

# SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WATER POLO

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## SHWP 2023/24 competition

Welcome back to Southern Highlands Water Polo Club for Summer 2023-24. We are so excited to be back! Please read through the information below before renewing or registering for our Summer 2023-24 competition.

SHWP is a non-profit organisation, and we are committed to ensuring our registration costs remain as affordable as possible to attract as many players as we can to enjoy the sport of water polo. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a committee member via email at [SHWP@outlook.com](mailto:SHWP@outlook.com).

### WHEN DOES THE COMPETITION START?

**Senior** competition commences Monday 16th October 2023 to Monday 4th December 2023.  
Recommences Monday 5th February 2024 to Monday 25th March 2024.

**Junior** competition commences Tuesday 17th October 2023 to Tuesday 5th December 2023.  
Recommences Tuesday 6th February 2024 to Tuesday 26th March 2024.

**Finals** will be played Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd April 2024

**Training** commences Wednesday 18th October 2023 to 27th March 2024.

**Registrations close 15th October 2023. Players will be refused entry to the pool if not registered.**

### FLIPPA BALL

SHWP has taken the initiative this year to introduce water polo for juniors 8-10 years. Flippa Ball is a modified version of water polo played in a small pool and standing is allowed. It's a simple game that can be played by all children regardless of swimming ability. A team consists of 7 players in the water at one time- 1 goalie and 6 field players.

This will be played at the same time as the Juniors.

### WHAT DOES MY REGISTRATION COVER?

Registration fees are comprised of 3 elements:

SHWP Fee - This is set by Southern Highlands Water Polo and covers club level costs, coaching, refereeing, pool hire and equipment.

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WPNSW Fee - This is set by and passed directly to Water Polo NSW and covers state level costs including competition management, player/coach/official development pathways & state administration.

WPA Fee - This is set by and passed directly to Water Polo Australia and covers national level costs including insurance & national competitions.

## FEES

Water Polo Australia and Water Polo NSW both charge fees as noted above. The 2023/24 fees have increased 23% from last year. Also, the WPNSW tournament fees for 2023/24 have increased by 17%. SHWP submitted a request to WPNSW for dispensation of these increases but was denied. The SHWP club seeks grants and sponsorship along with other fund raising events such as BBQs to keep our members fees down. SHWP has one of the lowest water polo membership fees in NSW according to WPNSW.

However, with this in mind, SHWP have applied a modest fee increase for 2023/24;

- Junior registration fee \$280 (up 12% from \$250 in 2022/23) Includes training and selected tournaments.
- Senior registration fee \$300 (up 7% from \$280 in 2022/23)
- A new category for juniors aged 7-10 called Flippa Ball to be played in the small pool where they can stand up. Cost \$80

SHWP offer payment plans, please email [SHWP@outlook.com](mailto:SHWP@outlook.com) if you require one to be arranged.

## FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT:

Registration fees **DO** cover: Pool entry at Aquabliss Frensham, pool lifeguard, coaching & refereeing for regional games, Local competition draw, Junior training sessions, selected junior tournaments, team equipment (e.g. caps & balls).

Registration fees **DO NOT** cover: Player uniform & cossies; pool entry at away pools; and travel/accommodation costs.

## TOURNAMENT FEE:

To increase SHWP participation and representation in various junior tournaments SHWP made the decision to include the costs of junior tournaments in the registration fee. This keeps the cost

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down considerably for our members and encourages juniors of all ages to test their skills against different clubs, meet new friends and have fun.

- Back to Polo - Sydney 26-30 Sept
- U12 Tourney Cup – Mittagong 7-8 Oct
- Orange U12s – March
- Canberra (U14 girls and boys) – 10-12 November Half cost paid by SHWP. \$60/player

## GAME TIMES/DRAW:

All members are required to organise their own teams and submit them to [SHWP@outlook.com](mailto:SHWP@outlook.com) by 5.00pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Those players that aren't in a team by the due date, will be placed in one at SHWP discretion. Late team submissions will not be accepted due to the time required to complete the competition draw. So, to avoid disappointment, be organised and have your team submitted by the due date.

- Junior teams are to have a coach and manager nominated.
- Senior teams are to have a captain nominated.

Once Junior and Senior registrations are complete, teams will be finalised and the 'Draw' for the first 8-week block will be released.

The Draw for the Second 8-week block in 2024 will be released prior to round 1 in February 2024.

## LOCATION OF GAMES:

All games and training are held at "Aquabliss" Frensham Pool, Range Road Mittagong NSW 2575

## WHICH MEMBERSHIP DO I SELECT?

If you are playing and are:

18 years or older in 2024 - select a SENIOR payment class.

17 years or younger in 2024 - select a JUNIOR payment class.

If you are a Coach and NOT playing - select NON PLAYING COACH payment class.

If you are a parent/guardian, team manager or club supporter – select SUPPORTER/OFFICIAL payment class.

If you are not sure, please get in contact with the SHWP committee.

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After Registering, an invoice will be displayed on the screen with payment instructions and a copy sent to your email. Once payment has been confirmed and approved you will receive confirmation details in your email.

## JUNIOR AGE BRACKETS:

- If you are born in 2013 and 2014 you are UNDER 12's
- If you are born in 2011 and 2012 you are UNDER 14's
- If you are born in 2009 and 2010 you are UNDER 16's

## ACTIVE KIDS' VOUCHERS - SHWP is an active kids provider.

- From 1 July 2023, parents, guardians and carers of all school-age children are eligible for a \$50 Active Kids voucher to use towards sport and active recreation costs.
- The voucher is valid until 31 January 2024.
- On 1 February 2024, a new means-tested Active and Creative Kids voucher program will be launched for children enrolled in school. The voucher will be for \$50 and will be issued twice a year, at the start of terms 1 and 3.

Enter the voucher details at the time of registration and the amount will be deducted from your registration cost.

Apply online to get your voucher at: [www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher)

## COMMUNICATION:

Please make sure your contact details are correct for communication purposes.

Please follow our Social Pages to keep up to date with "The Draw", upcoming events/tournaments, updated information, pool closures and/or important notices.

- Instagram: @southernhighlandswaterpolo
- Facebook: Southern Highlands Water Polo

Get in touch with a committee member at [SHWP@outlook.com](mailto:SHWP@outlook.com)

## LOCAL COMPETITION SWIMWEAR:

- Girls/Women: Suitable One-piece swimwear and swim cap
- Boys/Men: Suitable Speedos or Jammers
- No other equipment is necessary. All players will be issued with playing caps for the duration of the game.

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## TOURNAMENT UNIFORM:

- Girls/Ladies: 2022 Playing Costume and Playing Cap.  
Boys/Men: 2022 Playing Costume.
- For both Girls/Ladies and Boys/Men Southern Highlands Shorts, T-Shirts and Hoodies are ideal but not mandatory.

## ONLINE SHOP FOR TOURNAMENT UNIFORM AND SOUTHERN HIGHLAND WATER POLO MERCHANDISE:

Tournament Swimwear and Accessories (Shorts/T-Shirts/Backpacks/Hoodies/Hats and Caps) are sold online directly through Kap 7. <https://kap7.com.au/collections/southern-highlands>

All orders must be made prior to Friday 29th September 2023 for the 2023-24 summer season. Kap 7 will organise delivery directly to you. Delivery will be approx 4-6 weeks from 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Alternatively SHWP online store: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/shwpolo/shop/> has a small over supply of limited sizes that are for sale (only until sold out - Sizes available are updated on the website).

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