



2017 NATIONAL AGED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

**BOYS 14 YEARS AND UNDER
BORN 2003, 2004 AND 2005**

**ALBURY/WODONGA
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEAMS & VISITING FAMILY & FRIENDS PROVIDED BY ALBURY AND WODONGA COUNCILS

Welcome to Albury Wodonga for the National championships – Easter 2017. We are looking forward to welcoming athletes, officials and their families, friends, and we know you will love our cities and the region. As you begin, planning for the tournament here is some helpful information, which may assist you.

ACCOMMODATION

Albury Wodonga is teeming with accommodation from apartments to motels to caravan parks, all within easy reach of both swim centres.

Go to visitALBURYWODONGA.com for all of your accommodation information, dining options, rates and deals.

FLY ALBURY!

Albury Airport, winner of Australia's Regional airport of the year 2016 is ready to welcome you!

Getting to Albury

Albury Airport makes travel for this event as easy as 1, 2, 3. Relax, Fly, Play. With 4 airlines and 180 flights a week, you can fly directly to Albury from Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne. Passengers can also access flights to Albury via connecting flights from around Australia. Avoid the hassle of driving long distances by booking with our airline partners QantasLink, Virgin, Rex and JetGo. Teams can also book charter flights.

Passengers can typically* access direct flights to Albury;

- from Sydney 8 times a day - Monday to Friday and 5 times a day on weekends. Flight time takes around one hour.
- from Melbourne 3 times a day - Monday to Friday and once a day on weekends. Flight time takes around 50 minutes.
- from Brisbane once a day where flight time takes around two hours. Flight time takes around two hours.

Airlines

- QantasLink typically* has 40 flight services each week between Sydney and Albury with its Q400 turbo prop aircraft (74 seats).
- Virgin Australia typically* has 28 flights services each week between Sydney and Albury, flying with its ATR 72 turbo prop aircraft (68 seats).
- Regional Express operate Saab 340 aircraft (34 seats) out of Albury, and fly to both Sydney and Melbourne. Regional Express typically* has 48 flights each week between Albury and Sydney, and 34 flights between Albury and Melbourne.
- JETGO Australia flies between Brisbane and Albury operating a 36 seat Embraer ERJ-135LR Regional Jet aircraft which flies at 36-38,000 feet and 850kph.

*Note – flight services are subject to change, depending on the time of year and passenger demand.



NEED A SELF-DRIVE VEHICLE?

Water Polo Australia is sponsored by Corporate Vehicle Management who can provide all of your car and bus rental needs. Contact them on Ph:1300 307 651 (toll free) Email: enquiries@corporatevehiclemanagement.com.au Web Site: <http://www.corporatevehiclemanagement.com.au/>

GOOD FRIDAY DINNER – ‘WELCOME TO ALBURY’ – Friday 14 April –from 6PM – Albury SS&A Club

Athletes, parents, families and friends, we welcome you to Albury to enjoy a traditional Good Friday dinner including fish, chips, salads and breads at Albury's SS&A Club in Olive Street. Cost is just \$20 per person. This event is proudly supported by AlburyCity and bookings are essential as numbers are limited. It's a great evening to meet new people and catch up with old friends. For bookings call the SS&A Club direct 0260 412222, email admin@ssaclub.com.au or call in at the club (David Street entry) and advise numbers and time required. Payment is required on booking.

IN-ROOM CATERING – DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR

After a hard day of competition teams can order group dinners delivered direct to their accommodation, ready to eat. Great healthy options including pasta, salads, roasts, vegies, bread and desserts. Awesome value and cooked to order. Contact Megan at Newmarket Store Caterers, Albury 0260 214 686 or email enquiry@newmarketcatering.com.au. 24 hours notice required for all team orders. (Not available Good Friday).

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO

For all information about the Albury Wodonga region – things to do and places to visit, go to visitALBURYWODONGA.com or call our friendly teams at the Albury or Wodonga Visitor Information Centres.

We wish all teams the very best of luck for the Championships and enjoy your stay in Albury Wodonga.

