

## Hello all

Welcome in advance in Joburg for the Senior National Championships 2026. I really hope that this year we can build on what we have achieved in the past year. Enjoy yourself and just give your best. You can only referee what you see. That is why we have a team of three.

Please use common sense in applying rules. Evaluate the situation and determine the best outcome for that specific situation. Your decision is final. Remember to keep your calm and do not get emotionally involved in the game and remember the swimming triangles when you are in the water. Just judge the facts by into account that the safety of players comes first .Make sure that it is a fair contest for both teams.

### The Tournament Referee is

- Rudolf Pretorius - 082 677 9158

### There are two assistant tournament Referees

- Pool A - Nico Bos - 083 236 8891
- Pool B - Brandon van Wyk - 077 299 6470

### There are three leagues competing in two pools

- Pool A – Closest to the entrance (North)
- Pool B – Opposite side of the entrance (South)

#### Round Robin timing:

- 13 minute halves
- 2 minute break between halves
- 1 team time-out per team per half
- All players to display a clearly visible number on their body on
  - Both upper legs on the side
  - Both upper arms (bigger biceps bigger numbers 😊 )
  - C and VC clearly marked
- White will start on the gym side, Black starts on school side.
- Out of water substitution

Please make sure that you know when you are refereeing. All the 1<sup>st</sup> round of games will have allocated referees before the start of the tournament. And the referees for the play-offs will be done as soon as the round robin games have finished on Saturday morning.

**Not all games will have dedicated referees** as the games can be handled by the players who have just finished (completed) the game.

Black Team who finished their game will for the next game supply the following:

- a. **2 x Water referees (unless a Dedicated Referee has been appointed – then there is only need to leave one in the water.)**
- b. **Time Keeper**

White Team who finished their game will for the next game supply the following:

- a. **1 Water Referee**
- b. **Chief Referee**
- c. **Score Keeper**

Make sure all the players are marked with their player number on their bodies which are clearly visible and that they have a dark cap if they play black and a light cap if they play white (some teams scraped players together – be considerate). Some teams have their own club caps. **Make sure captains have their ( C ) and ( VC ) on their arms**

Take Note: Only a team captain may query a referee decision in-water ( or VC – if the captain is in the substitution box ). Excessive questioning needs to be kept to the minimum or else a referee time-out must be called to avoid time wasting. Referees to answer direct questions by C or VC with due respect

### **ANY ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR TOWARDS ANY OFFICIAL, REFEREE OR A PLAYER (DEGRADING, SWEARING OR SCREAMING AT A REFEREE) BY A PLAYER WILL INCUR THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:**

(Please use this judgement wisely and do not get emotionally involved in a discussion with the player that abused you.)

- Call a time out
- Indicate to the Chief Referee (go to him to the deck)
  - the actions of the player and
  - who the player was by indicating his number
  - and what happened to justify a sanction
  - If the Chief Referee agrees with the water referee on the infringement, then
    - **THE PLAYER WILL GET A 2-MINUTE SIN BIN IMMEDIATELY**

### **VERY IMPORTANT**

When a player incurs a time penalty for misbehaviour towards a referee the following must happen:

- Please report to the Tournament Referee immediately after your game.
  - Chief Referee to join the Dedicated Referee
  - Fill in the form that will be supplied
- **That player will receive a fine of R500 for misconduct**
- **The player will have to pay the fine before he may continue playing.**
- The decision is final.
- In the event of a repeated offense by the same player, he/she will receive a fine of R1000 and be suspended for the next game.
  - The player has the right to appeal against the fine after the second misconduct
- If the player misbehaves for a third time he will be issued a total dismissal from the tournament. An inquiry will be conducted after the event as per CMAS regulations.
- **TEAM CAPTAINS PLEASE INFORM YOUR PLAYERS ABOUT THIS**

We will be playing with a Sims puck for the duration of the tournament,

**Start of play** – there is a tile in the middle of the pool indicating the centre of the playing area.

**Goal box**

- Puck needs to be in the trough as per normal CMAS rules
- There will be no markings on the height of the goal (TBC)
  - Referees will use their discretion to decide if the puck hit the back of the goal volume.

**Wall** – each playing area will have a barrier.

We all know that a free puck cannot be given within **two meters** on the side walls and **five meters** of the back wall. So where are two meters and where are the five meters mark?

- The 5m from the wall will be 1m back from the pinnacle of the 6m line.
- The 2m will be just further than the reach of your two arms stretched out to the sides of your body, away from the wall or barrier.

**Penalty spot** – puck will be placed on the 3m circle. Puck needs to be cleared to the outside of the 6m circle and marked in the pool.

**Substitution** – sub boxes will be in the pool

**Score Keeper** – Please make yourself aware of the program that we use for score keeping.

**Timing device** – Each pool will have its own system. **REFBOX timing system**

Please place puck on the deck at the table at the end of your game.

This is in short what you need to know if there are any questions please ask at the captains meeting.

Remember to report unsportsmanlike conduct to a referee!

# MISCONDUCT TOWARDS A REFEREE FORM

Date:	
Game number:	
Players name & number:	
Chief Referee:	
Abused referee:	
Referee #2:	
Referee #3:	

Description of the event:

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Sanction:

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Tournament Referee

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Chief Referee

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Sanctioned Player

