



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PREMIER LEAGUE 2006

The Premier League is a program of the USA Water Polo Men's National Team. It is designed to utilize the existing elite clubs and Zone National Teams (organized by single or cooperating zones) to provide high quality domestic play for national team and other aspiring players. The leagues provide opportunities for national team staff to evaluate a broad range of top players in actual competition. Roster spots are reserved in both Divisions I and II for outstanding young players (1987 or later, and 1989 or later).

The leagues sponsor Zone National Teams for both Divisions I and II, selected by staff coaches through a unified tryout process. In the past, due to confusion in regulations, the Division II programs allowed more disparity in quality of play than intended. The national team staff wants considerable emphasis in enforcing its intent to provide high quality play and to close loopholes in regulations. The Coastal California and Southern Pacific Zones of USA Water Polo (USWP) have elected to combine efforts to provide teams and administration of the Premier League for 2006.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Date	Division I	Division II
January 28-29	Round #1 Tryouts	
February 4-5	Round #2 Tryouts	
February 17-April 9	Div I League Play	
February 26-March 19		Div II League Play
April 8-9		So Cal Div II Champs
April 14-16		Div II National Champs
April 21-23	Div I National Champs	

TRYOUTS-ZONE NATIONAL TEAMS

Where: **Cal State Long Beach, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM**

Required: USWP Registration

Tryout Registration: online <https://www.clubassistant.com/club/cl.cfm?c=149>

Cost: \$75.00 (non-refundable), *Penalty \$10.00 if NOT pre-registered.*

Who: **Round #1, Jan 28-29**

- Upper level high school players
- Community college players
- NON-Div I NCAA players *
- Post-college and former national team players, born in 1975 or later,

Who: **Round #2, Feb 4-5**

- Players enrolled currently at Div I NCAA schools, eligibility remaining *
- Players selected from Round #1 tryouts

*NOTES: * 1) May NOT play for a club team.*

2) NCAA teams may NOT play as clubs.

Selection: Immediately follows the second tryout weekend. The two Division I coaches will draft players to their Division I teams, from among all players who tryout. For Division II, the league and coaching staff will work to balance teams by ability and geography.

NOTE: No team may include more than 50% of players from a single college or high school.

ZONE NATIONAL TEAMS

Division I:

1. Southern California National Team
2. Coastal California National Team

Division II (*player interest determines number, probably*):

1. North Coast District
2. Wilshire District
3. San Gabriel District
4. South Bay District
5. Southern Pacific #1
6. Southern Pacific #2

NOTES: 1) A maximum of two (2) foreign players may be included on teams, if approved by the National Team Head Coach and League Commissioner. 2) All rosters MUST include a minimum of athletes, two (2) born in 1987 or later plus two (2) born in 1989 or later, OR four (4) born 1989 or later.

SCHEDULE:

Division I	
Feb 17-19	Southern CA
Mar 10-12	Northern CA
Mar 24-26	Southern CA
Apr 7-9	Northern CA
Apr 21-23	Southern CA

Division II	
Feb 26	Tourney #1
Mar 12	Tourney #2
Mar 19	Tourney #3
Apr 8-9	So Cal DII Champs
Apr 14-16	Northern CA

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