



Water Polo

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2015/16

Summer Competition Information & Procedures



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PLEASE REMEMBER

CHEER ON THE PLAYERS

RESPECT THE REFEREES

SUPPORT THE COACH

**WATER POLO
IS FUN!**



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Competition & Event’s Officer:

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This WPSA Position is for 10 hours per week, therefore I unfortunately cannot be at all the games. I am happy to help where I can if any problems arise (which I am sure they will), but would like to thank all the Clubs and Volunteers for helping make our State League Competition a success.

WPSA are hoping to continuously improve our competition structure, we are aware that nothing is ever perfect, and we welcome any suggestions or constructive criticism.

Please be respectful of Pool Staff at each venue should problems arise as I am sure they are only trying to do their best to meet our needs.

Thank you and regards

Charmaine

1. 2015-16 Summer Competition Structure

- A-Grade Men – SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Tuesday Evenings
- A-Grade Women - SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Tuesday Evenings
- B-Grade Men & Women – Wednesday Evenings
- **Home & Away format**
Henley Sharks - Home Pool – SAALC
Tritons & Vikings – Home Pool – Adelaide Aquatic Centre
Eastern Saints – Home Pool – St Peters
- 18 & U Boys – Adelaide Aquatic Centre – Thursday Evenings
- 16 & U Boys – Adelaide Aquatic Centre – Thursday Evenings
- 17 & U Girls – St Peters College – Thursday Evenings
- 14 & U Mixed – St Peters College/Adelaide Aquatic Centre – Sunday Afternoons
- 12 & U Mixed Flippa Ball – St Peters College – Sunday Afternoons

Pool Game Size

- 14 & U games across pool, 7 minute running, no timeouts. Interval between quarters is 1, 2, 1 minutes respectively.
- 16/18 & U Boys & 17 & U Girls - games = 25m pool, 7 minute running, no timeouts. Interval between quarters is 1, 2, 1 minutes respectively.
- B Grade = 25m pool, 7 minute running, no timeouts. Interval between quarters is 2, 3, 2 minutes respectively.
- Men's A Grade = 30m pool, 7 actual running, 1 timeout. Interval between quarters is 2, 3, 2 minutes respectively.
- Women's A Grade = 25m pool, 7 actual running, 1 timeouts. Interval between quarters is 2, 3, 2 minutes respectively.

2. Player Registration Requirements

- Registrations are open, and all players are advised to register before the season begins the week of 12th October 2015. Online Registration Guide has been distributed to all Clubs, uploaded onto the website and circulated through Facebook.
- ***All players are required to be registered by their 3rd game of the season. Any games having unregistered players (who have played more than 3 games) entering the pool, those games will be forfeited and relevant clubs will be fined \$50 per unregistered player.***

3. Club's Roles and Responsibilities

- Clubs should ensure appropriate Coaches are selected to mentor their teams, and all Coaches and Officials are aware of their roles, responsibilities, and the WPSA Code of Conduct.
- Home Teams (the Team named first on the fixture) of the first and last game of the night are responsible for assisting with set up and pack down. *Please remember we are all volunteers, and the more help received the smoother things will run and the more enjoyable our sport will be.*
- **Both Teams/Clubs are responsible for supplying table officials, however the Home Team/Club are responsible for emailing or texting a copy of the score sheet to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413861930 immediately after the game (take a photo and message it or email it please).**
- Transfers and Permits – All Clubs need to submit transfers and permit requests through to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au for consideration by the Competition & Grading Committee.
- Home Team = White Cap
Away Team = Blue Cap
To avoid confusion for table official's 'Home' team will always be asked to have the light coloured caps and the 'Away' the dark coloured caps.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR & CODE OF CONDUCT

4. Players Roles and Responsibilities

(Refer WPSA Code of Conduct - attached)

- Abide by the competition conditions and rules.
- Never argue with the Referee's decision.
- Control your temper and your language -swearing is not acceptable.
- Cooperate with your coach, manager and team mates.
- Show respect for opponents and their skills.
- Work equally hard for yourself and the team. The team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be a good sport - encourage and support team mates.
- Be friendly to all participants.
- Conduct unbecoming of a Water Polo SA Representative will not be tolerated.

5. Coaches/Team Managers

(Refer WPSA Code of Conduct - attached)

- Abide by the competition conditions and rules.
- Never argue with the Referee's decision.
- Control your temper and your language - swearing is not acceptable. Conduct unbecoming of a Water Polo SA Representative will not be tolerated
- Cooperate with your fellow coaches / team manager and show leadership and professionalism.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes. Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions. Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards. Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved in the sport – this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.

- Show respect for opponents and their skills.
- Any physical contact with athletes should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the athlete's skill development.
- Provide a Drug Free Environment – Do not advocate, prescribe, recommend, support, administer or participate in the use of drugs, stimulants, or doping practices in respect of any athlete under your coaching and direction and abide by the Anti-Doping Policy of Water Polo Australia Limited.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition. Equipment, rules, training and the environment need to be appropriate for the age of the athletes.

6. Referees - (Refer WPSA Code of Conduct - attached)

Referee Co-ordinator: Tony Hall – 0406 296 281

- All Referees should refresh themselves with the **FINA Rules** (see summary attached), WPSA Judiciary Policy (attached) and WPSA Code of Conduct (attached).

FINA Rules – can be found on the Water Polo Australia Website

<http://www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au/about-us/fina-rules/>

http://www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/docs/Development/FINA_rules_2013_2017.pdf

Modified 14 and Under Rulings

http://www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/docs/FINAL_MODIFIED_RULES_EXPLANATION_NOTE_14_AND_UNDER_NATIONAL_CLUB_CHAMPIONSHIPS.pdf

- **Referees should ensure they arrive at games 15 minutes prior to the games commencement. Ensure that goals, ropes and all cones are situated correctly and then meet/talk with fellow Referee regarding game play prior to game's commencement.**
- Referees should ensure all games commence on time. Teams should be ready to commence no later than 5 minutes after the scheduled time, then the game clock should be started regardless.

