place the 5th representative in the last remaining open slot.

I. Place the league's 6th representative in the only remaining slot.

IX. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

A. Player-Bench Occupants

During a match, the player-bench may only be occupied by eligible substitutes, coaches, school administrators, bonafide team managers, bonafide team scorekeepers, an athletic trainer, and a team physician.

B. Pool Deck Area

During a match, only authorized player-bench occupants from the two participating teams and tournament officials shall be allowed on the pool deck. All other persons must sit in the bleachers.

C. Identifying Apparel for Timekeeper and Secretary

It is recommended that the official timekeeper and secretaries wear identifying apparel and that their location be clearly determined.

X. TOURNAMENT BALL

The Tournament ball shall be the Kap7 NFHS Ball.

XI. UNIFORMS

A. Pursuant to NFHS Water Polo Rule 4-1: “Each team shall have two sets of caps, one white and the other a dark contrasting color. Home team caps may be any dark color that contrasts with the color of the ball and with the color of the numbers. Dark caps may not be yellow, gold, orange, powder blue, light gray, pale green or similar light colors. The caps of the home team field players may be divided into thirds or alternating colored panels, with the thirds or panels consisting of two colors, one a dark color such as navy blue or black, and the other one a color such as powder blue, medium blue, orange or green (this panel must not be white), provided that the caps are clearly distinguishable from the caps of the goalkeepers (the caps of the field players may not be divided into red and white panels or into red and dark panels), that the numbers on the caps are white or yellow, are clearly visible, are of the correct size and that the numbers are on the darker portion of the cap.

The caps of visiting team field players shall be solid white. (White field players’ caps may not be divided into thirds or alternating colored panels.)

Caps for the field players of either team and the goalkeeper may have piping of any color not to exceed a width of 1 centimeter around the cap (the cap strings or straps may be the same color as the piping or may match the cap color).”

B. Whenever the name of a school appears above the name of its opponent in a bracket pairing (note: brackets will be provided to participating teams prior to the tournament), that team will be designated the home team and shall wear dark caps. Conversely, whenever the name of a school appears below the name of its opponent in a bracket pairing, that team will be designated the visiting team and shall wear white caps.

C. Contrary to NFHS rules, the required third cap number is optional. (*Adopted 6/2016*)

XII. STATE TOURNAMENT DISQUALIFICATION RULE

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XIII. AWARDS AND TROPHIES

- A. Permanent trophies to Championship and Runner-up teams.
- B. 15 gold medals for Championship team.
- C. 15 silver medals for Runner-up team.
- D. Additional medals may be requested at a school's own expense.

