
WATER POLO QUEENSLAND CITING PROCEDURE

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1. POLICY STATEMENT & COVERAGE

1.1 Policy Statement

The purpose of this Policy is to outline the procedure by which players or officials may be cited to appear before a Water Polo Queensland Tribunal to answer complaints that they have committed acts of illegal and/or foul play not detected by referees during a QWPI sanctioned competition match.

The Board may vary this Policy at any time in accordance with the authority conferred by the current QWPI Constitution

1.2 Policy Coverage

This Policy addresses breaches of FINA Rules of Water Polo or the Water Polo Australia (WPAL) and QWPI Codes of Conduct by players and officials at any QWPI sanctioned event. This includes but is not limited to:

- State Titles
- Queensland Country Championships
- 12&U Festival of Water Polo
- Brisbane Water Polo Competitions
- Gold Coast Water Polo Competitions
- Sunshine Coast Water Polo Competitions
- Toowoomba Water Polo Competitions
- Rockhampton Water Polo Competitions
- Mackay Water Polo Competitions
- Townsville Water Polo Competitions
- Cairns Water Polo Competitions

2. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

2.1 Citing Procedure

One of two methods can be used to initiate investigation for acts of illegal and/or foul play not detected by referee.

2.1.1. Method 1 – Formal Complaint by a Nominated Official

- 2.1.1.1. A Club or Association participating in a QWPI sanctioned match may lodge a citing for acts of brutality, illegal and/or foul play not detected by referees. This includes but is not limited to any conduct within 30 minutes before or after a match.
- 2.1.1.2. The person reporting the citing must be a Nominated Official in accordance with clause 2.1.1.3 and witness the incident as it occurred and not submit a citing upon the request of others.
- 2.1.1.3. For the purposes of the Citing Procedure, Nominated Officials are:
 - a) President, or another duly authorised member of the Club/Association Management Committee
 - b) Technical Official and/or Pool Coordinator
- 2.1.1.4. Each Club or Association participating in a match may cite for more than one alleged incident of Illegal and/or Foul Play in the same match.
- 2.1.1.5. Each Club or Association participating in a match may lodge a citing against more than one player and/or official in any match.
- 2.1.1.6. A citing must be completed in writing by a Statutory Declaration delivered by email to the Competition Administrators at their registered office no later than 5:00pm AEST on the third business day after the completion of the match. Any supporting evidence must accompany the complaint.
- 2.1.1.7. If a citing is relying on video footage that has been recorded it is only admissible providing it was captured in accordance with WPQ004 - Video & Photography Policy.
- 2.1.1.8. Upon receipt of the Statutory Declaration, a report will be obtained from the referee to ensure that the matter had not already been detected or dealt with during the match. (i.e. a citing is not intended to be an opportunity to re-referee an incident or its interpretation if already detected and acted upon).
- 2.1.1.9. The Tribunal Chairman (or nominee) should first satisfy himself / herself that there is sufficient or reasonable evidence of prima facie case to justify a formal complaint prior to a hearing date to be determined.
- 2.1.1.10. The player or official's Club will be provided with a copy of the citing and advised of the time, date and venue of the hearing of the Tribunal to consider the complaint.

2.1.2. Method 2 – Formal Complaint by QWPI

2.1.2.1. Queensland Water Polo Inc Management Committee or its nominee¹ has the power to cite for an act or acts of illegal and/or foul play committed during a sanctioned match regardless of whether or not such alleged act or acts has or have not been detected by the match official.

2.1.2.2. In cases where the video footage has been recorded in accordance with the WPQ004 - Video & Photography Policy the citing must be made within five (5) business days of the date the match was played.

2.1.2.3. In all other cases, the citing must be made within twelve (12) months of the date the match was played.

¹ Chief Executive Officer

3. CITING ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Citing Administration

- 3.1.1** The hearing of the citing shall occur in accordance with the procedure prescribed in WPQ003 – Disciplinary Procedures.
- 3.1.2** Any penalties imposed shall be in accordance with those set out in the WPQ003 – Disciplinary Procedures.
- 3.1.3** The player or official may continue to play or perform their normal course of duties until the date set down for the hearing of the citing complaint by the Tribunal.
- 3.1.4** If the player or official fails to attend the hearing on the date nominated, he/she is suspended from playing until such time as he/she attends a hearing on a date mutually agreed by the player and the Tribunal.

4. DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