- Referee Reports (See attached WPSA Referee Report Form)
- Two referees are generally required for each game. For across pool games only 1 referee will be required. The referee payment for a game is currently \$20.00. (However, Grading of Referee's is underway.)

After each game

- Referees check the official scoresheet.
- Select & record the 3 best & fairest players on the official scoresheet.
- Provide all details of reports if required on the Referee Report Form provided in the folder. *(WPSA Referees Report Sheet to be used exclusively for reporting a player, not the back of the scoresheet).*
- **Sign** the official scoresheet **(If Referees do not sign the Score Sheet they will not receive payment for the game)**

7. Constitution and By-laws

- The WPSA Constitution can be found under Governance on the WPSA website <http://waterpolosa.com.au/sites/default/files/Constitution.pdf#overlay-context=content/governance>
- The WPSA By-laws can also be found under Governance on the WPSA website http://waterpolosa.com.au/sites/default/files/part_2_bylaws_11nov08.pdf#overlay-context=about/governance (Also attached)

8. Competition & Grading Committee

- **Mark van der Pennen – Director of Competition & Grading**
Adelaide Tritons Representative
- Jon Harmer - Adelaide Vikings Representative
- Steve Piech - Eastern Saints Representative
- Andrew Seagrim - Henley Sharks Representative
- Charmaine Jackson – Competitions & Events Officer (non voting)

9. Judiciary & Tribunal Process

- **WPSA - JUDICIARY POLICY – OCTOBER 2015 (attached)**

Current members on the Independent Tribunal

- David Martin
- Maritza Manojlovic
- Bevan Dearman
- John Medcalf

10. Score Sheets

- **Home Teams to ensure timely submission of Scoresheets to WPSA (See attached WPSA Score Sheet)**
- Penalty Shoot Out Sheets (See attached WPSA Penalty Shoot Out Forms) to be sent with the Scoresheet if required.

11. Forfeited Games / Scratch Matches (WPSA By-laws)

1. A team shall be assumed to have forfeited if:
 - it cannot take to the water with at least six (6) players at the nominated time of the match (Note: for junior grades, may negotiate between coaches and referee(s) to be at least five (5) players).
 - it gives prior notification of the forfeit
2. In the event of a forfeit the opposing team shall be awarded 4 points and the score shall be deemed to be 5 goals to nil against the forfeiting team.
3. In the event of a forfeit the opposing team must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the Referee that it was present and able to take to the water at the appointed time for the match at the start and supply a completed team sheet signed by an Official of the Club.
4. The referee of the match shall have the discretion to allow five (5) minutes after the scheduled starting time in determining whether a team is ready to take to the water.

5. In the event that a team gives 48 hours notice of its intention to forfeit a match, the opposing team must submit to the Director for Competition a list of those players who would have been fielded had the match taken place, and those players shall be deemed to have taken part in the match. Failure to provide a list of players, the team shall also be deemed to have forfeited.
6. A forfeit in any grade will incur a \$50 fine to the relevant Club. This is also the case for any official scheduled games against combination teams (for example, the High Performance Team), regardless of whether that game is for premiership points.
7. A Club playing a player that does not meet the eligibility criteria as set out in the by-laws will forfeit any game points earned that the ineligible player competes in, and also incurs a \$50 fine for each game that the ineligible player competes in.

12. Fox Sports Pulse

- Game Results & Player Statistics will be uploaded as soon as possible. Player's statistics can only be uploaded once players are registered.

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?assoc=3207&plD=1

13. Home Team/Club Responsibilities

Like most sports we rely heavily on a great band of volunteers. WPSA would like to thank all those that step up and assist at all levels, it is much appreciated.

To help make sure that each grade runs as smoothly as possible WPSA ask that the 'Home team' of first game of each round help with ensuring the pool is set up to begin the games and the 'Home Team' of the last game of each help with ensuring pack up is completed.

WPSA has limited employed staff members, whom unfortunately cannot be at all the venues, all the time, therefore it is important that Clubs provide assistance with this.

A-Grade – Men – SAALC

Home Teams for the first and last games of the night to ensure setup and pack up is complete and all score sheets have been emailed or messaged to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930

A-Grade – Women – SAALC

Home Teams for the first and last games of the night to ensure setup and pack up is complete and all score sheets have been emailed or messaged to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930

B-GRADE – HOME AND AWAY FORMAT

Home Venues:

SAALC – Henley Sharks

AAC – Tritons or Vikings whoever is Home Team of the last game

St Peters – Eastern Saints

B-Grade – Men

Home Teams for each venue to ensure setup and pack up is complete and all score sheets have been emailed or messaged to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930

B-Grade – Women

Home Teams for each venue to ensure setup and pack up is complete and all score sheets have been emailed or messaged to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930

18 & Under Boys – AAC

Home Teams for the first and last games of the night to ensure setup and pack up is complete and all score sheets have been emailed or messaged to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930

17 & Under Girls - St Peters

Home Teams for the first and last games of the night to ensure setup and pack up is complete and all score sheets have been emailed or messaged to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930

16 & Under Boys – AAC

Home Teams for the first and last games of the night to ensure setup and pack up is complete and all score sheets have been emailed or messaged to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930

14 & U Mixed – St Peters

Home Teams for the first and last games of the afternoon to ensure setup and pack up is complete and all score sheets have been emailed or messaged to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930

AAC –Tritons will assist with the set up of the 14s games held at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre.

12 & U Mixed – St Peters

Home Teams for the first and last games of the afternoon to ensure setup and pack up is complete and all score sheets have been emailed or messaged to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930

Home Team/Club - Duties and Responsibilities

1. Arrive 15-20 minutes prior to 1st game

First Game of the Day - Pool Set Up

2. Ensure pool is setup, official table & time clock is ready.

If the time recording equipment is not at pool side then you will need to liaise with pool staff to get the equipment from the holding area. Advise pool staff of proposed games times & assist as necessary to ensure pool is setup correctly for 1st game.

3. Make sure scoresheet available for table officials. Scoresheets, Referee Reports and Penalty Shoot Out Forms are located in the marked envelope in the folder co located with the scoreboard.

