

1. See General Regulations Governing Sporting Competitions.
2. Water Polo is conducted under the rules of the Victorian Water Polo Inc. unless otherwise stated.
3. **Conduct of Competition**
  - 3.1. The dates and length of the Water Polo competition will be determined at the preceding years Tsl.C. Water Polo Review Meeting;
  - 3.2. Entries will be called for by the APS Sport Office in Term 1 of that year and schools may enter more than 1 team in the competition;
  - 3.3. Entry fees may be required for each team, to cover the costs of referees and venue expenses incurred by APS Sport. **For season 2021 host schools at central venues will provide referees for matches; and then invoice the APS Office**
  - 3.4. The fixture will be compiled by the APS Sport Office. A draft fixture will be sent to schools during Term 2. **The season, for all teams other than Firsts shall be completed in Term 3. Where possible the Firsts and Seconds competitions be fixtured at MSAC with the exception of GC home games.**
  - 3.5. Fixtures are final and any team that is unable to field a team at the allotted time forfeits that match, unless a suitable alternative is arranged in agreement with the opposing team;
  - 3.6. If the situation arises where there are too many teams entered in the competition, it is to split into 2 Divisions;
  - 3.7. All teams are to play each other in their respective competition/division once;
  - 3.8. The Redraw will consist of 1 V 2 at the end of the round robin matches, or if there are 2 divisions, the top 2 teams of each division will play in redraw round 1 (first of one Div vs. second of the other Div) and the winners play in the final redraw round. **Note:** The ladder standings and points prior to the redraw rounds will have a bearing on the final placings. The redraw rounds may not necessarily determine the Premiership team.
  - 3.9. All "make up" matches must be completed on or before the Saturday preceding the final redraw round;
  - 3.10. If a school is unable to play a fixtured match and another time convenient to both participating schools cannot be arranged, that school will forfeit the match.
4. **Commencement Times of Matches**
  - 4.1. All games are to commence at the fixtured time;
  - 4.2. Any team that is more than 10 minutes late for their respective match automatically forfeits the match, with a 5-0 result awarded to the opposing team.
5. **Player Eligibility for Redraws**  
**Round Robin Matches**
  - 5.1. Players may only play once against any school/team in the home and away games;
  - 5.2. If a player competes in more than one game against the same school/team in the home and away games, only the points gained from the first game stand. All subsequent points gained from games played against the same school are forfeited.**Redraw**
  - 5.3. A player may only play in one redraw game for each round;
  - 5.4. **In the case where a school enters more than one team in the competition**, if a player's team is not in the Redraw round/s, she may only be eligible to play in another team's Redraw round/s if she has played more than 50% of the home and away games with that team.
6. **Forfeits/Walkover**

Any team that forfeits a game loses that game and the opposing team is awarded a 5-0 win.
7. **Referees**
  - 7.1. For all matches, referees are to be organised by the hosting school as highlighted in the fixture (unless otherwise stated);
  - 7.2. All Firsts & Seconds matches require two referees. All other levels (if applicable) require a minimum of 1 referee; **Each School team must supply a scorer for matches at all levels.**
  - 7.3. Accurate records of referees officiating at matches are to be kept by schools to ensure proper payment of referees;
8. **Team Sheets**
  - 8.1. **All games require a team sheet to be filled in by both teams prior to the commencement of the game including players full names and accurate records of the match maintained by the APS Sport Office, including names of referee(s);**
  - 8.2. Team sheets are to be forwarded/faxed by the first named school to APS Sport (Fax: 9804 3630) for game result recording and compilation of the Open Girls ladder.

**9. Periods of Play**

Open are of 6 minutes straight time;  
All other year levels are of 5 minutes straight time.

**10. Player Misdemeanours**

10.1. Where a player is reported, the referee(s) should complete the required documentation on the day after consultation with managers/coaches of both teams involved;

10.2. The **suggested** penalty options are as follows:

- For disrespect or unduly rough play                      1 match suspension;
- For intended brutality    2 match suspension;
- For actual brutality    more than 2 match suspension

10.3. The APS Sport Office is to be notified in writing of all reportable incidents before the next round of matches.

11. **Premiership:** The Premiership will be decided on points - two points for a win and 1 point for a draw. Should any two or more teams be equal and have played each other, the team winning that contest shall take precedence otherwise the teams shall be declared equal.

**12. APS Representative Squad Selection:**

Selectors:	2021	HY & WC
	2022	CAUL & GC
	2023	CY & HY