



ESSA First Round Competition 2011-12. Boys/mixed U16 and Boys U18 To be played by Sunday 13th November 2011

It is a pleasure to welcome old friends and new school teams to the ESSA Water Polo tournament this year. Hopefully this document will cover the structure and decision process to enable a smooth competition to run. Organisers will try to accommodate appropriate days and timings for all schools but please be aware that some bookings for facilities and ESSA Finals weekends are fixed dates. If all the schools cannot agree a common acceptable date then a date the majority of the schools can take part on will be played to meet the deadline.

Note: Under 14 Mixed Championship and the Girls competitions will be sent by their organisers' later in the term.

Structure & Progressing to the Finals for both age groups

Top 2 teams in each regional cluster tournament will continue into the ESSA Championship Round. The next two teams (3rd and 4th placed) will move into the ESSA Plate Competition and the remainder will go through to the ESSA Bowl Tournament.

Championship : Round 2 - Twelve teams will contest the Championship competition in two groups of 6 in February. Top 3 in each group will go on to Round 3 the ESSA Finals at Walsall in May. Teams in 4th place in Round 2 are the reserves for the 6 team Championship Finals if a team who qualified in the top 3 places cannot for any reason play on the day.

Plate : Round 2 - Twelve teams will contest the Plate competitions in two groups of 6 in February. Top 3 in each group will go on to Round 3 the ESSA Plate Final. It is hoped to play this in March. Teams in 4th place in Round 2 are the reserves for the 6 team Plate Finals if a team who qualified in the top 3 places cannot for any reason play on the day.

Bowl: Round 2 - All teams who qualify for the Bowl will play in a tournament to decide the top 4 teams who will qualify for Round 3 the ESSA Bowl Final. First Round Dates: Organisers will run the first round between Weds 24th November and Sunday 12th December 2010.

Note: Would the round organising school ensure there are two periods in each match played. For schools running a 6 team event do get in touch to run the event in an ESSA Finals format.

Teams in green to host first round tournaments.

Host Schools will get in touch directly with you on possible dates to all the schools playing in their group. Organisers will have the contact, phone number and e-mail address of each school provided on the 2011-12 ESSA entry form.

U16 Mixed/ Boys (Year 8-11) - note students retaking GCSE's / Year 11 are ineligible due to the ESSA U16 age rule.

Round robin format if possible. 2x 6 mins. League table 2 points for win and 1 point each for a draw. If unable to separate placings on points alone then decision to be made using (in order) : 1) goal difference, 2) result between tied teams, 3) penalty shoot out will take place immediately after the main tournament with 5 different players per team shooting at a deep end only.

Tournament order decided on the day – first named team in each match to wear white caps and defend the shallow end. Neutral referees to officiate or staff to share duties.

2011 U16's

MGS	Bradford	Cheltenham	Charterhouse	Haberdasher's
Trinity, Carlisle	King's Grantham	KES Birmingham	Trinity, Croydon	City of London
Bolton	RGS Newcastle	BMS	Glyn Tech College	Stowe
Warwick	St John's School	Eton	Alleyn's	St Paul's
Durham	St Bede's	Bedford School	QE Barnet	Northampton
		Radley	Dulwich College	

U18 Boys (Year 10-13) – note students retaking A2's/Year 13 are ineligible due to the ESSA U18 age rule.

5 teams : Round robin format if possible. Tournament order decided on the day – first name team in each match to wear white caps and defend the shallow end. 2x 6 min. Neutral referees to officiate or staff to share duties.

6 teams : 2 mini leagues and playoff matches may be played. ESSA format as per tournament finals. First named team in each match to wear white caps and defend the shallow end. 2x 6 min. Neutral referees to officiate or staff to share duties.

For either format league table 2 points for win and 1 point each for a draw. If unable to separate placings on points alone then decision to be made using (in order) : 1) goal difference, 2) result between tied teams, 3) penalty shoot out will take place immediately after the main tournament with 5 different players per team shooting at a deep end only.

2011 U18's

MGS	Bradford	Oundle	St Paul's	Trinity, Croydon	BMS
Durham	Bolton	King's Gr	Haberdasher's	Alleyn's	Stowe
St Wilfrid's	KES B'ham	Warwick	Harrow	Torquay GS	C of L
Cannon Slade	Northampton	Bedford	Eton	Charterhouse	<i>QE Barnet</i>
Trinity, Carl	RGS Newc	Radley	Dulwich	Glyn Tech	Cheltenham

Player / School Administration – It is the responsibility of the school to take to each round the required ESSA documentation and pass it to the organiser of the round/competition if required. Schools need to ensure all the forms are completed for all players/teams participating in ESSA competitions. Staff & coaches need to be up to date on ESSA Child Protection and the ASA Wave Power process.

Please will U16 & U18 round organisers send the results as soon as the round is completed to: pn@warwickschool.org

Next rounds we will play before the Xmas break to avoid schools finding their players being unavailable in the exam period.

Host schools for the next round will be contacted to sort out a date by the ESSA organiser before half term.

Good luck to all

Best Regards,

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