Table Officials / Referees

4. Home Team volunteer to speak to both clubs team manager or table officials & request they complete a scoresheet with a **full players list (full first and last names)**. Request each team supply a person/persons for the official table to either run the time clock or complete the scoresheet **(if the official is not already present)**. Players may be used on a rotational basis if there is no other table official present from the club.

6. **The table officials should:**

- verify the team lists.
- complete the scoresheet i.e. keep goal score and a foul count **(If possible and capable complete the scoresheet with full action run down)**.
- Secretary and Timekeeper to sign the official scoresheet at the end of the game.

7. **Referees should:**

- check the official scoresheet.
- select & record the 3 best & fairest players on the official scoresheet.
- provide all details of reports if required on the Referee Report Form provided in the folder. *(Referees Report Sheet to be used exclusively for reporting a player, not the back of the scoresheet).*
- sign the official scoresheet **(If Referees do not sign the Score Sheet they will not receive payment for the game)**

9. **The Home Team should:**

- Ensure scoresheet is completed with all necessary signatures, best & fairest players & any reports. (*Referees Report Sheet to be used exclusively for reporting a player, not the back of the scoresheet*).
- Email or text scoresheets to competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 86 1930

Last Game of the Day - Pool Pack Down

- Confirm the games are over and that the equipment, clocks, scoreboard can be packed up.
- Assist if necessary to tidy up & put away equipment at end of the games.
- **ENSURE ALL SCORESHEETS HAVE BEEN SENT TO competitions@waterpolosa.com.au or 0413 861 930 – placing originals in the folder provided.**

14. Portable Scoreboard and Timing Equipment

Instructions for use of Water Polo SA portable scoreboard and timing equipment will be available soon.

NEW SCORING EQUIPMENT IS COMING – PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS.



Date endorsed: 22 October 2015

WPSA – CODE OF CONDUCT

PREAMBLE

Water Polo South Australia recognises that the success of our organisation and sport and the maintenance of the organisation's integrity requires that its Directors and employees pursue the highest standards of ethical conduct at all times.

Water Polo South Australia will act in accordance with the following principles:

Fair Dealing

Water Polo South Australia will deal fairly with our employees, colleagues, members, players, officials, referees, coaches, suppliers, competitors and stakeholders.

Avoid Conflicts Of Interest

Water Polo South Australia acknowledges that there may be times when our personal or other interests conflict with those of the organisation. In these circumstances, Water Polo South Australia will take action to remove or manage the conflict, so as to avoid detriment to Water Polo South Australia or any perception of conflict of interest. Directors shall declare their interest and abstain from debate and voting on matters in which they have a declared interest.

Personal Transactions

Water Polo South Australia Directors or employees will not use the name of Water Polo South Australia (or any of its members) for personal gain.

Water Polo South Australia will not use any information gained from our dealings with Water Polo South Australia for personal gain, nor allow any such information to be used for the personal gain of others. Any equipment, services or facilities made available to Directors or employees by Water Polo South Australia will be used only for properly authorised purposes.

Maintain Confidentiality

Water Polo South Australia will take care to ensure that confidential information about our employees, colleagues, members, players, officials, referees, coaches, suppliers, competitors and stakeholders is properly protected and not disclosed, except for proper purposes or where required by law.

Compliance with the Law And Company Policies

Water Polo South Australia will abide by the law and relevant policies at all times.

Reporting Of Breaches Encouraged

Any breaches of this Code, the law or unethical behaviour which becomes known to employees, members, players, officials, referees and coaches must be formally reported to the WPSA Chairperson or the Board as a whole. Any breaches so reported will be properly investigated and appropriate action taken. Persons who report suspected breaches in good faith shall be protected from victimisation.

PLAYER'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

ADMINISTRATOR'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Includes Committee member, employee, contractor, and appointed officers of Water Polo South Australia, Member Associations and Affiliated Clubs:

- Involve people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Give all people equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that people participate for their enjoyment and benefit.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Ensure a code of conduct is available to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

- Support implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy.
- Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

SPECTATOR'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Remember that people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams.
- Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

COACH'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being. Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of sex, disability, ethnic origin or religion.
- Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive one. All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Treat each athlete as an individual. Respect the talent, development stage and goals of each individual athlete, help each athlete reach their full potential.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes. Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions. Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards. Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved in the sport - this includes opponents, coach's officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes. Maintain or improve your current NCAS accreditation. Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education.
- Provide a training program which is planned and sequential. Maintain appropriate records.
- Operate within the rules of your sport. The guidelines of National and International bodies governing your sport should be followed. Please contact Water Polo South Australia for a rule book and any relevant policies. Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with ASDA.
- Provide a Drug Free Environment - Do not advocate, prescribe, recommend, support, administer or participate in the use of drugs, stimulants, or doping practices in respect of any athlete under my coaching and direction and abide by the Anti-Doping Policy of Australia Water Polo Inc or Anti Doping Policy adopted by Australia Water Polo Inc. Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with ASADA
- Any physical contact with athletes should be:

- appropriate to the situation.
- necessary for the athletes skill development. Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes. This includes verbal, physical and
- emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.
- Refrain from any form of harassment. This includes sexual harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability. You should not only refrain from initiating a relationship with an athlete but should also discourage any attempt by an athlete to initiate a sexual relationship with you, explaining the ethical basis of your refusal.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition. Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards. Equipment, rules, training and the environment need to be appropriate for the age of the athletes.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes. Provide a modified training program where appropriate. Encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required. Maintain the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.
- Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes at all times by refraining from any form of misconduct directed towards any players, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Refrain from inappropriate behaviour towards officials and parents. Refer “Harassment- Free Sport guidelines” available from the Australian Sports Commission.

