



Drenched Mini Water Polo
HaBaWaBa Programme
Children Born 2010 & 2011



Drenched Overview

Drenched Mini Water Polo is all about growing Water Polo and making it accessible for children of all abilities. This particular programme is aimed at children with strong swimming skills and love team games and aspire to push themselves.

What is Habawaba

[HaBaWaba International](#) is the world's biggest under 11 Water Polo tournament. It is held in Italy in June every year and in 2020 Drenched Mini Water Polo will be the first team from the UK ever to compete. There will be 112 teams from all over the world and it will be in term time, so schools will need to give permission to go. This year we had no issues with this.

In early 2020 we will be taking in players aspiring to **take part in the 2021 and 2022 under 11 tournament**. This is for children born in 2010 and 2011.



HaBaWaba Objective

HaBaWaBa will be an exciting and challenging experience for the players, competing against teams from all over the world. The objective of our HaBaWaba programme and trip is to act as an incentive for children who have a natural talent for swimming and Water Polo to improve and compete at a challenging level.

Requirements

- Children must be able to proficiently swim front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke_(ideally stage 5+ or swimming club level)
- Children must be willing to attend a minimum of two sessions a week two years before the competition and three sessions a week in the year before we go
- If the child is a member of a swimming club. They only need to attend one session a week two years before the competition and two sessions a week in the year before they go
- As well as training, there will be lots of practice matches and the team will play in the Sussex Development league to prepare
- It will be a challenging process, sessions are two hours, so the children will need to be really keen. We do have other sessions should the players wish to take it less seriously

Working with swimming clubs

Drenched wants to work with swimming clubs and this programme will complement their swimming, not replace it. In order to complement their swimming we will:

- Teach head up front crawl as a separate stroke and it will be clearly distinguished from head down
- Respect galas as first priority for the player



Costs

The cost of the programme in 2019/2020 is £70 a month for up to four sessions week (7 hours in total). The cost is the same whether you attend the minimum of two sessions or all four. This may increase slightly in 2020

Those attending only one session a week (if part of a swimming club) will pay less in the first year.

The cost of the trip per player this year is £450 for the week, including food and accommodation.

Flights are around £200

Extra money for games and league entry will also be required

To register interest please email matt@drenchedschool.co.uk