

2024 e-Captain's Meeting:

**Rules & Schedule information for 2024 Not-so-hard on your Body
Tournament**

We are playing at the same new pool as 2022 and 2023

It's our aim to again make this a fun, fair and safe tournament for the players
– and leave the North Charleston Aquatic Center staff with a great
impression of UWH!

Referees:

Three dedicated referees:

Mauricio Rivera - Tournament Referee

Juan Diego Marquez

Kevin Green

The 7 teams:

Delaware, NC Triangle, Atlanta,

Charleston, Florida Gators, Orlando, Key-Nati Bulldogs

Pool access:

Friday: Not open for players.

Saturday: times still tbd

7:00 am – open for Referees and CHS team for setup

8:00 am – warm-ups

8:30 am – start of 1st game

6:15 pm – end of last Sat game

Banquet 6:30 pm soft start - steamed local oysters
7:15 pm buffet
Details and directions to Freehouse Brewery, below

Sunday:

8:00 am - Referees and CHS setup
- open for warm-ups

8:30 am - start of 1st game

2:30 pm - end of final game

→ final teams, please help remove weights, goals & sections of barriers from water!

~**3:00 pm** - Awards

4:00 pm - pool closes

---RULES---

The use of supplemental oxygen or enriched air will not be allowed

PLEASE – be gentle on our barriers – they are not made for kicking off of.
(If not, warnings and penalties may be assessed)

Play on the **permanent** pool wall:

- If the puck is pushed/lifted/carried up the wall to the point where the wall becomes vertical, the referees shall stop play for safety reasons. The player or players responsible will be considered to have played the puck out-of-bounds, and appropriate penalties shall be assessed

Minnesota Rule:

Each team must provide one ref after each game they play. (No ref op-out.)

-If there are 2 Dedicated Referees scheduled in the water for a game, then the team that **lost** the prior game does **not** need to provide a referee for the subsequent game.

Your team must sign up your ref before your game starts.

Put your team's ref name down for the game you PLAY (not the one you ref.)

The 'Dilly-Dally' rule will apply:

- If refs provided through the Minnesota Rule are not ready to officiate when the game is scheduled to start, their teams will incur penalties in the next game they play.

Water refs are required to wear (and quickly don and doff):

- red/orange/yellow mesh swim caps (pull-over for speed)
or red water polo caps
- red/orange/yellow mesh vests,
- red/orange/yellow colored gloves

Note the markers on the pool bottom for puck positioning:

- Circles mark the center and each of the penalty-shot spots.
- Squares mark 5m from end boundaries and 2m from side boundaries.

One wall is a bulkhead (bridge). 1 ft above water, 4 ft deep. (Bottom is 7 ft)

FOR SAFETY clearance, this boundary & goal are ~2 ft. forward of bulkhead.
(Center spot is midway between wall & bulkhead - not the boundary/goal)

Communicating with Referees:

- Players arriving late to a game must notify officials at official's table before entering game
- Only active team captain (vice-captain in captain's absence) may speak to officials during a match
- 'Colorful metaphors' and other inappropriate language/gestures will not be tolerated

Rules Version:

We will be using CMAS rules version 12.0 (Volume 1 v12.0, Volume 2 v12.0), all players are strongly encouraged to at least read volume 2 of these rules.

<https://www.underwater-society.org/uwhreferees>

Rules Modifications, Special Notices:

- All USA players must pay USOA dues and sign the USOA waiver.
- All foreign players must sign the USOA waiver. (There is a Spanish translation of waiver on request.)
- Rosters are managed via UWHPortal.com
- Rosters are due Nov 1st and will verify the above items.
- No players will be allowed to enter the water until they are in compliance.

Penalty times may be reduced from those specified in the CMAS rules due to shorter game length

1, 2, 5 minute penalties will be used. However: 2 may become 1 and 5 may become 2 at the discretion of the officials

CMAS protest and tournament jury composition rules have been modified to be relevant for a non-Worlds tournament. Detailed modifications and the tournament jury roster will be available at the ref tables.