OFFICIAL’S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Includes Referees, table officials, and appointed officers of Water Polo South Australia, Member Associations and Affiliated Clubs:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- Be professional in your appearance and manner and accept responsibility for all actions taken. Display high standards in language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation. Display control, respect dignity and professionalism to all involved with water polo (including athletes, coaches, officials, administrator parents and spectators) and encourage other referees/officials to demonstrate these qualities. Be courteous, respectable and open to discussion and interaction.
- Make a commitment to providing quality service to officiating your state and Water Polo South Australia by seeking continual improvement of your officiating knowledge and skill through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies. Maintain and improve your Australian or SSO Panel Rating.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of water polo. Abide by and respect the regulations governing water polo and sport generally and the organizations and individuals administering those regulations.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards athletes, officials, parents and coaches. This includes verbal and physical abuse.
- Refrain from any form of sexual harassment. This includes explicit, implicit, verbal and non-verbal sexual harassment.
- Provide a Drug Free Environment – Do not advocate, prescribe, recommend, support, administer or participate in the use of drugs, stimulates, or doping practices in respect of any athlete under my officiating and direction and abide by the Anti-Doping Policy of Australia Water Polo Inc or Anti Doping Policy adopted by Australia Water Polo Inc. Officials should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with ASADA

- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet rule requirements and safety standards.
- Be impartial. Be a positive role model for refereeing and officiating. Show concern and caution towards sick & injured athletes. Encourage inclusivity and access to all areas of officiating. Be a positive role model for refereeing.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

As a parent/guardian of a player/participant in any activity held by or under the auspices of Water Polo South Australia, a Member, Association or an Affiliated Club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

- Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Show appreciation for good performance and skillful plays by all players (including opposing players).
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, umpire etc).
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background

Date endorsed: 22 October 2015

WPSA – JUDICIARY POLICY

4.1 Policy

The following Judiciary Policy will apply to all matches where formal complaints are lodged against players, coaches and officials with the **Referee and/or Director of Competition.**

Penalty Table

| CHARGE | 1 st Offence | 2 nd Offence | 3 rd Offence |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| FINA WP 21.9 Kick/Strike Grade 1 Grade 2 | 2 rounds 6 rounds | 3 rounds 9 rounds | 6 rounds 12 month |
| FINA WP 21.10 Misconduct Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 | 1 round 2 rounds 12 month | 2 rounds 3 rounds Life | 4 rounds 6 rounds |
| FINA WP 21.11 Brutality Grade 1 Grade 2 | 4 rounds 6 rounds | 6 rounds 9 rounds | 12 rounds 12 month |

Grading Table

| CHARGE | FINA WP 21.9 = Kick/Strike | FINA WP 21.10 - Misconduct | FINA WP 21.11 - Brutality |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grade 1 | 1. Attempt to Kick or strike or kick or strike with minor contact | 1. Unacceptable language 2. Equipment abuse 3. Disobedience 4. Disrespect/Disrepute 5. Splashing | 1. Attempted kick, punching, elbowing or head butt with malicious intent |
| Grade 2 (in addition to Grade 1) | 1. Kick or strike causing injury (same as Brutality Level 2) | 1. Continuous misconduct 2. Violent & persistent foul play 3. Minor Contact (no injury) 4. Threats of violence against official | 1. Kicking, punching, elbowing or head butting with malicious intent |
| Grade 3 (in addition to Grade 2) | | 1. Violence against official 2. Unwelcome and deliberate contact to sensitive body part (eg female breast, genitals) | |

4.2 Players/Coaches/Officials

Players/Coaches/Officials that have had a formal complaint laid against them to the Director of Competition may:

1. Accept the decision and penalty determined using the Penalty and Grading tables.
2. Appeal the Suspension. The player/coach/official may appeal the formal complaint within 48 hours to the Independent Tribunal by formally notifying the Director of Competition and agreeing to pay the appeal lodgment fee of \$100. This fee is only refunded in the event that the charge is dismissed or cancelled altogether.

4.3 Yellow and Red Cards

Referees will use a yellow and red card system for all coaches and officials. Referees are encouraged to warn coaches before issuing a yellow card. A red card may only be used by a referee after using a yellow card first unless the incident is extreme and then a red card may be used without first issuing a yellow card.

A yellow card indicates a warning. A red card indicates the coach or official must leave the pool deck area for the remainder of the match. A red card signifies a report and the necessity for a Referee Report form (SL6) to be filled out and lodged.

4.4 Complaints against referees/match officials

Official complaints by clubs against referees/officials must be in writing and delivered to the Chairperson, Competition and Grading within 48 hours of the completion of the match/event in which it occurred (refer FINA rule WP 7.1). The Tribunal will hear the charges. The Board reserves the right to review any such decisions as they affect the competition.

4.4.1 General

If a charge of bringing the game into disrepute or charges that relate to FINA / AWPI / Water Polo South Australia rules outside the charges of Striking, Misconduct or Brutality is made against any player, coach or club or league official, the Tribunal will determine the matter.

- i. The evidence of the Referee shall be given greater weight than the evidence of any other Person(s).
- ii. Provocation is not a defense but may be taken into consideration by the Referee and Tribunal when considering grading of offences and the sentence to apply.
- iii. The player is suspended until the Tribunal has delivered its judgment.
- iv. Referees, match officials or the competition management shall have the burden of establishing that offences have occurred.
- v. If a player is suspended for a fourth offence a minimum of 12 rounds or whatever the offence would normally incur.
- vi. The reporting referee/official may consider that the matter should be referred to the Tribunal for hearing then the referee has the right to do so.
- vii. All charges of assaulting or threatening to assault an official shall be referred to the Tribunal.

4.5 Judiciary Tribunals

Judiciary tribunals shall have a representative from each club and a minimum of 2 club neutral representatives will hear complaints. The club representatives will be renewed annually and recorded in the minutes of the Competition and Grading Committee opening meeting after the WPSA AGM. Where required, the tribunal must meet as soon as practicable following the incident out of which a complaint arose, but at least within 7 days.

4.5.1 Grading of Offences

- i. Each case must be individually considered when determining the grading of offences.
- ii. A Referee, upon being advised that a player has appealed the automatic suspension, may advise the Tribunal that he/she does not want to defend the appeal or that he/she is prepared to lower the Grading of the offence.
- iii. The Tribunal, at their sole discretion may settle the Appeal without hearing if the Player accepts the downgrading or it appears reasonable that the Player's suspension be cancelled altogether.

