## REPUBLIC BANK NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS MINI POLO LEAGUE 2023

## Dates and Venues

Dates:

- May 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28
- June $3,17,18$

Venue:

Flying Fish Swim Pool, Federation Park

Preliminary Entry Deadline: Friday April 28, 2023
Technical Meeting: Saturday May 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Opening Ceremony: Saturday May 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM

## Invited Teams

The competition is open to all registered schools in Trinidad and Tobago of the primary level (up to grade 6 for international schools)

For club division - The competition is open to any sporting club/team in Trinidad and Tobago.

## Competition Rules

For junior and senior categories, the competition shall be conducted in accordance with FINA Water Polo rules with the following exceptions:

1. Participants will be allowed to stand in the water to play the ball.
2. Five (5) players participate in the water at a time instead of seven (7)
3. A maximum of eight (8) substitutes may sit on the bench during the game.
4. The length, width and depth of the field of play may vary as necessary at the various venues.
5. The goals for the competition will be smaller.
6. Rules regarding the 5 metre line of distance shall be instead applied to the 4 metre line of distance.

For the Club category, FINA rules Water Polo rules shall apply. (Note that the club division will be played in deep water)

## Categories

- Junior - Students born September 1, 2010 or later
- Senior - Students born August 31, 2013 or earlier
- Club -. Athletes must be primary school students (grade 6 or lower for international schools) and born September 1, 2012 or earlier.

There shall be separate competition for males and for females in the junior and senior categories. For the club category, teams may consist of either gender or mixed.

## Entries and Entry fees

## IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

Preliminary entries must be submitted by Friday April 28, 2023.

Preliminary entries shall be made on the preliminary entry form provided, scanned and sent by email, and shall include:

- Name of School
- Categories in which the school will be participating
- School stamp and signature of principal
- The total entry fees (\$300 per team)

Final entries shall be typed on the provided entry form, sent by email (in Microsoft Excel format only) before the start of the technical meeting and shall include the following:

- The names of players in each category by cap number.
- The names of each school official and his/her role.
N.B. Proof of age for each player either by passport or birth certificate, will be required only in the event that a query is raised.

Send entries to:

Ryan Smith
Royhil Seals Water Polo Club
Via email to ryan.smith.tri@gmail.com
Copy to royhil.seals@gmail.com
(Please confirm that entries have been received)

## Entry Rules

For the junior and senior categories, teams may consist of a maximum of thirteen (13) players and a minimum of six (6) players. For the club category, teams may consist of a maximum of thirteen (13) players and a minimum of eight (8) players. Each player must maintain his/her cap number (numbered 1 to 13) throughout the league. One goalie shall wear cap number 1, while the substitute goalie must wear cap number 13 . The goalie wearing the number 1 cap may wear the number 14 cap when not in the goal.

## PLAYERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY.

## Officials

- Schools will be allowed two (2) team officials per category.
- Technical officials shall be selected by the organizing committee.


## Technical Meeting

The technical meeting for the league shall be held on Saturday May 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Queen's Royal College, Port of Spain.
The agenda for the technical meeting shall be as follows:

- Welcome
- Roll call - teams, referees
- Confirmation of final entries.
- Instructions regarding conduct of competition, including caps, swimwear, presentation of teams and dress on team bench.
- Disciplinary rules, including protocol and control of team officials as well as use of red and yellow cards
- Schedule of matches and team draw
- Official functions
- Other business


## Appeals

All appeals against technical decisions must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes after the game in question, along with a fee of $\$ 500$ and signed by the team leader. The appeal shall be referred to the committee of the National Water Polo Referees Association (NWPRA), whose decision shall be final.

## Competition System

- The system of competition shall be determined based on the number of participating teams in each zone.
- The organizing committee shall determine whether round robin or double round robin format shall be played in each zone depending on the number of teams. Teams will score two (2) points for a win, and one (1) point for a draw.
- The final schedule shall be determined at the technical meeting.
- Depending on the number of entries per zone, the top team(s) in each zone shall play in the quarterfinals/semifinals of the national championships. Losers in the semifinal round shall also play for the third place.
- A junior sized ball (size 4) shall be used for the competition.


## Awards

The top three teams in each zone shall be awarded with trophies. The top three teams in the national championships shall be awarded with trophies and medals.

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PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM

Name of School/Team:

Team officials (maximum of 2 per team):


Signature of Principal:

* By signing, the school agrees to follow the rules of the competition as outlined in the summons.

