



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ZONE PREMIER LEAGUE 2008

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 programs, Premier and Zone Premier (formerly Div I, Div II respectively) for outstanding young players (1990 or later).

The league sponsors Zone National Teams for each program, selected by staff coaches through a tryout process. This year the national team staff has created two (2) Premier League Teams, (SoCal and Coastal) along college lines and has approved the coaches for the league. The college coaches involved will run the zone national teams as well as the tryout process. The Coastal California and Southern Pacific Zones of USA Water Polo (USAWP) have again elected to combine efforts to provide teams and administration of the Premier League for 2008.

The regulations for zone premier have been modified and are available for reference at www.usawaterpolo.org.

ZONE NATIONAL TEAMS

Tryouts will be held in both the Coastal and SOPAC zones at locations and times to be determined.

Required:

- USAWP 2008 Membership
- Tryout Registration, online <https://www.clubassistant.com/club/cl.cfm?c=149>

Cost:

- \$100 tryout fee (non-refundable).
- \$50 training fee may be charged to players selected to teams
- Travel expenses to and from tournaments.

Who: All USAWP male athletes, born in years 1976-1992

- Upper level high school players
- Community college players
- Non-Div I NCAA players *

Selection: Immediately follows the tryouts. The coaches will select players to all teams, from among all players who tryout.

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CLUB ENTRY

- The fee to enter into the league is \$750.
- Each club is expected to host half their league games or one weekend tournament if they play in the weekend division.
- Clubs not able to host, may be charged a fee of \$200 for payment to clubs that host more than their allotment of games. Efforts will be made to have two games per venue when possible.

Entry Process:

Clubs interested in participating should complete the attached form and submit. To be considered, a club must:

- Submit a preliminary roster of at least seven players with their entry form, through the USAWP Verified Roster system, compliant with Premiere Regulations (min two (2) and max six (6) players born 1990 or later).
- Names of USAWP member Coach(es)
- Home facility
- Available dates and times to host night games

An application will be considered “complete” and accepted when the club submits their completed application, their 15-Man compliant roster and their application fee. No spots will be held and if a club does not submit a complete application package, they will not be listed as a competing club.

ZONE PREMIER LEAGUE FORMAT

The format for the league this year will be different than in the past. For this year, we will run a hybrid league concept including both night league and weekend games. The zone national teams will play on weekends. The club teams will play one “mid week night game” per week against teams in their division. It is expected that teams in the league will host approximately half of their games and travel to the teams in their division for the other half. Adherence to Premier League regulations including advance signed-roster submittals, team decorum and presentation will be followed.

ALL TEAMS MUST SUBMIT A USAWP VERIFIED ROSTER TO THE TABLE NO LATER THAN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME TIME OR WILL FOREFEIT THE GAME! THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

Point standings determine seeding for the Southern California Regional Championship, awarded as follows:

Win	4 points
Shootout Win	3 points
Shootout Loss	2 points
Loss	1 point
Forfeit	0 points

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The league will prepare the schedule, provide the referees and post league standings on a web site so that all members and the public can follow the progress of the league. At present, it is anticipated teams will play this schedule:

- Regular league games, minimum six (6);
- Southern California Regional Championship, four (4) games;
- National Zone Premier League Championship, top four (4) finishers, four (4) games*;
- National Premier League Championship, winner (1) of National Zone Premier Championship, five (5) games.

** Additional entry fee required*

For additional information, contact Zone League Manager, Mark Cousineau at MarkCousineau@Cox.net.

CLUB ENTRY FORM

The Southern Pacific and Coastal California Zones have combined forces to offer players and clubs entries in the USAWP Zone Premier League 2008. To enter a club, you must return: 1) Complete Entry Form 2) Payment in Full 3) Compliant Roster

*Submission of Entry does not guarantee placement into the league. Demand for entries is expected to exceed supply, and will be allocated according to the **date they are received**, but in no case later than **DEADLINE MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2008**. If accepted, team rosters can be modified until February 29, 2008.*

Home Facility Location: _____ Size of Pool: _____

Night League or Weekend Preference: _____

What night and time can you host: _____

Would you be interested and able to host the final tournament: _____

Club No:

Club Name:

Club Contact:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Submitted by:

Phone:

*** I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of Premier League, Coastal California and Southern Pacific Zones of USA Water Polo*

Signature

Date

\$750 ENTRY FEE, payable: Coastal California Zone of USA Water Polo

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