



Early Bird 5v5 Tournament

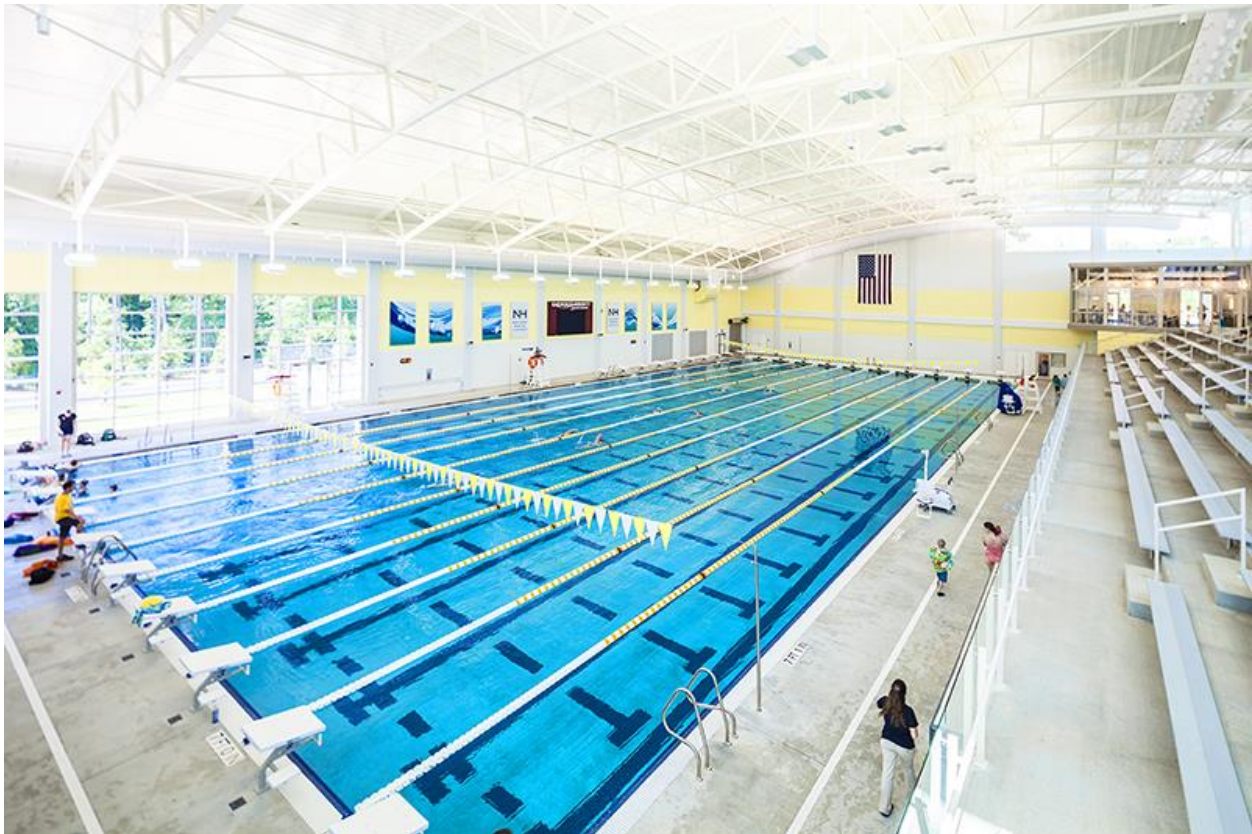
Sunday July 29th, 2018



Cherokee County Aquatic Center
1200 Gresham Mill Pkwy,
Canton, GA 30114

Hosted by: Kraken Water Polo

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\$175 per team, 4 games guaranteed

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Purpose:

To get ready for the HS Season and have some fun! 5v5 format allows for the maximum involvement of each player in the water and is a great way to isolate teamwork and movement in the game. The date of the tournament has been selected to give participants an edge over their competition in the first few games of the HS season.

Location:

Cherokee County Aquatic Center. 1200 Gresham Mill Pkwy, Canton, GA 30114.

