



## Water Polo Learning Centre – Frequently Asked Questions

### Helpful Links:

Uploading Core Requirements Documents (Working with Children Check, First Aid)	Send through to your State or Territory via this link: <a href="#">Core Requirements - Water Polo Australia</a>
Uploading Coaching Essential Skills Documents	These are uploaded in each State via the information here: <a href="#">Core Requirements - Water Polo Australia</a>
Uploading Officiating Essential Skills Documents	These are uploaded in each State via the information here: <a href="#">Core Requirements - Water Polo Australia</a>
SIA Anti-Doping Fundamentals/Update Courses	<a href="#">Sport Integrity Australia – E-Learning Hub</a>
How to login and upload your anti-doping certificate	<a href="https://vimeo.com/870884702/e9db60e8e1?share=cop">https://vimeo.com/870884702/e9db60e8e1?share=cop</a> <a href="#">y</a>
How to login to the Water Polo Learning Centre	<a href="https://vimeo.com/870884628/01ff508a82">https://vimeo.com/870884628/01ff508a82</a>
General Support Questions	Start with your State or Territory Contact listed below, then e-mail <a href="mailto:support@waterpoloaustralia.com.au">support@waterpoloaustralia.com.au</a>

### General FAQs

#### Q: How do I create a Learning Pool Account to start learning?

A: Register to Water Polo Australia by becoming a member and you will be sent login details by Revolutionise Sport to access the Learning Pool and start your learning journey. To become a member, contact your State & Territory Listed below:

#### Q: How do I upload my certificates, checks and documents to the Learning Pool?

A: Visit the Water Polo Australia website here [Core Requirements - Water Polo Australia](#) or click on the below links

<p><b>ACT</b> Email: <a href="mailto:admin@actwaterpolo.com">admin@actwaterpolo.com</a></p> <p><b>NSW</b> Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@waterpolonsw.org.au">enquiries@waterpolonsw.org.au</a></p> <p><b>QLD</b> Email: <a href="mailto:admin@waterpoloql.com.au">admin@waterpoloql.com.au</a></p>	<p><b>SA</b> Email: <a href="mailto:admin@waterpolosa.com.au">admin@waterpolosa.com.au</a></p> <p><b>TAS</b> Email: <a href="mailto:info@waterpolotassmania.com.au">info@waterpolotassmania.com.au</a></p> <p><b>VIC</b> Email: <a href="mailto:info@vicwaterpolo.com.au">info@vicwaterpolo.com.au</a></p> <p><b>WA</b> Email: <a href="mailto:development@waterpolowa.asn.au">development@waterpolowa.asn.au</a> Link to upload: <a href="#">Course Prerequisites   WaterPoloWA</a></p>
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**Q: Can I log in as someone else that is a member to complete my course?**

A: No, each person aiming to achieve a qualification must ensure they are a member of Water Polo Australia and will receive login details to access the Learning Pool

**Q: When do Coaching and Officiating Courses lapse?**

A: Coaching Courses don't lapse but it is recommended that coaches keep up to date with new courses on the Learning Centre and any updated content.

Officiating Course Certification lasts 3 years from date of completion, following the 3 years, re-certification is required through the Learning Pool, contact your State and Territory for more information on re-certification.

**Q: How do I add Sport Integrity Australia Badges to my Profile?**

A: Contact your State & Territory directly to administer this.

**Q: Recognition of Prior Learning Process (Referee)**

A: You will need to complete this if you are applying for development referee certification, you can access this via the Learning Pool. You will also need to fill in the form which is part of the RPL course.

**Q: How do I access old learning records?**

A: In 2023, Water Polo Australia (WPA) transitioned all online training requirements to the Water Polo Learning Centre (WPLC). From 2018 to 2023, WPA's online learning was hosted by Etrainu. During the migration of learning records to the WPLC, only records from 1 July 2020 to the launch of the new platform in September 2023 were transferred.

For learning records completed between 2018 and mid-2020, WPA maintains a database of these records. To access them, please contact [support@waterpoloaustralia.com.au](mailto:support@waterpoloaustralia.com.au)

## Coaching FAQs

**Q: What does the new framework mean for certification?**

A: The certification (including assessment) system for Referees and Officials will remain and current certifications will carry forward. The learning that coaches undertook to gain certifications is still valid, however the certification system for coaches **no longer exists**. Coaches will still need to meet minimum standards (the 'core' component of the Learning and Development framework) however it will be the performance as a coach (not coach certifications) that will facilitate coaching opportunities and enable environments in which the athletes the coach works with will thrive.

