



Water Polo WA Country Association Incorporated (WPWACI)

By-laws of the Association

Version 5.0 as at 4th March 2017

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

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VERSION NO.	DATE AMENDED	CLAUSE NO. & TITLE	SUB CLAUSE	AMENDMENT(S)	REASON(S)
Version 2.0	28.02.15	4.2 Player Eligibility	d)	Teams with 13 players cannot have draft picks.	Teams with 13 players should not need any additional draft picks
Version 2.0	28.02.15	7. Competition Rules	r)	For a player to play in the finals they must have played at least two games throughout the tournament.	To eliminate the late inclusion of players to just play a final.
Version 2.0	28.02.15	4. State Country Carnival By-Laws 4.1 General	e)	If a Club is unable to supply a referee from within their own Club, they may pay for a referee from outside their Club to attend the tournament. Failure to supply a referee may result in a fee/fine or loss of competition points.	Penalise clubs that don't supply a referee.
Version 2.0	28.02.15	7. Competition Rules	k)	Qualifying games shall be of the duration decided by the Host Centre to fit the programme, but not less than five (5) minute quarters of straight actual time.	To ensure that playing time is not lost due to stoppages such as umpire consultation, scoreboard malfunction, two balls in pool etc.
Version 2.0	28.02.15	6. National Carnival	b)	Insert: State coaches must have a minimum Level 1 coaching accreditation.	To provide for a higher standard of coaching for the State teams and ensure a more satisfying and enjoyable experience for both players and coaches at the National tournament.
Version 3.0	05.03.16	Change of name to WPWACI	Entire document	Change name of Association to Water Polo WA Country Inc. (WPWACI)	To align with the Water Polo Australia and WA.
Version 3.0	05.03.16	4.2 Player Eligibility	e)	Draft players will have to pay a nomination fee set by the Executive Committee to the centre hosting the Country Championships. Draft nominations must be received by the WPWACI Executive Committee at least two weeks prior to the championships. The WPWACI Executive committee will run the draft.	WPWACI Executive Committee to run the draft and allows for nomination fee to be changed based on location.
Version 3.0	05.03.16	6. National Carnival	c)	The WPWACI will pay the team nomination fee for WA Country sides attending the National Carnival. All selected players are to fund their own trip. The Executive Committee may decide to put funds towards the travel and accommodation of the managers and coaches based on WPWACI's current financial situation.	To remove the expectation that WPWACI will pay for selected players however allows for Executive Committee to pay for Nationals nomination fee and contribute to coaches/managers costs should the Associations financial situation allow for it.
Version 3.0	05.03.16	7. Competition Rules	k)	Qualifying games shall be of the duration decided by the Host Centre to fit the programme, but not less than four (4) minute quarters of actual time.	Minimum time reduced from five to four minutes to allow more games to be played each day of the championships and for host centres to fit in fixtures around pool opening and closing hours.
Version 3.0	05.03.16	7. Competition Rules	j)	All finals games shall be seven (7) minute quarters of actual time.	Games time for finals adjusted to match Water Polo WA Country standards (remove FINA reference) and so final games do not drag on.

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Version 4.0	21 June 2016	1. Life Members		<p>Selection of Life Members shall be conducted by the WPWACI Executive Committee and voted on for endorsement. A nominee can be any person who has for a period of not less than ten (10) years rendered outstanding service to the Association and the sport of water polo in addition to their years of service as a player. Nominations for Life Membership of the Association must be signed by at least two Life Members or at least two Affiliated Clubs/Associations, and should be received by the Executive Committee in writing at least two (2) months prior to the Annual General Meeting at which the nominations will be announced. Nominations must include details of the nominee's outstanding service and contribution to country water polo in Western Australia.</p> <p>*No more than two (2) persons shall be elected as Life Members in any one (1) year;</p> <p>*The Executive Committee bestows Life Membership on the person and notice of such is given to all Members not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of the General Meeting;</p> <p>*A Life Member shall be eligible for appointment as an officer of the Association;</p> <p>*A Life Member shall not be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Association unless the Life Member is an appointed Committee Member, in which case that person shall have the voting rights conferred by the Constitution.</p> <p>*A Life Member shall be presented with such badge or medallion as may be determined by the Executive Committee;</p> <p>*The Executive Committee may expel any life member from WPWACI;</p> <p>*In the event of expulsion, he/she shall lose and forfeit all rights attached to membership.</p> <p><i>Note: The colours of the Association moved to 5. State Team Selection (f)</i></p>	To bring WPWACI Life Membership criteria in line with WPWAI.