The facility is a 50m x 25yd, all deep pool. Seating is provided on the second-story bleachers. Spectators will not be allowed to sit on the pool deck. Folding chairs are prohibited on the pool deck, in the lobby of the building, or on the second story balcony, by order of the fire marshal, except where needed for disabled persons. Parking is available in the lots surrounding the building. Do not park in the drop off lane.

Format:

Field of play will be 6 lanes wide, 25 yards long, 7 ft deep, with regulation size floating goals. The tournament will be limited to 6 co-ed teams, 18+under. Rosters will be limited to 10 players. 5 players (4 field and 1 goalie) in the water for each team. **Games are 25 minutes running time**, no quarters, no timeouts (except ref t/o for safety). Size 5 ball. Rosters may contain graduated "class of 2018" seniors as long as they are still 18 years old on the day of the tournament.

Each team will play 4 games. Must finish top 2 in group to have a chance at the championship game. In order to stay on schedule, ties after 25 minutes running time will be settled immediately by 2 minute sudden death, then coin flip. Ties in group standing after group play will be settled by goal differential, then coin flip. Tentative game schedule posted on website.

Games will start on time, teams that are not lined up at game time will have the ball awarded to their opponents.

Rules:

Games will be called according to GHSWPA interpretation of NCAA rules. 35 second shot clock. Red cards will result in ejection from the tournament. Nail checks must be performed by coaches or captains before first game. No bracelets or necklaces will be allowed. Suits not specifically designed for water polo must be approved by tournament director.

Equipment:

Balls and caps will be provided by the host team. Your team may choose to bring their own caps or balls but that is not required.

Rosters:

All players on a team's roster must be current American Water Polo members. After roster submission, all players will be verified through AWP by the tournament director. Last minute adds will not be accepted. Players may be listed on more than one roster as long as the roster does not exceed 10 players.

Rosters must include Player Name and Number. Players will play with their same numbers throughout the tournament. Alternate goalies must be designated on roster as both 1A and their field number. Only numbers 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 will be used. Coaches must be listed on roster.

Coaches:

Coaches on deck must be American Water Polo members and must be listed on roster. Coaches are not required for this tournament, but a designated captain must be named responsible for any team without a coach.

Hospitality and Food:

Food and drinks will be provided for coaches, refs, table workers, *and athletes* by the host team, however donations are always welcome. Sports drinks and granola bar type snacks are always popular, as well as bagels, bananas, muffins, etc. Food and drinks (besides water) are not allowed on the pool deck at Cherokee County Aquatic Center, so please keep all food/drinks in the hospitality area or in the spectator area.

Recruiting:

Teams may contain players from any club as long as they are AWP members. A player may play on more than one roster as long as they are declared by the roster deadline and the roster size does not exceed 10 players.

Cost:

Cost to enter a team is \$175, payable via check. Make all checks out to *Kraken Water Polo*. Coaches or captains will be responsible for collecting money from their players to cover this cost. Payment must be made in full by the payment deadline, July 16th. Checks may be mailed to:

Kraken Water Polo
757 Smithstone Rd
Marietta, GA 30067

Deadlines:

Teams officially reserve their spot by sending payment. Payment must be sent by Monday July 16th, 2018. Rosters must be submitted via email by the roster deadline: Sunday July 22nd, 2018.

Send all email submissions to: owen.sweitzer@gmail.com

Awards:

Championship team will be awarded a trophy following the championship game.

Tournament MVP and “All-Tournament Team” will be decided by automatic nominations from the top 4 teams, and will receive certificates.

1st place team- 3 nominations, one of which is Tournament MVP

2nd place team- 2 nominations

Tied for 3rd- 1 nomination each

Sponsorship Opportunity:

We are looking for a corporate sponsor for our tournament. Sponsorship opportunity is \$250 and gives you advertising on one full side of our bag tags (which will be handed out to all participants) as well as your logo on our online results page, logo on our bracket posters at the venue, and a “sponsored by” sign on our hospitality table. Bag tag advertising is a great choice for companies looking to reach athletes. Athletes usually put their bag tags on their gear bags and tend to wear them all year to water polo games and swim meets. Sponsorship inquiries, please email owen.sweitzer@gmail.com