

**Alberta Water Polo Association and Acalanes Union High School District**  
Presents The  
**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta Open Tournament**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2010**

The event will start on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and end by Sunday at 4pm.

**Location:** San Francisco East Bay area, in the following pools. (all the pools and hotels are within 10 minutes)  
Soda Aquatic Center 3 pools- Campolindo High School- 300 Moraga Rd, Moraga  
Steve Heaston Aquatic Center- Acalanes High School- 1200 Pleasant Hill Rd. Lafayette  
Las Lomas High School Pool- 1460 South Main St. Walnut Creek  
Bill Brown Aquatic Center- Miramonte High School- 750 Moraga Way Orinda

**Tournament Entry Fee:** \$600.00 for teams that book through the hotels listed below. \$900.00 for booking a hotel outside of the group hotels. Fees and registration deadline are due by Jan. 15 2010; *clubs will be notified if they have been accepted.* Canadian clubs are to make cheques payable to AWPA and mail to 2225 Macleod Trail SE Calgary AB. T2G-5B6

Each team will be playing a minimum of 6 games over the weekend. This year will be a different format than in the past, there will be no referee fees and no opening ceremonies as we are using several pools.

**Social Event:** We are very excited at the opportunities being considered. Examples of those are a major league baseball game, movie night and a team bowling competition. We will be contacting all of the registered clubs to update you with the different events that will be available.

**Accommodations/ Travel:**

Embassy Suites: 1345 Treat Blvd., Walnut Creek 925 934-2500 call direct, say you are with Alberta Open Tournament for the discounted rate. Will extend the rate if staying longer. Room block ends March 8.

2 double bed rooms with sitting room & pull out sofa sleeper

Rate- \$104 per night US

Includes cook to order breakfast & evening manager's reception, parking cost

Crowne Plaza: 45 John Glenn Drive Concord 925-521-3762 call direct, say you are with Alberta Open Tournament for the discounted rate. Will extend the rate if staying longer. Room block ends March 4.

2 **queen** beds type rooms

Rate- \$89 per night US

Includes a full hot and cold breakfast, laundry facility, free parking

Holiday Inn Express: 2730 N. Main St., Walnut Creek 925-932-3332 call direct, say you are with the Alberta Open Tournament for the discount rate. Will extend the rate, room block ends March 10.

2 double beds type rooms

Rate- \$89 per night US

Includes breakfast, free parking

Marriott: 2355 North Main St. Walnut Creek 925-927-1121 call direct, say you are with the Alberta Open Tournament for the discount rate. Will extend the rate, room block ends March 3.

2 double bed type rooms

Rate- \$99.00 per night US

Includes full breakfast buffet, high speed internet, limited laundry.

**Team Packages:**

- There will be a tournament representative at every pool; throughout the event should you have any questions.

- Clubs are expected to check in Thursday March 25 at the Soda Aquatic Center to pick up your package.
- Packages will include the following:
  - Tournament programs
  - A copy of the technical sheet
  - Receipt for tournament entry fee paid (from each respective country)
  - Details of the social event(s)

**Technical Information:** FINA rules will be followed with the following exceptions \*Coach/Official meeting TBA

- 12U & 14U -6 minute stop time in a 25 meter or 25 yard pool
- 16U & 18U -7 minute stop time girls 25 meter pool/ U18 male will play 30 meter pool
- Tie games- if there is a tie game at the end of normal play, the game will be determined by a shoot out.
- Any team who forfeits a game will not be eligible for the medal round
- 1 time out per side of play
- Players can be entered into 2 age group categories, but please ensure that there are a minimum of seven players in each age category to field a team.

**Teams must be able to fulfill their schedule in the event of a conflict.**

**Protest Format:** \$100.00 cash is required for any protest. The deposit will be reimbursed if the decision is in favor of your protest. All protests must be made in writing and within 30 minutes from the time of the end of the game. A protest must be signed by the head coach. The protest committee shall be comprised of 3 senior people from each pool, a referee, the tourney pool coordinator and another selection.

**Awards Ceremonies:** All medal games will be held at the Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School or the Bill Brown Aquatic Center at Miramonte High School on Sunday. The medals will take place on Sunday after each game. For the gold medal games a MVP will be selected.

**Important Reminders**

- Warm up for the first game begins 30 minutes prior to the start. Warm up for the subsequent games begins immediately following the end of the previous game. Some of the pools have a warm up areas as well.
- For each game, please check the cap numbers/names listed on the score sheet to ensure their accuracy. Cap numbers listed in the program should be the caps worn by each player.

**Important Dates**

Registration start date: Nov. 25 2009  
 Registration end date: Feb. 22 2010  
 Event start date: March 25 2010  
 Event end date: March 28 2010

**Limited Team Entry**

12U Atom mixed (born 1998 & younger)  
 14U Bantam male/female (born 1996 & younger)  
 16U Cadet male/female (born 1994 & younger)  
 18U Youth male /female (born 1992 & younger)

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