**Q: If there is no coach certification, how will I be selected to coach specific teams?**

A: It is up to States and Clubs who they appoint as coaches. As we are all aware, having a certification does not make someone a good or bad coach. Those decisions need to be made by States and Clubs appointing the coaches. WPA's obligation is to protect the integrity of the sport by ensuring compliance with legal requirements such as Working with Children Checks and to provide an avenue for coaches and referees to access the information, they require to assist them to have a positive impact on the athletes they engage with.



**Q: What does that mean for coaches attending national competitions?**

A: The appointment of coaches to teams will be determined by the Club, State or National body responsible for the relevant team(s). The only compliance requirements from WPA, on coaches, will be the relevant Sport Integrity Australia requirements for the relevant level of competition and future completion of an annual pre-season induction process onwards) and that any coach working with teams across Australia is at least a Gold Member. Completion of the ASC's Community Coaching Essential Skills Coaching course is also required.

**Q: Will there be coach certification and training required for senior/open competitions?**

A: No, as above there will minimal formal certification requirements and they will not be tiered above the minimum standards. If coaches choose not to engage in self-development and learning they do so at their own risk and Clubs and States can then make decisions, on their appointment or otherwise. We are seeking to encourage and make it very easy and affordable for coaches to engage in regular, bite sized chunks of learning through multiple different modalities.

**Q: I have a coaching certification – is this still valid?**

A: Records of any online learning a member has previously completed is still intact and can be accessed via requesting a copy of the records through the [support@waterpoloaustralia.com.au](mailto:support@waterpoloaustralia.com.au) email address. Of course, the uplift in your coaching skills gained from completing these online programs and gaining your certification remains, however it will be your performance as a coach (not your certifications) that will facilitate coaching opportunities and enable you to create environments in which the athletes you work with thrive.

**Q: Will everyone have to undertake training again?**

A: No, but we expect people who wish to learn will engage in programs available to them, at no additional cost. There are also integrity obligations that are mandatory through Sport Integrity Australia and legal compliance obligations in each state, that need to be completed and maintained which all coaches, officials and people working in and around sport and children need to undertake. This is applicable to all sports, not just water polo.

**Q: Will there be any Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) offered for current coaches & officials?**

A: The Framework is designed to encourage, continuous, regular bite size learning rather than large, chunky, expensive certifications and assessments. Research around adult learning indicates this is the preferred way for people to learn, so we are moving that way.

In 2025, RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) is available for Development certification and for Advanced Referee certification. Please connect with your State & Territory to administer this.

**Q: How long is a certification valid for?**

A: Certification courses are valid for three years before being due for renewal. There will no longer be a renewal fee for these courses and referees will retain their certification level. Each SSO has an obligation to ensure that renewals for referees are up to date.



**Q: A coach wants to coach school aged kids at their local club. Is this Learning and Development Framework relevant to them?**

A: Yes – the Framework is designed so that a coach can bring out the best in the children/athletes they work with. More and more resources will be created over time so that the coach can continue to master the role of creating fun learning environments.

**Q: A coach wants to progress from coaching juniors in their club to working with elite athletes. Is there a pathway for the coach?**

A: Yes, there is. WPA have developed eight coach learning profiles/personas that will guide coaches on the capabilities needed for the various athletes they work with. However, completing a learning program will not guarantee a coach an opportunity. Instead, engaging in the learning and putting the learning into practice will build their capability as a coach – it is that capability that will open up the opportunities for them.

**Q: A player is transitioning from a player to a coach. How will the new framework assist them?**

A: The learning framework will support them to identify the areas that they may need to build capability in, and over time, provide you with curated resources and learning opportunities to build that capability. For example, a player may have a great understanding of Water Polo technical skills and drills, however, they may need to build capability in the areas of planning training sessions or supporting the athletes you work with to navigate school and sport.

**Q: What leadership skills will I learn from participating in the framework?**

A: The focus of the leadership development will be on bringing out the best in those that the coach or official work with. This means that the specific leadership skills needed will shift over both time and context. The learning resources will support the learner to build a leadership toolkit so they can select the most appropriate skills when needed.