4.5.2 Penalty of Offences

- i. Players/Coaches/Official who have a second offence in a 12 month period shall be penalised as a 2nd Offence in the Penalty Table.
- ii. Players/Coaches/Official who have a third offence in a 12 month period shall be penalised as a 3rd Offence in the Penalty Table.
- iii. The games suspension that the Tribunal will apply if the original charge is upheld is a minimum of 50% more than the original penalty.
- iv. The games suspension that the Tribunal will apply if the original charge is downgraded is that of the Penalty Table.

4.5.3 Notification of Penalties

The Tribunal will advise the player of tribunal decisions within 24 hours of tribunal hearing.

Water Polo South Australia All appeals against decisions made by the Tribunal must be directed within 7 days of any decision to the Secretary, South Australian Water Polo Inc. for presentation and hearing by the Water Polo South Australia Board. The appeals process adopted by the Water Polo South Australia Board will be consistent with Section 22 of the AWPI Constitution"

4.6 Suspensions

All suspensions are applicable to the state water polo league only - this is the basic rule of the judiciary system and no other interpretations can be applied except in the case of assault of an official. In accordance with Water Polo South Australia By-Law 48.1 (4) the tribunal shall consider a player's specific commitments across all grades and reserve the right to establish a suspension period up to and including a calendar date that honors the required penalty as established by the tribunal. The suspensions apply to all Water Polo South Australia games within all rounds and carry over from season to season, year to year and are not diminished at the end of a grade or league season.

4.7 Hearing Procedures

The following hearing procedures shall generally apply, but may be amended by the Chairperson, depending on the circumstances and nature of the issue before the hearing.

4.7.1 Announcement of the right of attendance of all parties

The Chairperson shall open the hearing and announce:

- i. The reasons for the convening of the hearing;
- ii. The names of all parties to the hearing whether in person or by conference call; and
- iii. The right of attendance of each party, as provided for in Rule 4.10.1

4.7.2 Reading the report

The Chairperson shall read the report/s and provide copies to the relevant person/s, for their perusal, if they have not already received copies of same.

In the event of two (or more) reports arising from the same incident, the Chairperson may consider hearing them together. Submissions may be sought from the parties and other Tribunal members on this issue; however the Chairperson's decision on this matter is final.

The Chairperson shall ask the applicant whether the plea is "Guilty" or "Not Guilty".

4.7.3 If the Plea is "Guilty"

The player (or his/hers advocate) may make a submission by way of explanation of the circumstances surrounding the incident, or with a view to mitigation of Penalty.

Depending on the nature of the submission, the player may be subject to questioning by the referee or Tribunal.

Finalise the hearing, as provided for in Rule 4.9.5.

4.7.4 If the plea is "Not Guilty"

First: Presenting the Case

- i. The Chairperson shall ensure that all intending witnesses (not the applicant or his/her advocate) are excluded from the hearing.
- ii. The Referee/complainant shall be called to expand upon their written report and make any further explanation of the circumstances so desired.
- iii. The Referee/complainant shall then be subject to questioning by the player (or advocate) and the Tribunal. The Tribunal Chairperson must ensure that questions only are asked, and there is no aggressive cross-examination.
- iv. The Referee/complainant may choose to call one or more witnesses to provide further information before the hearing. In such a case, the above three (3/ steps are repeated. Each witness must retire from the hearing prior to a subsequent witness giving evidence.

Second: Presenting the Defence

- i. The player/applicant shall then be given the opportunity to provide information before the hearing and deny any items from the incident report, including any new or additional information provided by the Referee/complainant during his/her/their further explanation. If that person accepts this opportunity, assistance by his/her advocate is permitted.
- ii. The player and any witnesses may then be subject to questioning by the Referee/complainant.
- iii. The Tribunal Chairperson must ensure that questions only are asked and there is no aggressive examination.
- iv. The player may then be subject to questioning by Tribunal members, through the Chairperson.

The player may choose to call one or more witnesses to provide further information before the hearing. In such a case, the above three (3) steps are repeated. Each witness must retire from the hearing prior to a subsequent to witness giving information.

4.7.5 Decision Process After hearing

After hearing all the information, the Chairperson shall now ask all parties to retire from the hearing until recalled for the notification of the findings of the Tribunal.

- i. The Tribunal members shall discuss the information and information presented before them in order to reach agreement on a decision.
- ii. If a decision can be reached; each member of the Tribunal shall have a primary vote with the Chairperson having both a primary and a casting vote.
- iii. If a decision cannot be reached, the hearing may be adjourned, and the Chairperson will announce a time and date for the reconvening of the hearing. This type of an adjournment would only occur in extenuating circumstances, such as the Tribunal requiring further information or clarification from a party not in attendance at the hearing.
- iv. The hearing shall reconvene with all in attendance, and the Chairperson shall announce the findings of fact and, if relevant, any penalty imposed.

4.8 Procedural Issues of the Tribunal

4.8.1 Attendance

Persons permitted to be present (whether in person or by telephone conference or otherwise) during the hearing, or any part of it, shall be as decided upon by the Chairperson depending on the circumstances of the matter. Such persons may be:

- i. The Tribunal members (who include the Chairperson)
- ii. Referee/Complainant.
- iii. Player/Applicant and/or his/her advocate who may appear to represent and assist the player to appear at the hearing. The advocate may possess legal qualifications.
- iv. Guests/observers invited by the Chairperson to attend in an official capacity, but who take no part in the proceedings. The guests/observers shall have right of attendance as allowed by the
- v. Chairperson'
- vi. Technical officials who are experts in a particular discipline invited by the Chairperson to attend in an official capacity, to answer questions on technical matters that may arise during the hearing.
- vii. The technical officials shall have right of attendance as allowed by the Chairperson.

4.8.2 Recording of Events

Any tape recording or video recording of events during the hearing shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson. In the absence of any request being made to tape record or video record the events, it shall be deemed that no authority or permission has been granted.

4.8.3 Nature of the hearing

The Tribunal is not a Court of Law and may accept evidence that would not normally be-accepted in Court. The Tribunal is however required to act in objective rather than subjective manner.