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VERSION NO.	DATE AMENDED	CLAUSE NO. & TITLE	SUB CLAUSE	AMENDMENT(S)	REASON(S)
Version 4.0	21 June 2016	4. State Country Carnival By-Laws 4.1 General	(e)	The Host centre must request that the names of at least one appropriately accredited WPWAI referee per Association be submitted with all nomination forms. Referee names are to be forwarded to the Referee Director for the tournament appointed by WPWAI. (i) If an Association is unable to supply an accredited referee they may pay for a referee from outside their Association to attend the tournament. (ii) Failure to supply a referee will result in a fee of \$400. This fee will be required to be paid upfront by all Associations and will be built in to the nomination fee. Each Association will be reimbursed \$400 two weeks after the conclusion of the tournament provided they have met all their required tournament commitments as outlined in the competition rules.	To ensure that all Associations attending the State Country Championships comply with their referee commitments and that this burden is not carried by the host Association.
Version 5.0	4 March 17	5. State Team Selection	(d)	Insert: "Where financially possible WPWAI will supply funding for the appointed referee".	To ensure that a suitable referee travels with the WA Country representative sides and where possible, financially assisted by WPWAI.
Version 5.0	4 March 17	7. Competition Rules	(c)	Insert: players must play in the same cap number for the duration of the Championships; unless approved by the Tournament Director	To ensure cap number consistency throughout the tournament and make selection of All Star players easier for selectors and referees.
Version 5.0	4 March 17	7. Competition Rules	(e)	Insert: and appropriate sun screen.	To ensure that referees check the application of appropriate sun screen on players.
Version 5.0	4 March 17	7. Competition Rules	(j)	Insert: with two-minute intervals between each quarter	To standardise finals game formats.
Version 5.0	4 March 17	4.2 Player Eligibility	(a)	Insert: and must be registered on the online platform used by the state body.	To ensure that all players are registered online (i.e. via Fox Sports Pulse) prior to the tournament so that game sheets can be populated via the online system.
Version 5.0	4 March 17	4.1 General	(c)	Change: WPWAI will be responsible for the creation of the tournament fixtures. These fixtures must be approved by the Executive Committee of the WPWAI.	To remove the perception of bias when populating fixtures and to utilise the service provided by WPWAI.
Version 5.0	4 March 17	4.2 Player Eligibility	(f)	Add: The WPWAI Executive Committee will run the draft and finalise it 10 days prior to the competition. All competing Associations and the Tournament Director are to be notified of the outcome of the draft. Players not picked up in the draft will be given the option of forming a composite side providing the minimum number of players has been met. The composite side does not need to supply a referee. The composite side does not need to supply a referee.	To ensure that all Associations are kept in the loop about the draft and that the option of a composite side be explored.

1. Life Members

Selection of Life Members shall be conducted by the Water Polo WA Country Association Inc. (WPWACI) Executive Committee and voted on for endorsement. A nominee can be any person who has for a period of not less than ten (10) years rendered outstanding service to the Association and the sport of water polo in addition to their years of service as a player.

Nominations for Life Membership of the Association must be signed by at least two Life Members or at least two Affiliated Clubs/Associations, and should be received by the Executive Committee in writing at least two (2) months prior to the Annual General Meeting at which the nominations will be announced.

Nominations must include details of the nominee's outstanding service and contribution to country water polo in Western Australia.

- No more than two (2) persons shall be elected as Life Members in any one (1) year;
- The Executive Committee bestows Life Membership on the person and notice of such is given to all Members not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of the General Meeting;
- A Life Member shall be eligible for appointment as an officer of the Association;
- A Life Member shall not be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Association unless the Life Member is an appointed Committee Member, in which case that person shall have the voting rights conferred by the Constitution.
- A Life Member shall be presented with such badge or medallion as may be determined by the Executive Committee;
- The Executive Committee may expel any life member from WPWACI;
- In the event of expulsion, he/she shall lose and forfeit all rights attached to membership.

2. State Country Carnivals

- (a) The location of the next year's and the following year's State country carnival, will be decided at an Annual General Meeting.

(b) On acceptance by the nominated Country centre they shall:

- i. Provide and organise the venue which must be accepted by the delegates meeting.
- ii. Coordinate and run the State Country Carnival and social activities to be held on the Labour Day Weekend in March each year, unless this date is changed as agreed by a majority at the Annual Delegates meeting.
- iii. Provide all trophies excepting those perpetual trophies which are the property of the Association.
- iv. Where requested, pre book accommodation and/or billets for visiting players and officials.
- v. Each visiting Country Centre is responsible for its own accommodation and travelling expenses, and for any other costs incurred by its members.
- vi. Each visiting centre must supply one suitably qualified Referee for each team they send. If unable to do so they must notify the Hosting centre.

(c) WPWACI to pay for player medals for the finals, consisting of 15 medals for the men and 15 for the women.

3. Referees

(a) Referees at the carnival must be a minimum of level one (1) qualified.

4. State Country Carnival By-Laws

4.1 General

(a) The Host Centre will provide persons to act as pool controllers and administrators.

