# 2026 – National State Championships
# Information Brief 2

Dear State Executives & Pathways Managers,

Just a quick update and a few important reminders for the 2026 National State Championships, being held in Melbourne from 29 September to 3 October 2026 (inclusive).

**Draft Allocations**
Thank you to all States for providing your list of eligible athletes for draft allocations. WPA has now completed the draft process, and all States and players have been notified. If you have any questions, please reach out.

**Draw & Venues**
The draw has now been completed and is attached in PDF format. Please review and advise if you have any concerns. Games will be played at the following venues:

- 15 Girls games will be held at MSAC
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- 17 Girls games will be held at Mentone Girls Grammar & MSAC
- 17 Boys games will be held at Caulfield Grammar, Camberwell Grammar & Xavier College (subject to WPA Officials Manager approval).

The Teams and Draw will be added to the RevSport portal on 1 September (after rollover).

**SIA Requirements & WPA Education Plan**
As emailed to States on or around 18 June 2026, please ensure all SIA requirements are completed. The link below outlines what is required, and States should confirm that their athletes, coaches, managers, and officials have completed the necessary courses:

- 2026-Water-Polo-Australia-Education-Plan-FINAL-V2-1.pdf

As a reminder, the WPA Education Plan has been updated to ensure all accreditations are no more than 3 years old. If a person completed a course in 2023 or earlier, they are required to redo it to ensure compliance for this year.

**State Meetings – Athlete, Coach & Manager Presentation**
Simon will be organising a presentation/meeting with each State.
If you have not already done so, please advise Simon of your arrival time in Melbourne so this can be scheduled for Monday, 28 September.

**Membership Requirements**
All players participating in the 2026 National State Championships must be current Platinum Junior Members of Water Polo Australia. Membership/registration renewal for the 2026/2027 season must be completed through their Club as soon as possible after rollover.

State Coaches and Assistant Coaches must hold a minimum Gold Membership (Platinum Adult also accepted). Managers and Table Officials must renew as Bronze Volunteers.

Membership deadline: 14 September 2026.

**Table Officials**
Three States require assistance with Table Officials. Please forward the link below to families attending who may wish to assist. If they cover another State's duty, they will be paid $30 per game.

- 2026 NSC - Table Official - Water Polo Australia - revolutioniseSPORT

Registrations must be completed by 16 September 2026.
Please note: WPA will not be covering flight or accommodation costs for interstate attendees.

**Photography Pass**
Parents and spectators may register for a Photography Pass using the link below:

- 2026/2027 Water Polo Australia Photographers Pass - Water Polo Australia - revolutioniseSPORT

This link is also available on the WPA National State Championships webpage - National State Championships – Water Polo Australia

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind Regards

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