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TOURNAMENT MERCHANDISE

Ovens and Murray Water Polo Association will be selling tournament merchandise sanctioned by WPA. Each team manager will be contacted by O&M directly regarding pre ordering of merchandise.

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OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Water Polo Australia's official photographer is Paul Seiser of Spa Images. Please see the official photograph order form on the WPA web site – follow this link: <http://waterpoloaustralia.com.au/14-under-national-club-championships/>



Timeline, Schedule of Events and Process for submission of forms

The important dates for this championship are:

Final Day for payment of Entry Fee: Friday 24th March 2017

Team Lists Due: Monday 28th March 2017

Seeding and Draw Published: Wednesday 29th March 2017

Final Date for Team Lists to be uploaded to SportsTG: Tuesday 4th April 2017

Name and cap number is to be input to the system – your state water polo office can assist if you don't have a person in your club who knows how to upload the team list and cap nos) – **please note the competitions will not be accessible until Thursday 30th March 2017.**

Compulsory Technical Meeting – a representative of each team must attend: 600pm Tuesday 11th April 2017 at Waves Wodonga Pool – player passes will be distributed at this meeting.

Competition Starts: 700am Wednesday 12th April 2017

Competition Concludes: Presentation Ceremony 100pm Monday 17th April 2017 at Waves Wodonga Pool

Age restriction: Players must be born in the following years – 2003, 2004 OR 2005 - NOTE there are NO exemptions to this rule and players outside the three-year age bracket cannot compete at these championships.



Venue and General Information

Two Pools will be used for the Championships.

The pools used in the championships are:

Albury Swim Centre,
Off Wodonga Place, Albury, NSW (opposite Hovell Tree Park)
Tel: (02) 6021 3011

Wodonga Waves Aquatic Centre
8 Mactier Avenue, Wodonga, VIC
Tel: (02) 6056 2066

PLEASE NOTE:

Any sibling or adult who wishes to swim at the complex must obtain a swim pass at the entrance.

Spectator passes will be available at each pool – this will include multiple pool entry options.

All teams must supply their own physio tape, ice and manage all minor injuries. Pool lifeguards will only attend to any major injuries.

Financial Policy

Players and/or Clubs are not permitted to participate in National Competitions if they are in debt to Water Polo Australia or their relevant State/Territory Water Polo Organisation outside the normal trading terms.

Technical Head Coach Meeting

A compulsory technical meeting will be held at 600pm local time Tuesday 11th April 2017 at the Wodonga Waves Pool, Wodonga. Every Team Head Coach or Manager must attend.

Table Officials Obligations

Ovens and Murray District Water Polo Association will provide table officials for the first game each day **only** for each field of play.

Teams are required to supply a qualified table official for the game immediately following their own game:

- Supply one trained table official for the game immediately following their own game. The official must have completed the WPA Table Officials course. Follow this link to view the course material - <http://www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au/about-us/policies-procedures-reports/table-officials-manual/>



ALL teams must provide a table official as detailed above - failure to do so could lead to your team losing points and other sanctions so please co-operate in this important duty.

Team Lists on Sports TG Obligations

ALL teams will be required to submit their list both via the manual method through their SSO and then via SportsTG – all clubs have persons within their club that have sportstg expertise. In the first instance please contact those people or your state body for assistance.

Number of Playing Cap Sets and Colours

All teams must carry two sets of caps numbered 1 to 13 with the number 1 cap being a red goal keeper's cap. One set must be predominantly white or light in colour and one set of a contrasting colour which are predominantly darker. The first named team will be required to wear the predominantly white or light in colour set of caps and the second named team the contrasting colour which are predominantly darker. This will be not negotiable at this years championships.

Further Information

For further information, please contact:
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Competition structure:

Please note games will start at different times at each pool – please check the draw very carefully. Warm up area will be available in the remaining half of the pool not used by the field of play. Teams **MUST** be ready to start on time for every game.