(b) The Host centre has the right to play two (2) teams in the State Carnival but no other centre has the right without expressed permission in writing of the Executive Committee of the Association.

(c) WPWAI will be responsible for the creation of the tournament fixtures. These fixtures must be approved by the Executive Committee of the WPWACI.

(d) Fixtures must be sent out to the participating Clubs at least one month before the Carnival.

- (e) The Host centre must request that the names of at least one appropriately accredited WPWAI referee per Association be submitted with all nomination forms. Referee names are to be forwarded to the Referee Director for the tournament appointed by WPWACI.
- (i) If an Association is unable to supply an accredited referee they may pay for a referee from outside their Association to attend the tournament.
- (ii) Failure to supply a referee will result in a fee of \$400. This fee will be required to be paid upfront by all Associations and will be built in to the nomination fee. Each Association will be reimbursed \$400 two weeks after the conclusion of the tournament provided they have met all their required tournament commitments as outlined in the competition rules.
- (f) Fixtures once approved must be sent to the Referee Director who will then be responsible for allocating Referees and doing a roster.
- (g) All associated Country Centres participating in this carnival must be financial as laid down in the rules of this Association.
- (h) Guest Teams can be invited to participate in the State Country Carnival, where in the opinion of the majority of the Officers of the Association the objectives of this Association can be fulfilled. Such teams will not qualify for any perpetual or personal trophies, or grand finals.
- (i) Nominating country centres must pay a nomination fee set by the host centre and payable to the host centre prior to the start of the state country carnival.
- (j) Nominating country centre must have association status.
- (k) Only one team from each country centre can qualify for the final at the state country carnival.
- (l) A country club is a club that is active but does not have association status. All players must be registered with their club. Players must have played their qualifying games. The club must be financial with WPWACI, WPWAI and WPAL. The club will be eligible for the final. The club has to pay the nomination fee. A country club is not part of country centre association.
- m) Amalgamated clubs. This refers to eligible clubs unable to field a team in their own right who are able to combine with another eligible club. Players must meet the criteria as eligible country players. The amalgamated team must pay the nomination fee. The amalgamated team will not qualify for the final.

4.2 Player Eligibility

- (a) All members playing in this carnival must be financial registered members as laid down in the rules of this Association **and must be registered on the online platform used by the state body.**
- (b) All members must have played three (3) competition games in their own Country Centres Competition of the present season. Players residing in Perth must reside and play for eight (8) weeks, at that country centre, for that present season, prior to the State Country Carnival. Any dispute of this rule will require their Country Centre Official/Delegate to sign a written statement to this effect and forward to the WPWACI.
- (c) Fly in fly out (FIFO) workers qualify as country players. If a FIFO worker has played the qualifying games [Clause 4.2 (b)] for a centre, then they may play for that centre. If a FIFO worker has not played the qualifying games [Clause 4.2 (b)] for a country centre, due to no formal competition, they may enter the draft.
- (d) A country centre may have up to 3 draft players and still qualify for finals. A draft player will still have to qualify as a country player [Clause 4.2 (b)] [Clause 4.2 (c)]. Country centres who request draft players will select the draft players in the reverse order of how the teams finished in the previous year's country carnival. That is the lowest teams pick first and then alternate their picks depending on how many drafts have been selected. Teams may only select one player at a time. If more than one team has requested more than one player, they will select one player then alternate picks. No centre can take more than one pick at a time unless they are the only centre selecting. A new team entering the carnival shall be awarded the first draft pick. A new team is defined as a team that did not compete in the previous carnival. If there is more than one new team first draft pick shall be decided by the toss of a coin. Composite teams do not qualify for the draft, yet draft players not selected can play in the composite team. Teams with 13 players cannot have draft picks.
- (e) Draft players will have to pay a nomination fee (fully refundable) set by the Executive Committee to the centre hosting the Country Championships. Draft nominations must be received by the WPWACI Executive Committee at least two weeks prior to the championships. Draft players may be players from a country town that has no club or association; they may players who have missed out on making their club or association teams, they may be FIFO workers.
- (f) The WPWACI Executive Committee will run the draft and finalise it 10 days prior to the competition. All competing Associations and the Tournament Director are to be notified of the outcome of the draft. Players not picked up in the draft will be given**

the option of forming a composite side providing the minimum number of players has been met. The composite side does not need to supply a referee.

5. State Teams Selection

- (a) Selectors shall be appointed by the state executive committee at each country carnival.
- (b) The state teams shall be selected from players who compete at the state country carnival. If the state teams are not filled from players who attended the state country carnival the team may be filled with any other eligible country players. This will be done by the selection panel and the WPWACI committee.
- (c) The executive committee will have final selection on state teams. State team players are to sign a code of conduct agreement prior to final selection in the state team.
- (d) The executive committee will select a travelling referee to accompany the state teams at the national carnival. **Where financially possible, WPWACI will supply funding for the appointed referee.** If a suitable candidate is not available, then there will not be a referee to accompany the team.
- (e) Players cannot nominate for the national draft until after they have not made the WA team, or no WA team is being represented. WA country players wishing to nominate for the national draft will require clearance letter from WPWACI.
- (f) The colours of the Association shall be black and gold.