4.8.4 Non Appearance

If a person fails to appear or to make suitable alternate arrangements by teleconference or otherwise, then the hearing may proceed in the absence of that person or persons or the hearing may be adjourned at the discretion of the Chairperson.

4.8.5 Inaccuracies in reports

- i. If it is discovered during a hearing that any inaccuracy occurs in a written report, the Chairperson shall have the discretion to enable it to be rectified by way of verbal information being heard.
- ii. If it is apparent to the Chairperson that the applicant are or the functions of the Tribunal are jeopardized, the Chairperson shall grant an adjournment of the hearing, as the Chairperson sees fit.

4.8.6 Video evidence

If any party to a hearing wishes to provide information by way of a video presentation, such evidence shall be permissible at the discretion of the Chairperson. The onus of providing suitable viewing equipment such as a video cassette recorder or television set shall lie in with the person desirous of presenting such information before the hearing.

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DIVISION 5 - COMPETITION

General

35. (1) The premierships competition shall be divided into grades.
- (2) Affiliated clubs must advise the Director for Competition in writing on the prescribed form the grades in which they wish to enter teams.
- (3) The Competition and Grading Committee has delegated responsibility for the administration of the competition rules.
- (4) Any dispute arising from the operations of the competition by-laws shall be taken up with the Competition and Grading Committee. The committee shall consider any disputes and determine the matter. The Director for Competition shall report to the Board all disputes considered and determinations made.
- (5) In the minor rounds, where a club has teams playing in different grades, a club with two or more teams may promote and demote players at its own discretion so long as they do not play for two open grades in the same round.
- (6) No Affiliated Club may enter more than two teams in any one particular grade.

Player Eligibility

- (7) Minor Round – Open (Senior) Age
 - a. The player must be registered (online, through Fox Sports Pulse) no later than by their third game for the Club.
 - b. The player must be financial (online, through Fox Sports Pulse) no later than by their third game for the Club.
 - c. The player must be cleared (financially) from another club (if applicable) as per Water Polo SA's Clearance Document: SL3 – Clearances and Permits, before entering the water.
 - d. A player shall only compete in one open (senior) grade per round.
- (8) Minor Round – Juniors
 - a. The player must be registered (online, through Fox Sports Pulse) no later than by their third game for the Club.
 - b. The player must be financial (online, through Fox Sports Pulse) no later than by their third game for the Club.
 - c. The player must be cleared (financially) from another club (if applicable) as per Water Polo SA's Clearance Document: SL3 – Clearances and Permits, before entering the water.
 - d. The player must play in the division for which they are eligible by age, or in a higher division (**refer to (12) Permits**).

Finals Player Eligibility

- (9) Finals – Open (Senior) Age
 - a. As above in points (7) a. b. c. d.
 - b. Players named on the official team sheet to compete in any A Grade final (including, but not limited to First Week, Second Week, Elimination, Semi, Preliminary, Grand) are ineligible to compete in any subsequent B Grade competition game, including finals.
 - c. At the completion of the final A Grade minor round, a player having competed in a higher percentage of A Grade games compared to that of B Grade games will be deemed ineligible to compete in any further B Grade game, including minor round or final (including, but not limited to First Week, Second Week, Elimination, Semi, Preliminary, Grand). If the percentage of games played in each grade is equal, the player is eligible to continue competing in the B Grade competition (assuming all other eligibility criteria are met). This equation is determined by

(A Grade games played divided by A Grade games scheduled for that Club multiplied by 100) and (B Grade games played divided by B Grade games scheduled for that Club multiplied by 100).

- d. Please note that players representing the High Performance Program team in the A Grade competition are deemed to not have officially participated in an A Grade game. This is also applicable for those competing against the High Performance Program team.

The following conditions shall apply for players when Member Clubs have more than one team participating in the major round (Finals) - (to be read in conjunction with all other eligibility criteria):

- a. There is free interchange of players between consecutively graded Divisions, subject to player's eligibility and other criteria set out in the By-Laws.
- b. A Member Club may promote a player from a team in a lower Division to a team in a higher Division for any major round (final) match.
- c. A player may not play in a lower Division final after having played in a higher Division game in any final round/series.

(10) Finals – Juniors

- a. As above in points (8) a. b. c. d.

The following conditions shall apply for players to be eligible to participate in the major round (finals) of the competition in any year:

- a. The player shall have been selected in any team of that Club in a minimum of three (3) minor round matches.
- b. Please refer to Internal Player Transfers (11).
- c. Please refer to (12) Permits.

Internal Player Transfers

- (11) Where a Club has two or more teams competing in the same division – to be read in conjunction with all other eligibility criteria - Clubs that have two or more teams competing in the same division must nominate their team lists to Water Polo SA at the completion of the mid-point of the minor round season (if there is an uneven number of rounds, team lists must be provided at the completion of the game after the mid-point) – no transfers can be made after this round (including minor round games and finals). Prior to this mid-point, a player can freely move between any of its' Clubs teams in that division (noting players can only play for one team in that division per round). After the mid-point of the season, players competing for a team in that junior division other than the team they were nominated in will result in that team forfeiting their points (each time the player plays).

Permits

- (12) There will be no permits relating to age dispensations (a player must play in the division for which they are eligible by age, or in a higher division).
- (13) Permits will be considered on their merits for a player wishing to compete in a division that their Club does not currently field a team in.

Finals Eligibility

36. (1) To be eligible to play finals matches, a player must have played at least three (3) of the matches programmed in that season in the minor round for the club that fields the players in the finals.

(2) Where a club has two teams in the same grade, the teams shall be treated as separate clubs for the purpose of the by-laws relating to player registration and transfer.

(3) To determine whether a player has played in a match regard shall not be had to any player who is not present at the poolside ready to play prior to the completion of the first half of a scheduled match.

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- (4) Table officials shall delete from the team sheet the names of players that are not present at the poolside ready to play prior to the completion of the first half of the match.
- (5) No player not already having participated in the match shall take to the water after the completion of the first half of a scheduled match.
- (6) Where a club has more than one team playing, a player having played in one grade may be promoted to another grade, but may not be demoted;
- (7) Where a club fields two teams in the same grade, a player eligible to play for both teams, must compete in the Finals for the team the player was fielded in the first round of the Finals matches.
- (8) A player who is absent from competition due to representation of an Australian Squad/Team/Camp, a South Australian State Team, a SASI Team or as a member of the Australian Institute of Sport is eligible to play in the Finals despite Clause 36(1), baring injury that may have prevented the player's commitment to the representation.

