



GENERAL COMPETITION RULES 2016/17

1. Player Transfers

- 1.1 Players who have played for a club must be cleared by that club to play for a new club (except if rule 1.4 applies). A Water Polo WA transfer form must be completed and the online transfer must also be finalized by the transfer applicant and the club granting the transfer. It is the responsibility of the transfer applicant to ensure the completed transfer form due payment (for in season transfer \$50) is provided to Water Polo WA prior to the applicant playing for his/her new club. Transfers will not be accepted without payment of the transfer fee. Junior Players are exempt of the obligation to pay transfer fee.
- 1.2 Players can only transfer between the 1st of September and the 1st of January.
- 1.3 It is the responsibility of the club the player is transferring into to ensure the transfer is approved before playing with them.
- 1.4 Players who only played in flippa ball/ club competition are not required to complete transfer form to register with new club.
- 1.5 Teams playing players who have not been transferred will incur a forfeit.
- 1.6 Players who join a new club but have not been registered members of Water Polo WA for the preceding year or more are exempt from completing a transfer form, unless financial debts are outstanding to their previous club.
- 1.7 International players – clearances are required by Water Polo Australia and Water Polo WA from the players National Body. In turn the International player must be cleared on departure to be eligible to play in the new country. This can be arranged electronically.
- 1.8 Eastern state players – clearances are required by Water Polo Australia and Water Polo WA. National transfer forms are available from Water Polo WA office.
- 1.9 The playing week (round) for fixtures and competition commences Saturday and ends Friday.

2. Forfeiture/Withdrawal

- 2.1 If a club is not ready to field a team of at least 5 players (including the Goalie), that team shall receive a forfeit and be deemed to have lost five (5) goals to nil (0).
- 2.2 Clubs will be fined \$150 for every senior team which withdraws from the competition or accrues four forfeits. The forfeits referred to in this rule only relate to forfeits in which the game was not played. They do not relate to forfeits incurred due to illegal players unless without that illegal player the game would not take place.



- 2.3 A club playing a person other than in accordance with the constitution and rules of Water Polo WA shall automatically forfeit the game in which such person had taken part.
- 2.4 When a player has played for two (2) junior teams in the same fixtured round and is in breach of the competition rules for doing so, a forfeit shall be awarded against the team from the higher division. If the teams concerned are from the same division, a forfeit shall be awarded against the team which played the latter game.
- 2.5 Premier League (PL) premiership points will only be awarded to clubs with 14 & under and 16 & under teams actively competing in the junior competition of the same gender as the PL team. Clubs do not have to have teams in each division within the age group.
- 2.6 Juniors who compete in a junior division can play for other clubs in senior grades only if their junior club does not have a team in that senior grade unless they are a loan player and are playing PL for the loan club. Players cannot play in any junior grade for another club unless approved in writing by the Board of Directors.
- 2.7 Teams participating in fixtures involving country teams shall incur a forfeit for each game forfeited but will not be included as part of **rule 2.2**
- 2.8 Clubs must not play an unregistered or unqualified player, a player must not compete under a false or assumed name, a player must not compete when under disqualification. Penalty - a \$20 fine shall be imposed on the club regardless of whether they won or lost the game and rule **2.3** shall apply.
- 2.9 Clubs will be fined \$20.00 each game forfeited (unless rule **2.7** is applicable).
- 2.10 **Finals Format – Seniors and Juniors**
 - Semi Finals
 - 1st plays 4th
 - 2nd plays 3rd
 - Winners of semi-finals play in grand final.

3. Registration System

- 3.1 All players need to be registered with Water Polo WA before they are eligible to play in any WA or Water Polo Australia Competition.
- 3.2 If 2 or more teams are entered in the same division from one club, a list of first seven players must be sent to the WPWAI office by the team nominations due date
- 3.3 Club Registrars are responsible for updating the Sporting Pulse player registration database details and payments to Water Polo WA before due dates in each season.

4. Judiciary

For information in regards to code of conduct and judiciary process please refer to our Judiciary Rules.