6. National Carnival

- (a) The WPWACI Executive Committee shall advertise with all associated country centres for nominations for the positions of State Team Coaches (Men and women) and State Team Managers, sixty (60) to ninety (90) days prior to the State Country Carnival.
- (b) The WPWACI Executive Committee shall appoint the Coach and Manager for the men's and women's team after the close of nominations. The attending country association's club presidents will vote if there are more than one applicant for each position. State coaches must have a minimum Level 1 coaching accreditation.
- (c) The WPWACI will pay the team nomination fee for WA Country sides attending the National Carnival. All selected players are to fund their own trip. The Executive Committee may decide to put funds towards the travel and accommodation of the managers and coaches based on WPWACI's current financial situation.

(d) The managers and coaches shall be non-players. If necessary, they may play if the team requires it. This decision will be made by the executive committee.

7. Competition Rules

- (a) Rules of the game shall be current rules as laid down by the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA)
- (b) Game sheets are to be filled in correctly by the individual centres, and shall be ready for checking by Pool Administration Ten (10) minutes prior to starting time of the game. This should include player's ID numbers that are issued from WAWPI.
- (c) Teams must ensure that games sheets correspond with the player's cap number. **Players must play in the same cap number for the duration of the Championships; unless approved by the Tournament Director.**
- (d) A team shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) players, six (6) of which are field players, and one (1) goal keeper. Maximum size of a team is thirteen (13) members including six (6) reserves.
- (e) Each team shall line up five (5) minutes before time advertised for the match to be inspected by the Referees who are to ensure that games sheets are filled in correctly and check each players nails **and appropriate sun screen.**
- (f) Any player not checked at this point, is ineligible to participate in the game, subject to the Referee's discretion.
- (g) If a team is unable to field a team of seven (7) as in rules 4 and 5, that team shall be deemed to have lost ten (10) goals to nil, and competition points awarded to the team ready to play.
- (h) A team playing a person other than in accordance with the constitution and rules of this Association shall automatically forfeit the game in which such person has taken part.
- (i) Where a centre has two (2) teams in the same competition, players will not be allowed to interchange upon submission of the first games list. This rule applies for the duration of the carnival.
- (j) All finals games shall be seven (7) minute quarters of actual time **with two-minute intervals between each quarter.**
- (k) Qualifying games shall be of the duration decided by the Host Centre to fit the programme, but not less than four (4) minute quarters of actual time.
- (l) Quarter time breaks of one (1) minute.
- (m) Half time breaks of two (2) minutes.
- (n) The thirty (30) second shot clock rule will apply.
- (o) The twenty (20) second **exclusion** rule will apply.
- (p) Members of the Association will leave the playing area in such a condition as to not bring the Association into disrepute.
- (q) Any team forfeiting a game shall lose the equivalent points of a win.
- (r) For a player to play in the finals they must have played at least two games throughout the tournament.

8. Voting Outside of an AGM

- (a) Affiliated country clubs can vote and make decisions relating to WPWACI By-laws and competition rules by electronic means.

9. Composite Team Guide Lines

- (a) The team may only contain country qualified players (even though they may not play in a country competition i.e. there is no competition where they reside)
- (b) Players must nominate at least two (2) weeks prior to the tournament.
- (c) The points from their game will count, as will fairest and best points, and goals scored
- (d) The team cannot play in the grand final, but may be minor premiers.
- (e) Players must pay the nomination fee prior to the first game.
- (f) Teams playing 15 players cannot let their 2 extra players play for the composite team.
- (g) All players must be registered with WAWPI and WPWACI.
- (h) Country qualified players who play in the composite team will qualify for state selection.
- (i) If the above criteria are not met, no points will be awarded for games against the composite team. No goals or fairest and best votes will be recorded either.
- (j) If the composite team does not qualify for points, any team that forfeits their game to them will lose the equivalent points of a win in the tournament.
- (k) If the composite team does not qualify for points. Those players in the team that qualify as country players will still qualify for selection in the state team.
- (l) The composite team is for country players who have no team to play for. If there are non-country players in this team this is affecting pool time for country players the committee can make a decision on non-country players playing in the team.

10. Life Members of the Association

2002 Andrew Halleen
2003 Gary Payne
2004 Scott Halleen
2005 Tammy Reid
2006 Craig Burrows
2008 Bob Butson
2011 David O'Connor
2017 **Natasha O'Neill**