



Texas Age Group State (TAGS) Water Polo Championship-2019

Date: **May 11-12, 2019.** Games will begin on Saturday morning, run all day on Saturday/Sunday morning, and then end around 3:00 pm on Sunday. All teams will play at least 4-5 games for the tournaments.

Divisions:

1. 8th Grade & Younger Boys/Coed
2. 8th Grade & Younger Girls
3. 6th Grade & Younger Coed
4. 4th Grade & Younger Coed

NOTE: *The eligibility is grade only for this year (no age requirement). As needed, we will create A/B Divisions based on the number of teams that enter the event.*

Location: **Keller ISD Natatorium**, 1000 Bear Creek Pkwy, Keller, TX 76248. There will be two all deep courses both 25 yards across the pool with additional warm-up space available. For maps & directions, please go to <https://kellerisdnatatorium.wixsite.com/kisdnat>.

Team Entry: **The entry fee will be \$450 per team (4-5 games minimum).** Please email your intent to play by Wednesday, April 24th to joelinehan@usawaterpolo.org. Please include specific team names and divisions. If you know your team will be playing, please email ASAP. **Make checks payable to Southwest Water Polo.** Please mail payments to Joe Linehan, 2932 Chris Lane, Grapevine, TX 76051 OR bring to the pool on May 11th.

Rosters: **Please use the USA Water Polo online Roster Verification system at www.usawaterpolo.org to submit your roster by Wednesday, May 8th.** Club Admins will need to login & use the roster verification system for "sanctioned events". Please make sure to select the "Texas Age Group State Water Polo Champs-2019" and send an email copy of your verified roster to joelinehan@usawaterpolo.org.

Event Details: All teams are guaranteed 4-5 games. Schedules will be finalized and sent via email on Wednesday, May 1st. A hospitality room will be set up at the event for all coaches and officials. Awards will be given out to the teams placing 1st/2nd in each division. This will be a USA Water Polo sanctioned event using USA Water Polo rules & regulations. **All athletes MUST be USA Water Polo Bronze, Silver or Gold members to compete in this event. All teams must have a USA Water Polo registered coach on deck for all games. Each club team must be a currently registered USA Water Polo Club or affiliated with a current USA Water Polo Club in order to compete.**

A Tournament Committee will resolve all disputes and will consist of the Event Director, the Head Referee, and one to three observers (coaches, referee or other) who are knowledgeable to fill this role. Protests must be lodged by an involved coach within 15 minutes after the end of the game in question.

Host: The Texas Age Group State Water Polo Championship is being hosted by the Southwest Zone and Thunder Water Polo. Admission will be charged for spectators.

Hotels: Hampton Inn, 525 Plaza Dr., Trophy Club, TX 76262, 682-831-1572. The price per night will be \$99 plus taxes for either Double Rooms or King Suites. Tell them you are with the "TAGS Water Polo Champs" group (group code is "TAG"). Register early; you can always cancel your rooms later. You can also use the following link to book your rooms online:
<https://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/F/FTWTCHX-TAG-20190510/index.jhtml?>

Photos: All deck photographers must be pre-approved by the Southwest Zone.

Contact: Joe Linehan, 713-705-0945, joelinehan@usawaterpolo.org.