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Join the Flippa Ball fun in term three

Registrations are now open for children to join a fun Flippa Ball competition at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre during term three.

Flippa Ball is a modified junior version of water polo where players use one hand only to catch, pass, shoot or defend the ball. The exception to this is the goalie, who may use two hands.

The term three competition starts from 2 August and runs on Sundays from 4.30-6.30pm. The competition is open to children in years four to seven and it costs \$30 to register for eight sessions running in term three.

The term three competition follows a highly successful season during term two when 52 year 4-8 children took part in Flippa Ball at the Aquatic Centre. The competition was run by Wharenuī Water Polo coach Paul Abraas and parent Jacqui Stewart and seven teams took part. Wharenuī water polo players also ran weekly 20 minute coaching sessions for the players before their games.

“It was great to have the older water polo players present to provide expert advice whilst gaining valuable coaching and refereeing experience,” says Karli Haugh of Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

“Over the eight week competition we saw a huge improvement in both the children’s Flippa ball skills and their swimming and water survival abilities. Flippa Ball provides a great environment to develop team work, ball skills, water confidence and swimming ability in a fun and positive atmosphere.”

Term two competition finals were held on Sunday 28 June. In the final top seeded Russley Rascals went down to the second seeded Lincoln Hero’s 2-4 in a thrilling exhibition of Flippa Ball skills. Standout performances from Sam Crosby and Sam Reid in Lincoln Hero’s helped them hold off Russley Rascals to take out the Flipper Ball champions title.

The Torpedoes narrowly beat the Ellesmere Eels 2-1 for third place, while Selwyn Stingray played the Prebbleton Piranhas for fifth place winning 6-3 in a closely contested match. Due to the odd number of teams the seventh placed ‘Sharks’ team played a combined parents and coaches team, in what proved an entertaining display of competitiveness, humor and tactical team play, accompanied by some expert refereeing. The Sharks beat the parents 5-2.

Anyone interested in registering to be part of the term three competition can register online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/selwynaquaticcentre or emailing selwynaquaticcentre@selwyn.govt.nz.

Images attached: *Flippa Ball competitions at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.*

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