

Hampshire Water Polo Report – 2008/09

There have been a couple of big changes in senior men's water polo in the last 12 months. For the first time in many years a second division has been introduced to allow more players to compete. This is in addition to a new handicap knock-out competition which has proved to be very well received by players/teams with many very close results and exciting matches.

The league has not yet concluded, but Southampton Uni A are well in the driving seat for Division 1 and City of Southampton B look set to win Division 2.

The City of Southampton won the Lady Richmond Brown (Hampshire) Tournament and their A team successfully pipped their B-team in the final of the handicap knockout.

Hampshire teams continue to support the South East Regional Leagues, although this year they were not strong enough to compete with Worthing (who went on to win the league). City of Southampton finished a strong second with Jersey finishing 3rd in this competition.

Basingstoke and Southampton University Women's teams continue to develop with entries into London League and friendly regional competition.

Hampshire competed in the U16 Inter-county tournament in October. Hampshire finished in 5th place.

Development sessions continue to be hosted at the Basingstoke Aquadrome on the 2nd Sunday of each month. These are funded by the SE Region. Boys and Girls are welcome to attend.

Water polo shall continue to feature in the 2009 Hampshire Youth Games.

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