XIV. ADMISSION

General Admission \$9.00*
*plus applicable service fees

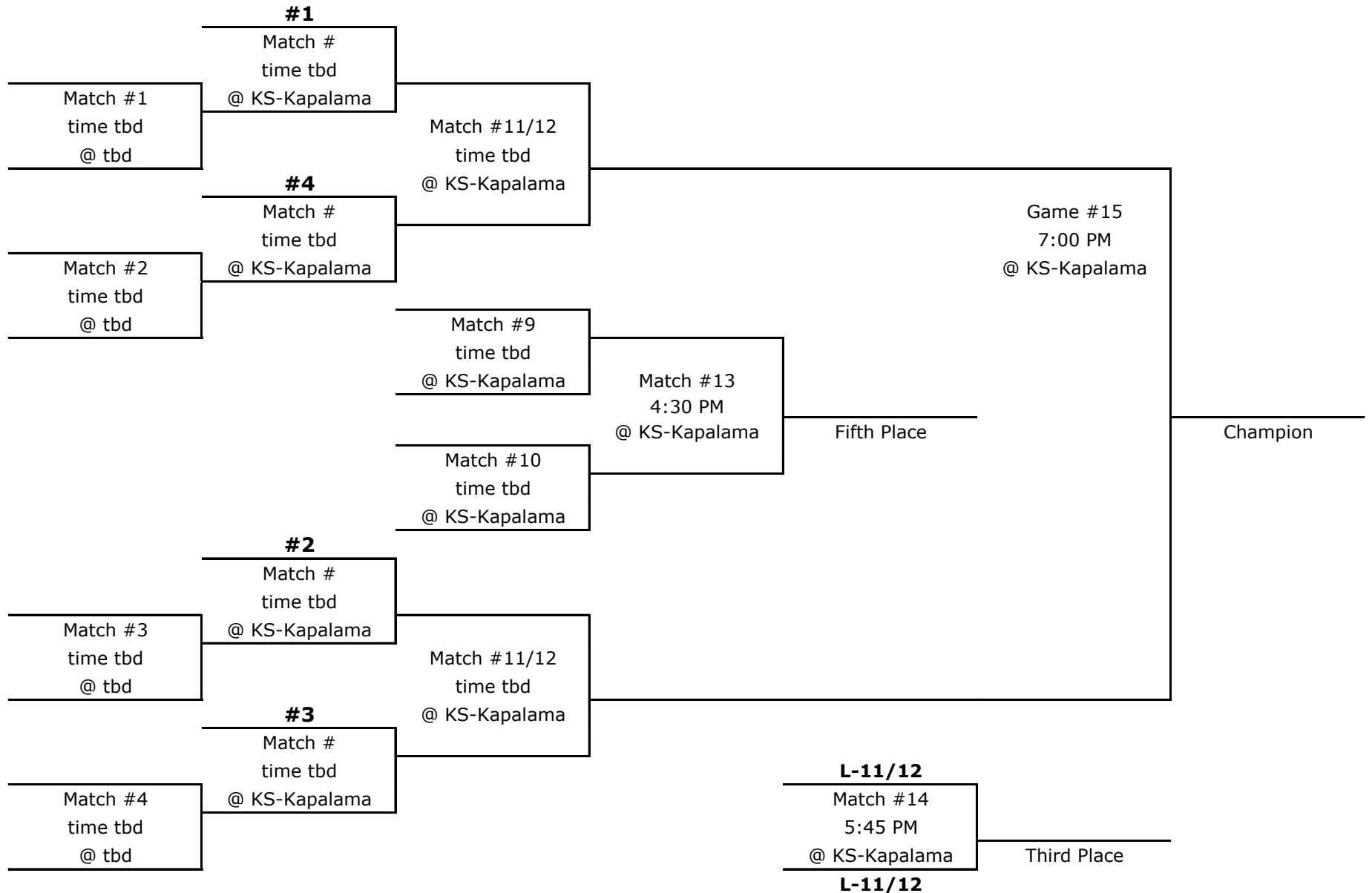


Kyoya Hotels

Girls Water Polo State Championships

Hawaii High School Athletic Association
Monday, May 4 - Saturday, May 9, 2026

Monday May 4	Thursday May 7	Friday May 8	Saturday May 9
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**2026 KYO-YA HOTELS & RESORTS, LP / HHSAA GIRLS WATERPOLO
 SOUVENIR T-SHIRT PRE-ORDER FORM**

_____ School requests to order the following sizes of the souvenir T-shirts at \$20.00 per shirt.

Size	Quantity	Price	Total
Small		\$20.00	
Medium		\$20.00	
Large		\$20.00	
X-Large		\$20.00	
XX-Large		\$20.00	
		GRAND TOTAL	



Email preorders to your respective host (see below) school. Checks payable to HHSAA may be brought to the tournament site of teams first game. **Note: preorders must be paid in full by first day of the tournament or shirts will be released to the general public.**

DIVISION I:
 Russell Aoki
 HHSAA
 E-mail: aoki@hhsaa.org

**Preorders are due:
 Sunday, May 3, 1pm**

Contact person: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email Address: _____

HHSAA Girls Water Polo Tournament Records

View HHSAA Girls Water Polo Tournament Record book at:

https://hhsaa.org/sports/water_polo/tournament/record_book