

WATER POLO (men and women)

2016

AUS Water Polo competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the Australian recognised [Fédération Internationale de Natation](#) (FINA) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 8
- Maximum registered players – 13
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the field without incurring a forfeit – 6

2. Game time/duration

- 2.1. All games will be 4 x 5 (actual time) in duration with 1 minute break between quarters and 2 minutes for half time.
- 2.2. Semi finals and medal matches will have a 2 minute break between quarters and 5 minutes for half time.
- 2.3. Time outs are only allowed in semi finals and medal matches.
- 2.4. A summary of game time/duration is also available via the [AUS supplement – games time summary](#).

3. Points score

- 3.1. Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;
 - Winning team: 3 points
 - Drawn match: 2 points per team
 - Losing team: 1 point
 - Forfeited team: 0 points
- 3.2. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one team:
 - a) The team with the highest goal difference (goals for - goals against) in all pool matches
 - b) The team that scored the most goals in all pool matches
 - c) The team with the best result against the top team in their pool shall be placed above the other team(s). The best result to be determined by applying the following in order until the teams are separated:
 - largest winning margin
 - highest scoring draw
 - lowest losing margin

4. Drawn matches

- 4.1. If preliminary matches are drawn at full time, both teams will be awarded 2 points as per section 3.1.
- 4.2. If progression or medal matches are drawn at the end of normal time, there shall be a penalty shoot out to determine the result.

5. Exclusions and reporting

- 5.1. If a player/coach is excluded during the course of the game for a clear breach of the code of conduct an [incident report form](#) will be completed and will incur relevant penalties.
- 5.2. All players and coaches who are reported must adhere to the penalty that is handed down by the Technical Committee, if they fail to do so it may result in further penalties handed down.

6. Forfeits

- 6.1. Water Polo is run under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).
- 6.2. A forfeit will be declared 10 minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to commence play.
- 6.3. The forfeit score is 5 goals to nil (0).
- 6.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the sport officials), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams.
- 6.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

7. Uniform requirements

- 7.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 7.2. The specific uniform requirements for Water Polo are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
 - Swimsuit is compulsory and must be in good moral taste
 - Caps are to be numbered
 - Mouth guards are strongly recommended
 - No goggles are permitted
- 7.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:
 - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
 - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
 - Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
 - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
 - Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
 - All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
 - Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
 - Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

8. Team duties

- 8.1. Team duty requirements for Water Polo are:
 - One team from the previous game will be appointed to undertake duties or the game immediately following theirs
 - Duty roles to be covered 1 x referee, 1 x goal judge 1 x scorer
- 8.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.
- 8.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline - forfeit of competition requirements](#).

9. Award ceremonies

- 9.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.
- 9.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the competition.
- 9.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams:
- For regional university games events
 - Mens champion
 - Womens champion
 - For the Australian University Games
 - Overall mens champion
 - Mens champion division 2
 - Overall womens champion
 - Womens champion division 2
- 9.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion teams at the Australian University Games (note that trophies are presented at the closing presentation):
- Mens Overall Champions – Dean Hofstee Memorial Trophy
 - Womens Overall Champions – AUS Women's Waterpolo Champions trophy

Previous rule amendments

August 2001 | July 2004 | July 2005 | August 2005 | April 2008 | March 2010 | April 2011 | May 2012 | May 2015 | February 2015

AUS WATER POLO INCIDENT REPORT FORM (page 1)

Incident	_____ Qtr	_____ Division	_____ Male	_____ Female
Offending player	_____ Cap #	_____ University	_____	
Effectuated player	_____ Cap #	_____ University	_____	
Referee #1	_____	Referee #2	_____	
Reported by	_____	Signature	_____	
Witness #1	_____	Witness #2	_____	

HIGHLIGHT reason for report			
Step 1 – AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION			
Players			
Charge	1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence
Misconduct – disrespect, disobedience or other Grade 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unacceptable language • Equipment abuse • Disobedience • Disrespect • Splashing • Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official 	Warning	1 round	2 rounds
Grade 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of Grade 1 (depending on circumstances) • Attempted contact that may have caused injury if contact had been made • Minor contact (no injury) • Persistent foul or rough play • Continuous disrespect • Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official 	1 round	2 rounds	4 rounds
Misconduct – violence Grade 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of Grade 1 (depending on circumstances) • Attempting to kick an opponent • Attempting to strike an opponent • Unwelcome and deliberate contact to sensitive body part (eg. female breast, genitals) • Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official 	no penalty	2 rounds	4 rounds
Grade 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of Grade 1 (depending on circumstances) • Kicking an opponent • Striking an opponent • Persistent foul or rough play • Unwelcome and deliberate contact to sensitive body part (eg female breast, genitals) • Continuous disrespect • Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official 	2 rounds	4 rounds	8 rounds
Brutality No Grading	4 rounds	8 rounds	16 rounds
Coaches / Team Officials			
Charge	1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence
Red card	1 round	2 rounds	3 rounds

AUS WATER POLO INCIDENT REPORT FORM (page 2)

Incident factors: Please **CIRCLE** all that apply

Incident type	Intent	Accident	
Timing of offence	In play	Behind play	Interval
Context	Retaliation	Provocation	Other
Contact type Kick	Elbow	Head butt	Punch
Contact area	Above shoulder	Female breast	Genitals
Person injured	Yes	No	

Additional details of incident/s: _____

Completed sheet to be left with AUS Competition Manager

Reported person accepts charge? Yes / No

Step 2 – IF CHARGE IS UPHELD AFTER APPEAL

Players			
Charge	1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence
<p>Misconduct – disrespect, disobedience or other</p> <p>Grade 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unacceptable language • Equipment abuse • Disobedience • Disrespect • Splashing • Any other occurrences determined the reporting official 	1 round	4 rounds	8 rounds
<p>Grade 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of Grade 1 (depending on circumstances) • Attempted contact that may have caused injury if contact had been made • Minor contact (no injury) • Persistent foul or rough play • Continuous disrespect • Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official 	2 rounds	4 rounds	8 rounds
<p>Misconduct – violence</p> <p>Grade 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of Grade 1 (depending on circumstances) • Attempting to kick an opponent • Attempting to strike an opponent • Unwelcome and deliberate contact to sensitive body part (eg female breast, genitals) • Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official 	1 round	4 rounds	8 -16 rounds
<p>Grade 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of Grade 1 (depending on circumstances) • Kicking an opponent • Striking an opponent • Persistent foul or rough play • Unwelcome and deliberate contact to sensitive body part (eg female breast, genitals) • Continuous disrespect • Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official 	4 rounds	8 rounds	8-16 rounds
Brutality	8 rounds	8-16 rounds	16-32 rounds
Assault of official (including threat to assault)	1 year - Life	Life	
Coaches / team officials			
Charge	1st offence	2nd offence	3rd offence
Red card	1 round	2 rounds	3 rounds