

Swim England Water Polo U15 National Age Group Championships 2021

The Swim England Water Polo U15 National Age Group Championships over 18-19 December 2021 will see teams competing in Ponds Forge. It will mark the return of national competition for the age group players and is expected to consist of some 'high-quality water polo' from the teams.

The boys' competition taking place on Saturday 18 and the girls' on Sunday 19. The 2019 edition of the event saw Sedgefield being named winners of the boys' competition while Otters came out victorious on the girls' side.

'Opportunity for quality water polo'

Norman Leighton, Swim England talent officer – water polo, said: “It’s exciting to be welcoming the youth of our sport back to Ponds Forge for national competition once again. This event was a thrilling one in 2019 with lots of potential and promise being shown by the young up-and-coming players who took part. Hopefully, this competition provides an opportunity for high-quality water polo matches to be played amongst the teams who have undoubtedly been working hard in preparation.”

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Boys U15 Competition

The boys' teams primed to do battle across five stages of matches were Cwm Draig, Watford, Grantham, City of Sheffield, City of Manchester, Warrington, Worthing, City of Birmingham. Devonport, Northampton 1, Northampton 2, West London Penguin 1, West London Penguin 2 and North London..

City of Manchester have been crowned Swim England Water Polo National Age Group champions after they secured a victory over the side from Worthing in the boys U15s final. The team had a promising run throughout the competition, topping Group A in the group stages and winning all three of their matches. In the final, a low scoring game showcased just how well matched the two sides were. Ultimately, it was Manchester who claimed victory after scoring a total of six goals while competitors Worthing scored three.

It was an exciting day of matchplay in Sheffield's Ponds Forge, one that also saw Warrington winning the bronze medal match in a tightly contested game against City of Birmingham (9-6).

Group stages

The group stages of the event saw the teams from the City of Manchester, Warrington, Worthing and the City of Birmingham topping each of their respective groups.

City of Manchester came out on top in Group A with their most impressive result coming in their game against Cwm Draig, which they won 13-1.

Group B was won by Warrington while the team from Worthing topped Group C with convincing wins over Grantham (21-2) and West London Penguins (22-0).

City of Birmingham topped the Group D Team, finishing with four points ahead of the play-off stages.

Play-offs

In the next stage of the competition, City of Manchester and Warrington went head to head in one pool while Worthing and City of Birmingham battled in the other.

In the first pairing, City of Manchester secured the win over Warrington by scoring seven goals to their competitors one.

The second match-up saw Worthing dominating the game from start to finish, scoring 17 goals to City of Birmingham's two.

Those results decided the pairings for both the Bronze Medal Match and Gold Medal Match, which would ultimately see the winner being crowned.

Boys Group Stage

Cwm Draig	1 – 13	City of Manchester	FT
Devonport	9 – 3	North London	FT
City of Birmingham	15 – 3	Northampton 2	FT
Northampton 1	8 – 9	West London Penguin 2	FT
Grantham	2 – 21	Worthing	FT
Watford	6 – 8	Warrington	FT
City of Sheffield	4 – 11	City of Birmingham	FT
Cwm Draig	3 – 13	Devonport	FT
City of Manchester	15 – 4	North London	FT
Watford	10 – 9	Northampton 1	FT
Warrington	8 – 5	West London Penguin 2	FT
Grantham	10 – 1	West London Penguin 1	FT
City of Manchester	6 – 5	Devonport	FT
City of Sheffield	15 – 0	Northampton 2	FT
Cwm Draig	7 – 9	North London	FT
Worthing	22 – 0	West London Penguin 1	FT
Watford	10 – 11	West London Penguin 2	FT
Warrington	6 – 5	Northampton 1	FT

Group A Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
City of Manchester	3	3			24	6
Devonport	3	2		1	15	4
North London	3	1		2	-15	2
Cwm Draig	3			3	-24	

Group B Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Warrington	3	3			6	6
West London Penguin 2	3	2		1	-1	4
Watford	3	1		2	-2	2
Northampton 1	3			3	-3	

Group C Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Worthing	2	2			41	4
Grantham	2	1		1	-10	2
West London Penguin 1	2			2	-31	

Group D Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
City of Birmingham	2	2			19	4

