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## **2017 NATIONAL AGED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

**GOLD COAST  
12<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEAMS & VISITING FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Welcome to Gold Coast 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 city and region. As you begin, planning for the tournament here is some helpful information, which may assist you.

### **PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO, ACCOMMODATION**

Go to <https://www.destinationgoldcoast.com/> for all of your tourism, accommodation information, dining options, rates and deals.

### **AIRPORTS**

Gold Coast Coolongatta or Brisbane Airport are the closest to the venue.

### **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](mailto:enquiries@corporatevehiclemanagement.com.au) Web Site: <http://www.corporatevehiclemanagement.com.au/>

### **TOURNAMENT MERCHANDISE**

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

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Team Lists Due:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Seeding and Draw Published:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Final Date for Team Lists to be uploaded to SportsTG:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

**Compulsory Technical Meeting – a representative of each team must attend:** 600pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre – player passes will be distributed at this meeting.

**Competition Starts:** 700am Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Competition Concludes:** Presentation Ceremony 100pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

Gold Coast Aquatic Centre,  
Home of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Aquatics  
located in Southport's Broadwater Parklands  
(main entrance at intersection of Nind Street and Marine Parade, Southport)

**Phone:** 07 5582 8282

<http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/thegoldcoast/gold-coast-aquatic-centre-23174.html>

### **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 Meeting**

A compulsory team meeting will be held at 600pm local time Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Gold Coast. A team Head Coach or Manager must attend

### **Table Officials Obligations**

Local officials 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:

Matches will be four 5 minute actual time quarters with a one minute break between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> to 16 classification matches. The winners of the semi finals will progress to the Plate Final and the losers to the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> classification match.

7. **Shield Group:** The shield group will play a round robin between all the 4th placed teams. The top two teams in the group will play in the Shield Final with the remaining teams being classified as per their table position in the group – positions 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

<b>State</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>State Seeding</b>
ACT	ACT Fins	NSW 9
NSW	UNSW Wests Killer Whales	1
NSW	ACU Cronulla Sharks	2
NSW	UTS Balmain Tigers	3
NSW	SNB Breakers Blue	4
NSW	Sydney University Lions	5
NSW	Drummoyne Devils	6
NSW	SNB Breakers White	7
NSW	Tamworth	8
NSW	Central Coast	10
NSW	Hunter Hurricanes	11
QLD	All Hallows School	1
QLD	Stuartholme School	2
QLD	Mermaids Pink	3
QLD	Sunshine Coast	4
QLD	Brisbane Girls Grammar School	5
QLD	North Brisbane Polo Bears	6
QLD	Brisbane Barracudas	7
QLD	Somerville House	8
QLD	Mermaids Blue	9
QLD	Gold Coast Dolphins	10
QLD	Queensland Country	11
SA	Adelaide Jets	1
TAS	Tasmania	1
VIC	Melbourne Collegians	1
WA	UWA City Beach Bears	1
WA	Melville Marlins	2
WA	UWA City Beach Gold	3
WA	Triton	4
WA	Dolphins Blue	5
WA	Dolphins White	6

**Seeding within each state was decided as follows:**

NSW and Queensland – State Championships.

WA – state league position

ACT, SA and Tasmania and Victoria – one team only.

