

## Policy - Member Duty of Care

### Title: Playing Age Limits

#### 1. Document Control

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#### 2. Purpose

The policy establishes player age limits in competitions across New South Wales

#### 3. Scope

This policy applies to Water Polo NSW Inc. and its Members

#### 4. Background

As the sport increases in skill levels and pathways for athletes this Policy establishes player age descriptions and applicable competition levels.

Water Polo NSW follows the age guidelines of WP Australia for competition levels, however further describes Athletes playing outside (in a higher level).

The Policy is designed to protect Members from injury through playing at a level of competition unsuitable for their physical, mental and skill development

#### 5. Definitions

Water Polo NSW Inc

WPNSW

Water Polo Australia Inc.

WPAUS

Age Division

The competition that includes your year of birth

#### 6. Related Documents

Nil

## 7. Policy

WPNSW follows the recognised age grouping published by WPAUS

Within these guidelines WPNSW sets the following for players wishing to play outside their age division:

- Players are to play in an age relevant competition where possible
- Players wishing to gain more experience and play at levels higher than their age group are not to play higher than two age divisions above their age grouping

### Exemptions

- NSW State recognised players of suitable skill maybe provided an exemption upon application
- Australian recognised players of suitable skill maybe provided an exemption upon application