



WATER POLO AUSTRALIA NATIONAL TECHNICAL RULES 2026/2027 SEASON – EFFECTIVE FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2026

WPA NATIONAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	
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Draw	Round Robin, Semi's and Finals
Team Rosters	14 Players - 12 Field & 2 Goal Keepers
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