Matches will be four 5 minute actual time quarters with a one minute break between 1st and 2nd and 3rd and 4thg quarters. There will be a 2 minute half time interval.

1. Teams will play a round robin within their group in the qualifying round.
2. The first two ranked teams in each group will progress to the Championship/Plate Group (4 groups of 4 teams) where they will play a round robin within their group.
3. The third ranked team in each group will progress to the Bowl Group (2 groups of 4 teams) where they will play a round robin within their group.
4. The fourth ranked teams in each group will progress to the Shield Group. (2 groups of 4) where they will play a round robin within their group.
5. **Championship/Plate Group:** The top two teams in each group will progress to the Championship Quarter Finals. The winners of the quarter finals will progress to the Championship Semi Finals and the losers of the quarter finals will progress to the



5th to 8th classification matches. The winners of the semi finals will progress to the Championship Final and the losers to the Bronze Medal match.

The bottom two teams in each group will progress to the Plate Quarter Finals. The winners of the quarter finals will progress to the Plate Semi Finals and the losers of the quarter finals will progress to the 13th to 16 classification matches. The winners of the semi finals will progress to the Plate Final and the losers to the 11th/12th classification game.

6. **Bowl Group:** All teams will progress to the quarter-finals. The winners of the quarter-finals will progress to the semi-finals. The losers of the quarter-finals will progress to the 21st to 24th classification matches. The winners of the semi finals will progress to the Bowl Final and the losers of the semi finals will progress to the 19th/20th classification match..
7. **Shield Group:** All teams will progress to the quarter-finals. The winners of the quarter-finals will progress to the semi-finals. The losers of the quarter-finals will progress to the 29st to 32nd classification matches. The winners of the semi finals will progress to the Shield Final and the losers of the semi finals will progress to the 27th/28th classification match...

The Modified rules for 14 & under are:

- Length of field of play will be 25 metres for Men and Women
- Use of Women's Water Polo Ball for Men and Women – Size 4 Ball
- The number of players from a team in the water during a game is six, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper
- A minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players per team for each game.
- Every player must play a quarter of the game within the first half, except in the instances of injury and players fouled out.
- On exclusion no timeframe is applied, the player must swim to the re-entry box, rise to surface within the box then re-enter.
- No shot on goal from a free throw.
- After receiving a foul, the centre forward and the centre back must swim out allowing for a new centre forward Teams must nominate a maximum of 12 players and a minimum of 11 players to be eligible to compete.



Team Entries and Groups.

Note: Entries have been capped at 32 teams

<u>State</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>State Seeding</u>
ACT	ACT Fins	5 NSW
NSW	Sydney University Lions	1
NSW	UNSW Wests Magpies	2
NSW	Drummoyne Devils Red	3
NSW	ACU Cronulla Sharks	4
NSW	UTS Balmain Tigers	6
NSW	SNB Breakers	7
NSW	Hunter Hurricanes	8
NSW	Central Coast	9
NSW	Sydney University Lions Gold	10
NSW	Parramatta	11
NSW	Tamworth	12
NSW	Ovens & Murray Black	13
NSW	Drummoyne Devils Black	14
NSW	Sydney University Lions Blue	15
QLD	Brisbane Barracudas	1
QLD	Sunshine Coast	2
QLD	River City	3
QLD	Cudas Brisbane	4
QLD	Queensland Country	5
SA	Adelaide Jets	1
SA	Adelaide Stealth	2
TAS	Tasmania	1
VIC	Melbourne Collegians	1
VIC	Richmond Tigers	2
VIC	DVE Aquatics	3
VIC	NYP Dragons	4
WA	UWA CB Bears	1
WA	UWA CB Cubs	2
WA	Melville Sharks	3
WA	Melville Saints	4
WA	Triton	5
1st Reserve NSW	Ovens & Murray Teal	Reserve

Seeding within each state was decided as follows:

NSW and Queensland – State Championships.

WA – final state league position

Victoria – table position in local competition end February 2017

ACT, SA and Tasmania – as advised by SSO.

