



Newsletter - February 2019 Edition: Welcome back after the summer break, some haven't been away at all, some have been off skiing in Japan, some still are. With it being a touring year for some in our group things are hotting up with people really showing a higher level of keenness both in playing and training.

Training Games: For members of touring sides going to Gwangju, South Korea in August there are full pool training games on Sunday mornings from 7.00 – 9.00 am. Please contact your team coordinator for more details. Pink Pointers Susan Skillen, 50+ Michael Hopkins, 55+ Colin Wedd, 60+ John Birman, 65+ Gary Sturgeon, 70+ Bill Wallace. These training games started last week and will run through until we leave at the end of July. Cost is \$50 each to cover pool hire.

Rules Changes: FINA have delivered some new rules to test for the next year or so. To facilitate the understanding of the rule changes, the new rules will be introduced into the games each week starting from next Tuesday 19th February. You should familiarise yourself with the new rules and how they work beforehand... if in doubt ask one of our team of referees. We have provided the new rules to your club/team representative, if they have not sent it to you, get onto them!

Rules Changes Introduction: To help all players WA's newest FINA Referees Panel member Fiona Haigh, will be conducting a talk on Sunday 24th

February, 9.30 am in the Triton Clubrooms at Beatty Park for all those interested in learning/discussing the new FINA rule changes. You might like to send a representative along for your team.

Bunbury Masters: 8th & 9th June. Nominations for teams for this year's event close at the end of the month, but if you want to go, get your team into Dave O'Connor bidgybadgy@hotmail.com 8 Men's teams or Tash O'Neil tashoneill1@bigpond.com 6 Women's teams.

FINA Inter-Continental Cup: The FINA Intercontinental Cup is coming to Perth from the 23rd – 31st March 2019. We will have some of the best teams in world water polo battling it out towards Olympic qualification, as well as absolute super stars of the game. World class Olympic referees, FINA Delegates and of course our own Stingers and Sharks. Both men's and women's teams, eight of each, will be competing over six days of competition and three days of preparation prior.

This prestigious event will not hit our shores again for many years to come, so this is a fantastic opportunity to be part of something very special. The event will

be played at HBF Stadium Mt Claremont and the teams will be accommodated in Scarborough. All the international governing body and officials will be accommodated at Burswood.

You will receive free entry to all days and games, as well as the official event uniform. There are numerous volunteer roles on offer, including (but not limited to): Venue Ushers, Venue Crew & Courtesy Mini Bus/Car Drivers.

WPWA are looking for volunteers who can assist from a couple of hours to possible full days. Please contact Ben Haywood at Water Polo WA more information: generalmanager@waterpolowa.asn.au

OVO Australian WP League: Sat 2nd March also sees the first games played in Perth for the 2019 season with the Western Derby being played at Bicton Pool, the return match will be played at UWA on Sat 23rd March see the entire draw at www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au/games/

WA Country Championships: This year will be held in Busselton at the Geographe Leisure Centre on the Labour Day long weekend 1st, 2nd & 3rd of March.

Duty Teams:

Dolphins - 19th, 26th Feb & 5th March

Triton – 12th & 19th March

Sunday training set-up & pack away:

Those who train at Beatty Park on a Sunday morning please be conscious of setting up and putting away the equipment (caps/balls/goals) before and after each session. If you didn't set up the pool at 7.00 am please volunteer to

pack away. If you haven't set up the pool recently, maybe get there a little earlier and lend a hand. TRITON have kindly allowed us the use of their equipment and have junior training immediately after us. They don't require the adult goals and balls. Please help us help you by putting up your hand to help.

Game Sheets: Just a reminder that all players must be registered in Australia to play and must be entered onto the score sheet, this is as much for Insurance as it is for entering information. If you get injured in a game and want to make a claim you need to show that you were actually there. So teams please be vigilant and fill in your Game Sheets before the game!

Game Times 7.15, 7.45, 8.15: Be ready to start your game on time as it impacts on the following fixtured games. Teams starting late will only play 3 quarters.

Monthly Committee Meetings: Recent meetings have been a lonely affair with only a few club/team delegates attending. If you want to have your say get onto your representative and let them know.

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