



FLIPPA BALL

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to offer your school the opportunity to enter in the upcoming Flippa Ball roster conducted by Tasmanian Water Polo Inc. (TWPI).

What is Flippa Ball?

Flippa Ball is a modified version of Water Polo. The game has been designed for children from the age of eight (8) through to twelve (12). Flippa Ball is a fun, simple game that can be played by all children regardless of their height, gender and most importantly of all, their swimming ability. This modified version of Water Polo is played at the shallow end of the pool so that it allows children to use the bottom of the pool for rest as well as added security and safety! The basic rules of Flippa Ball are quite simple, for example:

1. Children may catch the ball with two (or one) hand, but can only pass or shoot with one hand.
2. Whilst holding the ball, children are not permitted to walk along the bottom of the pool. They must attempt to either swim with the ball or pass it to another player on their team.
3. Children are not permitted to take the ball under the water when they have possession of the ball.
4. When a child has hold of the ball, they cannot be tackled and other players must allow the player in possession of the ball to be able to pass or shoot the ball.

These are the basic rules of this great game, which resembles a combination of netball, soccer and basketball but is played in the water using Water Polo rules for the balance of the game.

How many players are needed for a team?

Teams can be made up of boys and girls. Six players plus a goalkeeper are allowed in the pool at any one time. A team may have up to six substitutes however 3-4 is recommended.

Are their different grades?

Yes, there are two different grades of competition. A Grade 3/4 competition and a 5/6 competition are currently being offered.

What do we need to provide on match nights?

All you have to provide on match nights is your team as well as your coach and team manager. Your team manager will be required to do Table Official duties (This is not difficult and is basically just recording the goals scored!). Tasmanian Water Polo Inc. will provide match balls, goals, caps for players to wear and referees.



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How much does Flippa Ball cost?

The cost of Flippa Ball is \$40.00 per player. This includes registration and pool entry for all games. Your school will be invoiced for the full amount after you advise the number of participants for each team. Pool entry for trainings is \$4.00 and is payable to the staff at the Customer Service Desk upon entry to the pool.

How do I enter a team?

The *Team Registration Form* must be emailed to John Pankiw by **Close of Business Thursday October 6, 2011**. Registration will be accepted on a "first in best dressed" basis. *Player Registration Forms* which should be printed, distributed and returned to School ready to take to Coaches/Managers session on **Monday October 10, 2011**.

How much does it cost to watch Flippa Ball?

Flippa Ball spectators (parents & carers) pay only \$1.00 to come in and watch. Ensure you tell the Customer Service Desk Staff that you are attending to watch Flippa Ball so you don't get charged the usual entry fee of \$2.80!

How long does the season run for?

The Flippa Ball season runs for 9 weeks from Friday October 14, 2011 to Friday December 9, 2011 (last game).

Is support offered to coaches and team managers?

Yes, coaches and team managers will be invited to attend a Coaches/Team Managers Information Evening which will be held at 7:00PM on **Monday October 10, 2011** at The Hobart Aquatic Centre Meeting Room (Near the dive pool). During this evening we will go through the basic rules of Flippa Ball and all coaches in attendance will receive a Flippa Ball Manual which includes the basic rules and instructions that can be used with the players. **Coaches are strongly encouraged to attend this session.**

Where are games and trainings held?

Games and Training are both held at The Hobart Aquatic Centre located at 1 Davies Avenue, Hobart.

Do coaches and team managers receive free entry into the pool on trainings and game night?

Yes, the coach and the manager will receive free entry on training and game nights. Coaches and managers are required to just sign the Coaches/Team Managers Entry Form at the Customer Service Desk on that night.



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How long do games go for?

Games take about 30 minutes to play.

What night are games?

Games are held on Friday nights starting from 6:15 PM.

Training

Training is being organized for Tuesday evenings with structured training available to those interested. Details including exact time of the training will be finalised by the end of September.

I sincerely hope that your school enters a team or teams into this great game. Flippa Ball provides children with a fun, safe aquatic game that develops hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, team building skills, swimming, passing, goal shooting and most importantly, non-load bearing exercise.

Should you have any queries or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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Attached: *Team Registration Form and Player Registration Form*

Important Dates

Thursday October 6, 2011	<i>Team Registration Form(s)</i> MUST be emailed to Flippa Ball Coordinator by Close Of Business.
Monday October 10, 2011	Coaches and Team Managers Information Night. <i>All Player Registration Forms MUST be brought along.</i>
Tuesday October 11, 2011	First Training Session - TBC
Friday October 14, 2011	First Game
Friday December 9, 2011	Last Game