Player Gear & Markings:

- Appropriate color hat/swim cap must be worn during play. Ear-guards and straps are excluded from color requirements provided they do not create confusion about hat color.
- Wrestling headgear does not count as a hat. An appropriate color hat must be worn together with a wrestling headgear.
- BLUE and BLACK are acceptable hat colors when playing black/dark
- WHITE is the acceptable hat color when playing white
- Ear and mouth guards must be worn. Players will not be allowed to play without them
- "C" and "VC" shall be clearly marked on both shoulders of captain and vice-captain, respectively. (Black permanent markers will be at the officials table.)
- In-water coaches must wear no polo cap/headgear during games.
- Gloves must sharply contrast the playing stick and puck (Uni2 bright orange).
- Gloves may not be red/yellow/orange/pink in color. Unsportsmanlike conduct infringements may be called if glove color is being used to intentionally mislead/confuse other players or officials.



---SET-UP---

- White starts at the permanent wall. Black at bulkhead.
- Ref table will be on deck (left side of photo)
- Warmup: There will be warmup lanes on our half of the pool (right in photo)
Please do not use other half of main pool (not in photo)
A separate (warmer) pool is available – but not with any hockey gear!
- Penalty Boxes: The penalty boxes are on either side of the ref table.
- Spectators:
In-water spectators may watch play from within the area between the sub boxes (outside the playing area).
- Video:
 - filming will be allowed in the area above
→ inform opposing team, chief ref and scorers table in advance
- The other half of 50m main pool (not shown) and separate small pool are open for normal public use:
 - locker space is quite limited (~ 25 in men's and women's)
 - if you leave gear on the deck overnight, it is at your own risk.
 - do not lock items in lockers overnight
 - NO glass containers.
 - corner room is dedicated for food & drink.
Observe venue rules and not bring food onto pool deck

PLEASE be considerate to facility staff and regular patrons at all times.
Future club play and tournaments depend on it! Thank you.

---SCHEDULE---

- We will be using an automated timing system. Change-over time between games is maintained by the computer.

- Teams and refs are responsible for being ready when the games start (Minnesota Rule refs not ready will incur Dilly-Dally Rule penalties).

There is no Friday warm-up or scrimmage. Pool is closed for a swim meet.

Format:

All round robin games on Saturday

Seeding, playoffs and medal games on Sunday

---SCORING---

Time/score management system will be running and provide integration with UWHportal.com!

---OTHER THINGS---

Food Room:

Expect a variety of healthy and not-so-healthy snacks, including veggies, meats and cheeses.

Please bring your own water bottle for water & Gatorade. (We will have disposables, but please mark with a sharpie and reuse)

Banquet:

- The banquet will be Saturday, Nov 10. Included for registered players.
- Guests are welcome for \$25. PayPal: charlestonuwh@gmail.com or cash

- List any dietary accommodations and number of guests in UWHportal by Nov 1:

Location: Freehouse Brewery (same as 2022 and 2023)
2895 Pringle Street, North Charleston, SC 29405

This is a beautiful and rustic spot on the Ashley River – although in an old industrial area. CAUTION as you get close: A portion of the road is gravel and also quite uneven.

10 minutes from hotels near airport or 20 minutes from pool

Soft start around 6:30 pm. Steamed local oysters

Frogmore stew (peel and eat shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes)

Dietary alternatives provided for those who requested.

A wide range of draft beer styles are available for purchase

!! Strict policy against external alcohol or consumption by those under 21 !!
– we don't want to jeopardize the brewery's alcohol license!

Ends at 9:30pm

Contacts

The following people are your contacts for their various areas of specialty

- Mauricio Rivera: Tournament Referee
- Arthur Holland: Charleston club pres
- Brian Johaneck: Charleston treasurer
- Kiernan Wood & Shanelle: Timing & scoring with Atlantis / UWHportal.