Finals

37. (1) In any grade in which there are more than four (4) teams competing in the minor rounds, the four teams which are awarded the highest number of premiership points in the minor round shall compete in the Finals of that grade.

(2) The order of Play in the Finals shall be:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| First Semi Final | Team 3 | v | Team 4 |
| Second Semi Final | Team 1 | v | Team 2 |
| Final | Winner First Semi Final | V | Loser Second Semi Final |
| Grand Final | Winner Second Semi Final | V | Winner Final |

the winner of the grand final shall be the premier team for that grade for that season.

(3) When there are only four (4) teams entered in the grade the finals shall be played between the three (3) teams which are awarded the highest number of premiership points in the minor round as follows:

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|--------|
| Semi Final | Team 3 | v | Team 2 |
| Grand Final | Winner Semi Final | v | Team 1 |

(4) In the event that two (2) teams are awarded the same number of premiership points in the minor round, the order of precedence shall be determined according to the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Goals scored for the team in the minor round}}{\text{Total of goals scored for \& against the team}} \times 100$$

with the team achieving the highest percentage being given precedence

Handicap Competition

38. (1) The Competition and Grading Committee may decide to hold the Premiership Competition on a handicap basis in any season, in which case handicaps shall be established by the Committee in accordance with the guidelines set by the Board.

(2) In addition to the handicap competition there shall be a Championship Competition in that season.

Premiership Points

39. (1) Points shall be awarded during the minor round on the following basis:

| | |
|---------|----------|
| Win | 4 points |
| Draw | 2 points |
| Loss | 1 point |
| Forfeit | 0 points |

(2) A team which fields a player who is not eligible to play for that team shall forfeit the match in which the offence occurred and the opposing team shall be awarded 4 points and the score shall be deemed to be 5 goals to nil against the offending team.

(3) Table officials are to check the eligibility of a player and advise the controlling referee that an ineligible player is or has participated. The referee must advise the club of the team in question.

Forfeiture of Matches

40. (1) A team shall be assumed to have forfeited if:

(a) it cannot take to the water with at least six (6) players at the nominated time of the match (Note: for junior grades, may negotiate between coaches and referee(s) to be at least five (5) players).

(b) it gives prior notification of the forfeit

(2) In the event of a forfeit the opposing team shall be awarded 4 points and the score shall be deemed to be 5 goals to nil against the forfeiting team.

(3) In the event of a forfeit the opposing team must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the Referee that it was present and able to take to the water at the appointed time for the match at the start and supply a completed team sheet signed by an Official of the Club.

(4) The referee of the match shall have the discretion to allow five (5) minutes after the scheduled starting time in determining whether a team is ready to take to the water.

(5) In the event that a team gives 48 hours notice of its intention to forfeit a match, the opposing team must submit to the Director for Competition a list of those players who would have been fielded had the match taken place, and those players shall be deemed to have taken part in the match. Failure to provide a list of players, the team shall also be deemed to have forfeited.

(6) A forfeit in any grade will incur a \$50 fine to the relevant Club. This is also the case for any official scheduled games against combination teams (for example, the High Performance Team), regardless of whether that game is for premiership points.

(7) A Club playing a player that does not meet the eligibility criteria as set out in the by-laws will forfeit any game points earned that the ineligible player competes in, and also incurs a \$50 fine for each game that the ineligible player competes in.

Trophies and Medallions

41. (1) Each team, which wins a grade competition, shall be awarded the Association championship pennant.
- (2) The Association shall each year present a set of medallions to the winning team in each grade.
- (3) A medallion shall be awarded to all members of the team including the team coach, which wins the grand final in each grade in accordance with the team sheet handed to the Director for Competition on the day of the match.
- (4) A trophy may be awarded annually to the “Best and Fairest” and/or “Most Improved” player in each grade. The Competition and Grading Committee shall determine the method of selection of the winner of the trophy at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.
- (5) A trophy may be awarded annually to the “Club of the Year” and/or “Volunteer of the Year”. The Board shall determine the method of selection of the winner of the trophy at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.
- (6) Medallions and trophies shall be presented on a date and at a venue decided by the Board.

Disputes and Complaints

46. (1) Any official of the Association, who is an observer, has the power to report to the Board in writing to the Secretary within 48 hours of the incident or 48 hours of returning to Adelaide from an Interstate or Overseas trip any player or official, for behaviour derogatory to the objects of the Association. Such report shall be dealt with, as the Board deems fit.
- (2) During the whole of the day of any particular match the referee for the match has the power to report any player. The referee shall advise a table official at the first opportunity that a report is to be made. Such report must be handed to the Director of Competition & Grading in writing within 24 hours of the occurrence of the alleged offence.
- (3) The reporting referee shall advise the Director of Competition within 24 hours of a reportable incident arising from a game that a report or reports have been made and the Director of Competition shall convene a tribunal to hear the charge or complaint.
- (4) The referee who reports a player must advise the player verbally or otherwise that the report will or has been made and this shall be regarded by the Association as sufficient notification to the player and the Affiliated Club that the report has been made.
- (5) Club officials are bound to take whatever steps are necessary to answer the charges or complaints, which are subject of reports, at the next tribunal or board meeting as the case may be.
- (6) Except in the case of reports made in accordance with Clause 46(1), a player who has been reported may continue to take part in any competition until such time as the case is heard and a decision as to a penalty, if any, is decided.
- (7) Any referee, official or board member laying a charge or complaint shall appear in person to substantiate the charge and the accused shall have the right to hear all evidence submitted and have the power to cross-examine the accuser. Both the accuser and the accused shall have the right to call witness and/or counsel.

Independent Tribunal

48. (1) An independent tribunal, consisting of three members, shall be appointed by the Board at the first meeting after the annual general meeting to undertake such investigations as the Board may from time to time require. Any two or more members may adjudicate on a report, and their findings shall be the findings of the tribunal.

