
Water Polo: OCC's Newest Sport

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What is the oldest team sport in the Olympic Games? If you said water polo, you're right. It was contested first in the Olympics of 1900. Most recently, in the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, the U.S. team received a silver medal, with the gold medal going to the team from Yugoslavia.

The game of water polo is often likened to soccer played in the water. It tests one's quickness and strength as a swimmer, dexterity at ball handling and mind for team-game tactics of offense. Although many of the best water polo players come from California, numerous Hawaii players, including Outrigger members, have distinguished

themselves in Mainland college competition.

The Board of Directors recently allocated funds for registration of an Outrigger team with United States Water Polo, the national governing body. An organizational meeting will be held in the near future to form a team for competition and in tournaments locally. A sign-up sheet is at the Front Desk. Those signing up for the team should be strong, quick swimmers or have prior experience playing water polo. Other Club members interested in assisting as officials or referees are also encouraged to sign up.