

1. See General Regulations Governing Sporting Competitions.
2. Water Polo is conducted under the current rules of Water Polo Victoria 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 TsIC. 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. That all Firsts Teams must be available for the entirety of the APS Girls' Water polo season.
  - 3.4. The fixture will be compiled by the APS Sport Office. A draft fixture will be sent to schools during Term 2.
  - 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. Where possible, below Firsts, a tournament style round will be fixtured at each year level;
  - 3.8. 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**

Any student who plays in a First game may not play in another grade/level during that weekend/round. (this includes redraws and round robins)
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 Friday and Saturday matches, referees are supplied by Water Polo Victoria where possible. If WPV referees are unavailable, then it will be the host school's responsibility.
  - 7.2. For any other arranged games, referees are to be organised by the hosting school as highlighted in the fixture (unless otherwise stated);
  - 7.3. All Firsts and Seconds matches require 2 referees and is recommended for Y9 and 10 matches. All other levels require a minimum of 1 referee.
8. **Scorers**

Each school must supply a scorer for matches at all levels.
9. **Balls**

Y9 – 12 Size 4 ball  
Y7 & 8 - Size 3 ball
10. **Team Sheets**
  - 10.1. 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 to be maintained by the APS Sport Office, including names of referee(s);
  - 10.2. All Team sheets are to be forwarded by the first named school to APS Sport for game result recording, compilation of competition ladders and safe keeping.
11. **Periods of Play**

Firsts are of 4 x 6 minutes straight time;  
All other year levels are of 4 x 5 minutes straight time.
12. **Possession / Shot Clock**
  - 12.1. Contrary to International Water Polo rules, the possession/shot clock will remain as a 30 second time period in all occurrences of possession.
  - 12.2. The possession/shot clock is required for all Firsts matches, but discretionary at all other levels.

13. **Player Misdemeanours.**
- 13.1. 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;
- 13.2. 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
- 13.3. The APS Sport Office is to be notified in writing of all reportable incidents before the next round of matches.
14. **Grand Final**
- 14.1 Should any two or more teams be equal on points please refer to General Regulation 17 for determination of ladder position**
- 14.2 In the event of a tied result at the conclusion of regular time in the Grand Final, two additional periods of three (3) minutes each shall be played. Teams do not change ends from the last quarter during the first period of additional time. If scores remain level thereafter, the Premiership or ladder position shall be declared shared.**
15. **APS Representative Squad Selection:**  
An APS Water Polo team of up to 15 players will be selected for a representative match against the AGSV.
- Selectors: 2026 GC & CY