

**The NW Cup
Players Notes
April 18-19, 2026**

OVERVIEW & HIGHLIGHTS

1. Pool Location: Los Gatos HS Community Aquatic Center, 20 High School Ct., Los Gatos, CA 95030
2. The game schedule is available online:
<https://uwportal.com/events/us-2026-northwest-club-team-cup?table-view=schedule&filters.refSchedule=true>
3. Limited deck food will be available for the duration of the event, please keep the food area and pool deck clean.
4. Weekend overview below:

OVERVIEW SCHEDULE		
Date/Time	What	Notes
Friday April 17th		
7-9pm	Court Setup	Contact Rhett to help with setup
Saturday April 18th		
8:00am	Doors Open	
8-8:15am	Warm-up	
8:15am-12:54pm	Round Robin (RR) Games	
	20 min. Break	
1:14-5:53pm	Round Robin (RR) Games	
6:30pm	All players out of facility Banquet	
Sunday April 19th		
8:00am	Doors Open	
8-8:15am	Warm-up	
8:15-9:48am	Round Robin (RR) Games	
	20 min. Break	
10:08am-12:12pm	Playoff (PO) Games	
	20 min. Break	Overtime buffer
12:32-1:34pm	Playoff (PO) Games	
	10 min. Break	Overtime buffer
1:44pm-3:17pm	Final (FNL) Games	
	15 min. Overtime Buffer	
3:30-4:30pm	Clean-up	All Hands on deck! Stay and help with wall removal, clean-up food, trash, and scuff marks from the bottom of the pool.
4:30pm	All players out of pool	

EVENT HOSTS

Tournament Directors - NW UWH (Kim Riccitelli, Kristen Lee & JD Noble)

Tournament Referee - Sarah Hewawitharana

Bay Area Organization Committee - Oren (Pool Contact), Rosa (Rules & Refs), Rhett (Court Setup), Toby (Deck Food), Emerson & Dimitri (Admin and PR)

RULES

Referees:

1. Teams will be expected to provide in-water and on-deck referees per the schedule provided by Sarah & Rosa.
2. Red headgear, yellow vests, and a glove for each hand are required for in-water refs and will be provided on deck.

Communicating with Referees:

1. Referees are all friends and fellow hockey players. Above all else, treat the referees with respect.
2. Only the active team captain (vice-captain in captain's absence) may speak to officials during a match.

Rules Modifications, Special Notices:

1. Unless otherwise stated by the Tournament Director, Tournament Referee, or mentioned in this document, the current CMAS Rules of Underwater Hockey Ver 13 (2025) shall be the governing document:
<https://www.cmas.org/document/cmas-underwater-hockey-rules-of-play-feb-2025-02/viewdocument/1056.html>
 - Identical bathing attire, unique cap numbers, and identification numbers on the legs and arms will not be required at this event.
 - Duration of play is per "Game Details" section, below.

Pool Set-up

1. Black: Black team starts on the east (bulkhead) side of the pool.
2. White: White team starts on the west (wall) side of the pool.
3. Warm-up space is available in the small/shallow area, north of the court.

GAME DETAILS

All RR games include:

1. 2x 12-minute halves, 2-minute half-time, no timeouts, and a 5-minute break between games. If games are behind schedule, breaks may be reduced to 4-minute minimum.
2. Win: +3, Tie: +1, Loss: 0, Forfeit: -2
3. Seeding ties broken by (in order): Head-to-Head record, Most RR wins, Fewest losses, Fewest goals allowed, Coin toss.

All PO & FNL games include:

1. 2x 12-minute halves, 2-minute half-time, no timeouts, and a 5-minute break between games. If games are behind schedule, breaks may be reduced to 4-minute minimum.
2. Ties will be determined by Sudden Death, procedure as follows:
 - 1 minute break - teams do not switch ends
 - 5-minute sudden death game period
 - If still tied after 5 minutes, coin toss
 - Following a sudden death game subsequent game schedule may change, breaks are scheduled to accommodate these changes.

BANQUET

1. The Banquet takes place, following games on Saturday evening at Brigit & Mike Grimm's home, a 15-minute drive from the pool:
<https://s3.fr-par.scw.cloud/zmvp-underwater-hockey/files/a99f536c-55a7-4673-9992-ea49e47808b3.pdf>
 - Address: 28060 Laura Ct, Los Altos, CA 94022
 - All attendees should go around and enter through the backyard, the banquet is hosted in the backyard and pool house only. Please refrain from entering the main house.
 - Team Oregon will be assisting with collecting payments (\$12 cash/\$15 electronic), cooking, and clean-up. We appreciate your assistance and patience in all things party!