

General Sports Rules , FCSL PROPOSED AMENDMENT June 7, 2018

ARTICLE I – GENERAL

D. DIVISIONS

1. Five Divisions –

The member clubs shall be divided into five or more dual meet Divisions, based upon the competitive ranking of their teams.

From the highest-ranked down, these shall be named the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>, etc divisions (or, respectively, the Blue, Gold, Green, Red and Silver, etc divisions).

**A new member - club** shall start in the 5<sup>th</sup> (Silver) lowest division. The divisions shall be as close to equal as possible in the number of teams per division with the highest division(s) taking on the additional team(s) when the total number exceeds an equal number in each division.

Any change in the number of Divisions shall be determined by vote of the Members Clubs of the League at a June League Meeting for the season in the following year.

**Water Polo** will be divided into four Divisions initially so that any new member Club Teams will start in the 4th Division. As more teams are added to the League, the number of Club Teams per Division will be adjusted with the lowest Divisions having a single extra team. Another Division may be added when each Division reaches a total number of 7 teams, as determined by vote of the Members Clubs of the League at a June League Meeting for the season in the following year.

2. Moving Up or Down

**a. At the end of each season**, in each of the four lower divisions except the 1st, the team with the best won-lost record in the FCSL dual meets shall move up to the next higher division; in each of the top four divisions except the lowest, the team with the poorest won-lost record shall move down one division.

If a faltering team is so small that they must compete in double duals then that team may be excluded from the number count of the lowest division.

See Appendix XXV FCSL Divisions: If a Club Drops Out, for further detail.

**Exception: no team will drop down when a new team is added to the league.**

**b. In case of a tie** between two teams in won-lost records, the winner or loser of the dual meet between the two tied clubs shall be the one to move up or down.

**c.** If there is a **tie** in won-lost records between **three or more teams**, the team with the highest or lowest total number of dual meet points, based only on its meets with the other tied teams, shall be the one to move up or down.

**d. Water Polo Divisional Ranking** is calculated from the win-loss-tie record of games. Please refer to the Water Polo Rules, Article VII, in this FCSL Rule Book, for more information.