- (2) The independent tribunal shall:
 - (a) Investigate all charges made by officials and referees against players of the Association and deal with any players found guilty of such charges, or of giving false or misleading evidence, or of failing to attend a meeting of the tribunal without reasonable excuse or other misdemeanors
 - (b) Report to the Competition and Grading Committee any official of the Association found guilty of giving false or misleading evidence, or of concealing relevant information from the tribunal
 - (c) Adjourn for a period of not less than one day nor more than four weeks before hearing the case of a player who does not appear at the appointed time for the hearing of a case without having given reasonable excuse for non-attendance. Except within the limitations herein before provided, such period of adjournment shall be at the discretion of the tribunal and notwithstanding any other rule, during such adjournment the player shall be suspended. In the event that the player fails to appear at the adjourned hearing without reasonable excuse, the Tribunal shall then hear the case forthwith in the absence of the player and shall make such finding and impose such penalty, if any, as it shall see fit
 - (d) Meet as soon as practicable following an incident out of which a complaint or report arose, but at least within seven (7) days.
- (3) Subject to the constitution, the decision of the tribunal shall be final but it may review its own decisions.
- (4) A player who has been found guilty and suspended shall be disqualified from participating in water polo up to and including a calendar date or during a specified number of matches as decided by the tribunal. The Club for which the player is registered shall not grant a clearance to a suspended player until after the end of the disqualification period and such player shall not be eligible for consideration for the current season "Best and Fairest" award. A reported player eligible to play in both under age and senior grades shall not be eligible to play in any grade during the period of suspension but will only be ineligible for the "Best and Fairest" award in the grade in which the offence occurred. Loss of eligibility for "Best and Fairest" awards in any senior grade shall make the player ineligible for the awards in all senior grades.
- (5) The Director of Competition & Grading shall convene meetings of the tribunal.
- (6) In the event that the tribunal is unable to meet within the specified seven days, the Director Competition & Grading shall call a meeting of the Competition and Grading Committee to appoint an Acting Tribunal to meet within the prescribed time. The acting tribunal shall have the same powers; duties and responsibilities as the tribunal for the purpose of the matters referred to it.
- (7) The Director of Competition & Grading or an appointed deputy shall attend meetings of the tribunal to record the proceedings but shall not take part in the hearing of the case.
- (8) Emergency meetings of the tribunal may be held in special circumstances.

REFEREE REPORT FORM

Grading of Offences:

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For Referees and the Tribunal the following guidelines may be used. However, each case must be individually considered when determining the grading of offences:

Misconduct - Disrespect/Disobedience: Examples of Grade 1 include:

- Unacceptable language
- Equipment abuse
- Disobedience
- Disrespect
- Splashing
- Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official

Examples of Grade 2 include:

- All of Grade 1 (depending on the 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

Misconduct - Violence

Examples of Grade 1 include:

- All of Misconduct (depending on the circumstances)
- Attempting to kick an opponent
- Attempting to strike an opponent
- Unwelcome and deliberate contact to sensitive body part (e.g. female breast, genitals)
- Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official

Examples of Grade 2 include:

- All of Grade 1 (depending on the circumstances)
- Kicking an opponent
- Striking an opponent
- Persistent foul or rough play
- Unwelcome and deliberate contact to sensitive body part (e.g. female breast, genitals)
- Continuous disrespect
- Any other occurrences determined by the reporting official

There is no grading for brutality or threats of brutality.

For Australian Referees: Current FINA interpretations on key areas of play

Interpretations are provided by FINA List Referee - Daniel Flahive in November 2011

Talking to Referees

Any complaint directed to a Referee draws an exclusion. This includes:

- Using Referee name
- Directing complaint to Referee

The FINA viewpoint is that a player / bench cannot be derogatory to a Referee

Centre Forward / Centre Back Decisions

- If the attacking team has the clear option to pass the ball into CF, and the CB takes the advantage away by holding, sinking or pulling back – then an exclusion is called
In this situation, it is an exclusion off the ball
- CF / CB may wrestle, but if one takes the advantage away from the other illegally, then it's a contra foul (turnover) or exclusion (depending on CF / CB).
CF takes advantage away from CB – CB receives a contra foul (turnover)
CB takes advantage away from CF – CB is excluded
- CF gaining an advantage by going underwater to enhance position against CB – draws a contra foul (turnover) against the CF.
CB still has to ensure that that he is not holding / sinking / pulling back
- Where a minor foul is due, it must be given

Defending a drive

- In a balanced situation in front of an attackers goal, if the attacker drives, and the defender has hands down, then it's an exclusion
 - Hands being down indicates the defender is holding / sinking / pulling
- In a balanced situation, if the defender deliberately blocks a drive from an attacker, the defender is excluded
 - Defender cannot take away the space of the attacker in order to block.

Referees making calls in the other Referees area

Referees have a responsibility to watch all play

Head Contact

- Head contact when not in possession of the ball is an exclusion
- Head contact when in possession is an exclusion if it interferes with the outcome of the play

Attacking player is not entitled to receive a foul because they have “turned” their opponent

- Attacking player legally turns the defender and then gains front water, then the defender fouls – exclusion of defender.
- If the attacking player uses two hands or illegally pulls around the defender the ball must be turned over in favour of the defence.

Effective hand signalling by Referees

- Referees to use hand signals to indicate decisions
 - Players / Coaches / Spectators receive far better communication as a result
 - Referees should make sure the signals are given clearly to the players, before signalling the table. In most cases the defending referee should be directing the numbers to the table so the referee under pressure can concentrate

Last minute of game – ball must be moved

In last minute of any game, the ball must be moved forward. Goalie cannot hold the ball without moving forward

Simulation Fouls

- An attacking player who - in the dying seconds of their attack - puts the ball on the water in a “safe” position and moves into the defender must not be given a minor foul (which would allow a 5m shot). Instead the referee must immediately turn the ball over to the defence.
 - The reasoning is that the attacking team has already had 30 seconds to score and have wasted it. Therefore the referee must not reward their poor play