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Water Polo QLD Team and Player Eligibility Rules Effective 13 January 2017

Team & Player Eligibility – Queensland State Titles

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of the State Titles Championships the following definitions apply:

- 1.1. **Club** - a club is an affiliated body¹ with Water Polo Queensland (WPQ) which competes in the local age group competitions run within the state and approved region/s.
- 1.2. **Team** – a team is a group of players (Min 9, Max 13)² that is nominated under the following categories:
 - 1.2.1. **Club Team** – a team of players all from the one club; and
 - 1.2.2. **Composite Team** – two clubs, who have a written agreement, apply and receive approval from WPQ to enter a composite team.³
- 1.3. **Primary Club** - is determined by the players' financial registration stating which is their primary club⁴ and permanent domiciled location. A player in the first instance must register with the Member Association in the region, within which they reside. Casual relocation is not considered as permanent.
- 1.4. **Developing Region** – A Club/Association outside of the Brisbane Metropolitan area which has not participated in a National Club Championship in the last two years.
- 1.5. **Secondary Club** – is determined by the players' financial registration stating which is their secondary club and permanent domiciled location. A player in the first instance must register with the Member Association in the region, by call of entry, within which they reside. Casual relocation is not considered as permanent.
- 1.6. **First team** - is considered the most competitive team to compete at the event.
- 1.7. **Second team** - is a development or less competitive/participation team to compete at the event.

¹ "Body" may include an association or club as defined by constitution but does not include a composite team formed for the purpose of entering the Queensland State Titles Championships.

² FINA Rules apply: - i.e. only 13 players may sign the card for any one game, with 7 players on the field

³ Players in a composite team must be registered players of at least one of the two teams forming the composite team.

⁴ As identified in the on-line registration details.



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2. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. All categories of composite teams can only be approved by WPQ for each separate competition.
- 2.2. All team nominations must be endorsed by WPQ as an affiliated club from Queensland or approved region/s, however only WPQ has the authority to approve teams.
- 2.3. Clubs with nine (9) or more players competing at a State Titles must compete in their own right.
- 2.4. Clubs may only enter into one (1) composite team agreement, in each gender, per season – multiple agreements are not allowed.

Example: Club A and Club B can form only one composite team for the boys and one for the girls. Once they have done this neither Club A nor Club B can enter a composite team with Club C. This is to stop two clubs rejecting their lower quality players and forming a composite team with their best players (to form a super-team) then asking for another composite agreement using their rejected players.

- 2.5. A composite team agreement can only include two clubs not multiple clubs.
- 2.6. Composite teams are eligible to play in finals.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Players must be financial members of clubs/associations at call of entry.
- 3.2. A player must play for the first team* of their primary club first, if that club enters a championship, unless not selected. If a player chooses not to do so then they cannot play for another team. – note: If a player makes themselves unavailable to play for their primary club and then changes their mind they may still only play with their primary club and may not play for anyone else. If their primary club cannot accommodate them, after the player changed their mind, then they will not play at those championships.

Further, should a player not make themselves available or not participate in the spirit of the selection process for their primary club with the intention of not being selected and then the team withdraws from the competition the player is excluded from the tournament and may not play for another club.

(*note: CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS MUST IDENTIFY WHICH IS THEIR "FIRST" TEAM IF ENTERING MORE THAN ONE TEAM IN EACH GENDER GROUP).



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- 3.3. Where a player is registered with a secondary club, they may not play with that club, if they:
- 3.3.1. are selected to play in the first team* with their primary Club/Association;
 - 3.3.2. made themselves unavailable for selection to the first team of their primary club; or
 - 3.3.3. not participate in the spirit of the selection process for the first team of their primary club, with the intention of not being selected.

If however, the player is selected by their primary Club/Association, and the Club/Association subsequently withdraws from the competition, the player may play for their secondary Club/Association, or if the player does not have a secondary Club/Association, or is not selected by their secondary club, may enter the draft.

- 3.4. Where a player is not selected by their primary club's first team then that player is free to join their secondary club or the WPQ draft for that tournament.
- 3.5. Where a player's primary club does not enter the championships either as a stand-alone club or in the category of a composite team then that player is free to join their secondary club or the WPQ draft for that tournament.

3.6. Player Transfers

3.6.1 Players who transfer their primary club membership after the 31 October will be subject to rule 3.2.2 as if the transfer had not occurred.

Example: If a player transfers their primary club prior to or on the 31 October they may play for their new primary club, if selected, in Queensland State Titles. If a player transfers their primary club after the 31 Oct and want to compete in the Queensland State Titles they must first seek selection for the primary club they belonged to prior to 31 October, in accordance with rule 3.2.2 before seeking selection with a secondary club or entering the draft.

3.6.2. WPQ has the ability to approve a composite team of players from multiple "developing region" clubs/associations where those players all come from primary clubs that have not entered the relevant championships.

3.6. Player Draft

3.6.1. The player draft will be managed by WPQ.

3.6.2. Players must apply to WPQ to be included in the draft. The player must apply online at least 30 days prior to the start of the tournament. Players must be released/signed off by their primary club to participate in the draft.



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3.6.3. Teams that have less than 9 players (i.e. 8 or less) will be permitted to select from the draft. Teams must apply to WPQ to select players in the draft at least 30 days prior to the tournament. WPQ will decide the order of draft selection if necessary.

3.6.4. Preference and first selection from the draft will be given to developing regional areas, followed by other clubs who have not participated in a National Club Championship in the last two (2) years in the relevant gender group. Clubs will be ranked with the weakest having first selection from the draft, one player at a time until all drafting clubs have selected before a second player is selected, and so on.

3.6.5. Teams fielding more than one team in a state tiles are only permitted to draft players into their second team.

3.7. Age Participation

3.7.1. Three year age rule applies to all teams as per call of entry document.

4. APPEALS

4.1. A team or player may appeal against any ruling made in relation to the above rules.

4.2 Appeals must be in writing to WPQ and addressed to the WPQ Management committee.

4.3 Appeals must be received, in writing with the relevant facts and circumstances to support the appeal, by WPQ at least twenty-one (21) days before the relevant tournament is scheduled to commence.

4.4 WPQ will endeavour to decide the appeal within seven (7) days of receipt of the appeal.

4.5 The decision of WPQ of the appeal will be final.

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Should you require assistance with interpretation do not hesitate to contact the Water Polo Qld office

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