



Water Polo Australia (WPA) AWE Athlete Categorisation Nomination Guidelines 2017-2020

All Water Polo Australia AWE nominated athletes will need to meet the eligibility and selection criteria established within the WPA Selection Policy including references to extenuating circumstances, special consideration and will have signed and abide by a WPA Athlete Agreement.

The “Water Polo Australia Selection Policy’ provides detail regarding:

- Athlete eligibility including requirement to be a citizen
- National squad/team selection criteria
- Special Consideration
- Appeals and review process

The ‘Water Polo Australia Athlete Agreement’ provides WPA and athlete obligations in terms of:

- Terms
- Rules
- Obligations, Undertakings and acknowledgements of the athlete
- Athlete benefits and expenses
- Obligations of Water Polo Australia

Both documents can be found on the WPA website by following this link -

<http://waterpoloaustralia.com.au/about-us/policies-procedures-reports/high-performance-policies/>

From time to time, certain athletes will be nominated based on previous performance where they have not participated in the last benchmark event due to injury, illness or approved extended leave from the program.

Each nominated athlete will be required to have an Individual Performance Plan (IPP) incorporating Daily Training Environment (DTE) needs, training objectives, wellbeing components and competition plans. It should be noted that athletes are expected to show progress to maintain their status as national squad or SIS/SAS scholarship athletes.

Membership of a certain AWE category does not automatically entitle an athlete to receive support, and athletes within the same category may not receive the same level of support.

The nomination of an athlete does not guarantee them selection to any national team nor does the omission of an athlete from the nationally identified athlete list exclude them from possible national team selection in the future.

NOMINATION TIMEFRAMES

An athlete’s category status will be reviewed twice annually in line with major competitions, completion of the international season and AWE reporting timeframes. Generally, this will occur in May after the domestic competition season and October based on the senior team’s benchmark international event of each year.



SENIOR TEAM BENCHMARK EVENTS (BME) 2017 – 2020

Team	BME – 2017	Athlete Categorisation Nomination	
Stingers	World Championships 16 th – 30 th July, Hungary	May 2017	October 2017
Sharks	World Championships 16 th – 30 th July, Hungary	May 2017	October 2017
Team	BME – 2018	Athlete Categorisation Nomination	
Stingers	World Cup – Dates and location TBA	May 2018	October 2018
Sharks	World Cup – Dates and location TBA	May 2018	October 2018
Team	BME – 2019	Athlete Categorisation Nomination	
Stingers	World Championships 12 th – 28 th July, Korea Republic	May 2019	October 2019
Sharks	World Championships 12 th – 28 th July, Korea Republic	May 2019	October 2019
Team	BME – 2020	Athlete Categorisation Nomination	
Stingers	Olympic Games 24 th July – 9 th August, Japan	May 2020	October 2020
Sharks	Olympic Games 24 th July – 9 th August, Japan	May 2020	October 2020



WPA ATHLETE CATEGORISATION CRITERIA

The below table outlines how WPA will apply the Australia's Winning Edge (AWE) athlete categories linked to selection of national squads and teams as well as guiding selection of SIS/SAS scholarships through implementation of a nationally identified list of athletes.

Within the AWE category table below it outlines the descriptors of each applicable level to WPA athletes.

AWE Category	AWE Criteria	WPA Description	SIS/SAS Scholarship Category
Podium	Athlete who had a medal performance at a world championship (or equivalent) event in the previous 24 months and is considered capable of a medal at the next world championship (or equivalent) event.	Identified athletes from medal winning senior team at recent BME that have committed and are targeted for 2020	Podium
Podium Ready	Athlete who placed fourth to eighth at the most recent world championship (or equivalent) event and is considered capable of progressing to Podium in the next two years	Identified athletes from senior team that places 4 th – 8 th at recent BME that have committed and are targeted for 2020	Podium Ready
Podium Potential	Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Podium Ready in the next two years.	Other identified athletes not in categories above who have committed and are targeted for 2020	Podium Potential
Commonwealth	Athlete who does not fit into the categories above but is considered capable of a gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.	N/A	N/A
Developing	Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Podium Potential in the next two years.	Identified athletes targeted for 2024 with remote chance for selection by 2020	Developing
Emerging	Athlete who is considered capable of progressing to at least Developing in the next two years.	Junior and youth squad athletes identified as early prospects for 2024	Emerging

*** WPA will also recognise national and state identified athletes selected in junior or youth squads as part of the sports nationally identified athlete list**