City of Sheffield	2	1	1	8	2
Northampton 2	2		2	-27	

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Play-Off Stage

North London	3 – 11	Watford	FT
West London Penguin 1	6 – 3	Northampton 2	FT
Devonport	7 – 13	West London Penguins 2	FT
Grantham	10 – 8	City of Sheffield	FT
City of Manchester	7 – 1	Warrington	FT
Worthing	17 – 2	City of Birmingham	FT
13-14 Play-Off			
Cwm Draig	5 – 11	Northampton 1	FT
11-12th Play Off			
North London	12 – 2	Northampton 2	FT
9-10 Play-Offs			
Watford	17 – 1	West London Penguin 1	FT
7th-8th Play-Off			
Devonport	7 – 5	City Of Sheffield	FT
5-6 Play-Offs			
West London Penguin 2	12 – 5	Grantham	FT
Bronze Medal Match			
Warrington	9 – 6	City of Birmingham	FT
City of Manchester	6 – 3	Worthing	FT

Girls U15 Competition

Teams from Croydon Amphibians, Devonport, City of Manchester, City of Liverpool, West London Penguins, Grantham, City of Sheffield, Watford, Worthing and Cheltenham were striving to get to that all-important gold medal match.

Cheltenham Water Polo Club were crowned Swim England Water Polo National Age Group champions after defeating City of Manchester in the gold medal match.

The side from Cheltenham won 8-5 against Manchester in what was a tightly-contested final between the two sides.

The eventual winners had a successful run throughout the competition, remaining undefeated in all five matches that they played. Their results from the earlier stages of the competition saw them defeating Devenport 7-6, Watford 5-2, Grantham 12-4 and City of Liverpool 8-2.

In the bronze medal match, City of Sheffield narrowly out-scored the team from Watford with a 7-6 defeat to land their spot on the podium.

Group stages

The group stage of the girls' competition saw the teams from City of Manchester and Cheltenham topping Groups A and B, respectively. Both teams finished with a total of eight points after playing four games each in the group stages of the competition.

This result placed them both in the gold medal match while the bronze medal match would be played between Watford and City of Sheffield, who finished with five and six points, respectively.

Play-offs

The play-off stages of the event saw five games being contested across the two pools at Ponds Forge.

In the game for 9th/10th, Croydon Amphibians faced the side from Grantham in what turned out to be an evenly-matched game. It was Grantham who narrowly secured victory over Croydon after they planted seven goals in the back of the net versus six goals from the opposing side.

The game for 7th/8th saw City of Liverpool delivering a convincing win over Worthing in a game that ended 11-2 overall.

In the match for 5th/6th place, West London Penguins and Devonport went head-to-head and it was Devonport who secured a comfortable 11-5 win over Penguins.

Croydon Amphibians	2 – 10	City of Manchester	FT
Devonport	6 – 3	City of Liverpool	FT
West London Penguin	5 – 9	City of Sheffield	FT
Grantham	3 – 3	Watford	FT
Croydon Amphibians	3 – 10	Worthing	FT
Devonport	6 – 7	Cheltenham	FT
City of Manchester	10 – 3	West London Penguin	FT
City of Liverpool	5 – 3	Grantham	FT
City of Sheffield	10 – 7	Worthing	FT
Watford	2 – 5	Cheltenham	FT
Croydon Amphibians	4 – 7	West London Penguin	FT
Devonport	6 – 3	Grantham	FT
City of Manchester	8 – 5	City of Sheffield	FT
City of Liverpool	3 – 4	Watford	FT
West London Penguin	10 – 5	Worthing	FT
Grantham	4 – 12	Cheltenham	FT
Croydon Amphibians	5 – 12	City of Sheffield	FT
Devonport	1 – 2	Watford	FT
City of Manchester	12 – 4	Worthing	FT
City of Liverpool	2 – 8	Cheltenham	FT

Group A Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
City of Manchester	4	4			26	8
City of Sheffield	4	3		1	11	6
West London Penguin	4	2		2	-3	4
Worthing	4	1		3	-9	2
Croydon Amphibians	4			4	-25	

Group B Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Cheltenham	4	4			18	8
Watford	4	2	1	1	-1	5
Devonport	4	2		2	4	4
City of Liverpool	4	1		3	-8	2
Grantham	4		1	3	-13	1

9th-10th Play-Off

Croydon Ampibians 6 – 7 Grantham FT

7th-8th Play-Off

Worthing 2 – 11 City of Liverpool FT

5th-6th Play-off

West London Penguin 5 – 11 Devonport FT

Bronze Medal Match

City of Sheffield 7 – 6 Watford FT

Gold Medal Match

City of Manchester 5 – 8 Cheltenham FT

The live scoreboard for all results throughout the course of the competition was available from Saturday 18 December via [this link](#).

All those due to attend the Championships were asked to familiarise themselves with the [Covid-19 guidance for the event](#) before arrival and ensure to follow the recommendations listed.

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