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## What is the Australian Youth Water Polo Championship?

Water Polo Australia will be launching the Australian Youth Water Polo Championships in 2019. This will be the pinnacle clubs annual event attracting clubs from all over Australia.

The event combines the popular current Age Championships 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, 18&U, which will bring together more than 3,000 club members throughout January.

The concept of bringing together all WPA Age Championships provides a unique opportunity for the sport and the host community. This event will provide the unique opportunity to bring together the Australian water polo community together in one place, at the same time.

From competitors, Clubs, coaches, referees and officials, it will be more than just a competition but a true celebration of water polo.

Outside of the regular Championship events, it will also provide development opportunities for coaches and officials as well as feature other participation auxiliary events. In order to create a true water polo festival, Water Polo Australia will also look at other events and activities that can held in and around the competition. More details will be announced in the coming months.

## When and where is the Australian Youth Water Polo Championships being held in 2019?

The Australian Youth Water Polo Championships will be held across 5-7 pools in the **Brisbane** metropolitan area from the **12-24 January 2019**.





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## How long will each age group run for?

Each age group tournament will run for 6 days, with two age groups being conducted in week one and two age groups conducted in week two.

## How can I register?

Registration will open in mid 2018 and a notification will be made available to all Clubs and via the Water Polo Australia website [www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au](http://www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au). Also follow our social channels @WaterpoloAus for latest updates.

## Where will future Australian Youth Water Polo Championships be held?

Water Polo Australia was pleased to announce that the 2019 and 2020 Australian Youth Water Polo Championships will be held in Brisbane.

Locations beyond 2020 will be decided in the future.

## What accommodation is on offer?

Water Polo Australia is working with the leading provider of tours to specific major international sporting events around the world each year - SportsLink International.

A direct link to the SportsLink AYWPC page will be available soon on the WPA website [www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au](http://www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au). Also follow our social channels @WaterpoloAus for latest updates.





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## What happened in previous years?

In previous years the six separate events have been spread geographically as well as throughout the year, splitting up Clubs and stretching resources.

### 2018

2018 will bring together the 18&U and 14&U Boys Championship events into one city. The 12&U, 14&U Girls, 16&U Girls and Boys will again be split across multiple venues.

- 12 & Under Girls & Boys National Aged Club Championships: Wagga Wagga, NSW
- 14 & Under Girls National Aged Club Championships: Albury/Wodonga • 14 & Under Boys National Aged Club Championships: Canberra
- 18 & Under Girls & Boys National Aged Club Championships: Canberra
- 16 & Under Girls & Boys National Aged Club Championships: Girls: Hobart, TAS & Boys: Perth, WA

### 2017

In 2017 the 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, 18&U Age Championships were split into the following events:

- 12s Festival Boys and Girls: Wagga Wagga, NSW
- 14&U Girls National Club Championships: Gold Coast, QLD • 14&U Boys National Club Championships: Wodonga/Albury, VIC/NSW
- 16&U Girls National Club Championships: Hobart, TAS
- 16&U Boys National Club Championships: Sydney, NSW
- 18&U Boys and Girls National Club Championships: Perth, NSW



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## What venues will be used to conduct the 2019 Championships?

The actual mix of venues that will be used to conduct the Championships is currently being finalised and will be announced in the near future.

## How many teams will the Championships accommodate?

It is estimated that over 3000 competitors, coaches and managers will attend the championships being made up of over 192 teams. The quality and amount of pools that are available within the Brisbane metropolitan area will ensure that there is capacity to increase the number of teams that will be in attendance.

## What opportunities does the Championships create for High Performance?

The Championships will create the opportunity to conduct international test matches. This will create the chance for young club Water Polo players to watch and meet their hero's the Aussie Stingers and Aussie Sharks players. It also provides in the older age groups a great opportunity for national coaching personal to talent ID.





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## What opportunities does the Championships provide for membership & participation?

As a show piece event for the sport, the Australian Youth Water Polo Championships provides a great opportunity to recruit new people to the sport through engagement with the local community. It's the one opportunity for the sport to align all programs from FlippaBall (non-water polo members), member programs and club programs to help grow the sport from the base through to elite.

## What other opportunities will the event deliver?

The opportunity to have essentially all the coaches, referees and officials from the sport at one major event provides the unique opportunity to upskill people within the sport in a cost effective and informative way. The Championships also provides the opportunity for a Coaching/Referee Conference to be conducted.

## More information

Want to know more? Drop us a line at [events@waterpoloaustralia.com.au](mailto:events@waterpoloaustralia.com.au)