

PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

WPWAI recognises the importance of ensuring that Clubs are sustainable and that competitions are fair and equitable. However, at all times, player welfare and encouraging participation in water polo in Western Australia are of equal importance. WPWAI considers that this Policy strikes an appropriate balance between club sustainability, participation and player welfare.

2. PURPOSE

Players, during their sporting careers, join and move clubs for many reasons. The intention of WPWAI in adopting this policy is to establish a process for players to transfer between Clubs without inadvertently impacting on water polo in Western Australia, Clubs or Players.

3. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Constitution (under review)

Competition Policy

4. SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of WPWAI and Players.

5. PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY

5.1 Transfers during the Transfer Window

A Player may Transfer at any time during the Transfer Window, without approval.

5.2 Transfers outside of the Transfer Window

- (a) A Player may Transfer outside the Transfer Window with the approval of the Player's Existing Club, the New Club and WPWAI.
- (b) Transfer Permission may be refused by an Existing Club on the following grounds:
 - (i) if a Player owes money to the Existing Club relating to the Player's Registration at that Club; or
 - (ii) if it is the reasonable opinion of the Existing Club that the Transfer of the Player at that time would cause unreasonable disruption to the Team during the then current Season.

6. TRANSFER PROCESS

6.1 Transfers during the Transfer Window

A Player changing clubs during the Transfer Window may do so by registering at a New Club at the start of a Season.

6.2 Transfers outside of the Transfer Window

- (a) A Player wishing to change clubs outside of the Transfer Window must:
 - (i) obtain a Transfer Permission;
 - (ii) obtain Registration Permission; and
 - (iii) obtain Transfer Approval from WPWAI.
- (b) The Player, the Designated Official of each of the Existing Club and the New Club, and the General Manager of WPWAI must complete and sign the Form.
- (c) Once completed by all parties, the Transfer can be completed on the Rev Sport online platform or such other online platform set up by WPAL or WPWAI for the purpose of

Registration of Players.

7. INTERSTATE TRANSFERS

- 7.1 This policy does not apply to Players who Transfer from interstate or overseas to play for a Club in Western Australia. Such Players are free to register with a Club of their choosing at any time subject to:
- (a) the relevant interstate water polo association confirming to WAWPI that the Player is not under a current suspension or banned for a term; and
 - (b) the Existing Club confirming that all amounts owing to the Existing Club by the Player have been paid.

8. LOAN PLAYERS

- 8.1 Nothing in this Policy prevents a Player, by agreement between the Player's Primary Club and a Secondary Club, from being a Loan Player.
- 8.2 Loan Player arrangements must be renewed each season or for such period as the Player's Primary Club does not intend to field a team in a competition at a level commensurate with that Player's ability.
- 8.3 At all times during any Loan Player arrangement, the Player shall remain a Registered Player of their Primary Club.

9. DEFINITIONS

Club means an incorporated water polo organisation which comprises of individual members who participate in water polo activities and whose objectives include fielding teams in competitive water polo tournaments, competitions, matches sanctioned from time to time by WPWAI or WPAL or any member of WPAL and aligns with and is consistent with the objects of WPWAI.

Competition Rules means the Competition Rules of WPWAI which provide the framework within which competitions are regulated and conducted.

Constitution means the Constitution of WPWAI.

Designated Official means the person nominated by a Club to authorise the Transfer of a Player from or to their Club.

Existing Club means the most recent Club that the Player was, within the last 12 months, Registered to play the Sport for.

Form means the form contained in Schedule 1.

General Manager means the General Manager (or Executive Officer or other title) of WPWAI and includes any person acting in that position.

Loan Player means the process as defined in the *WPWAI Competition Rules* by which a Player from a Club is permitted by WPWAI to play for a team of another Club and Loan Player Arrangement has a corresponding meaning.

New Club means a Club for which a Player wishes to Register to play water polo.

Player means a person Registered to play in WPWAI competitions.

Primary Club has the same meaning as Existing Club and is used in the context of the implementation and interpretation of Loan Player Arrangements.

Registered means the process of a person registering to play the game pursuant to the National

Registration Policy and is financial at the time of Season commencement and **Register** and **Registration** have corresponding meanings.

Registration Permission means permission granted by a Players New Club approving the Transfer of a Player.

Season means the water polo season commencing in or about September/October each year or as determined by WPWAI.

Secondary Club means the Club for which a player has received a dispensation to play for a specific reason. Examples include but are not limited to; the Primary Club not offering the appropriate level of competition e.g A Grade; or for regional players to play in metropolitan competitions; or for a junior player to play with a different club in open age competitions.

Team means the Team within the Existing Club for which a Player plays with reference to that Player's ability.

Transfer means the transfer of a Player from a Club to another Club.

Transfer Approval means approval granted by WPWAI allowing the Transfer of a Player.

Transfer Permission means approval granted by the Existing Club at which a Player is Registered.

Transfer Window mean the period between the end of one Season and 7 days before the commencement of games the next Season.

WPAL means the incorporated body, Water Polo Australia Limited.

WPWAI means the incorporated body, Water Polo Western Australia Inc.

SCHEDULE I

FORM OF TRANSFER – Transfer Outside of Transfer Window

PLAYER NAME _____

PLAYER ADDRESS _____

PLAYER DATE OF BIRTH _____

TRANSFER PERMISSION

EXISTING CLUB CONSENT TO TRANSFER

Club Name: _____

Signature: _____

(Club President or Registrar)

REGISTRATION APPROVAL

NEW CLUB CONSENT TO TRANSFER

Club Name: _____

Signature: _____

(Club President or Registrar)

TRANSFER APPROVAL

WPWAI CONSENT TO TRANSFER

Signature: _____

(General Manger or Board Member)