



## 2023 Schools and College Competition information

Water Polo Tasmania (WPTAS) is pleased to provide the Schools and College Competition for primary schools, high schools and colleges.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to play in the Schools and College Competition athletes must be:

- a registered student at a Tasmanian primary school, high school or college
- undertaking at least 450 hours of study in 2023.

Eligibility lapses if a player ceases to be a student or withdraws from schooling.

### Competitions details

The competition will run for 10 weeks within the Term 2 period.

**Venue:** Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre (DKHAC)

**Game length:** 2 x 12-minute halves running approximately 30 minutes a game

**Game times:** Friday nights from 5pm to 10pm at 30-minute intervals

R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	SF	GF
5 May	12 May	19 May	26 May	2 June	9 June	16 June	23 June	30 June	7 July

### Divisions

- Grade 5/6 mixed with the potential for two divisions depending on team numbers
- Grade 7/8 boys and 7/8 girls
- Grade 9/10 boys and 9/10 girls
- College boys and College girls

### Team nominations

Water polo involves seven players in the water with six field players and one goalkeeper. Nine or ten players in a team is ideal with a maximum number of 13 players allowed per team.

Schools may nominate one team in each division. Additional teams may be nominated however acceptance is subject to approval from WPTAS due to rostering constraints, however we will do our best to accommodate all school requests.

Schools entering more than one team in the same division must ensure the teams are even as possible. WPTAS reserves the right to discuss or reallocate players within teams if equality does not appear to exist.

### Composite teams

Schools with insufficient numbers to form a team or players from schools who do not provide teams can send their player details to WPTAS. WPTAS will endeavour to form fair and equal composite teams. All composite teams must have the approval of the WPTAS Director of Operations. Please note that schools must not form their own composite teams without the prior approval of the WPTAS Director of Operations. WPTAS reserves the right to add composite teams to any division and to determine if composite teams are eligible for finals. Please forward player names, school and grade details to [waterpolotasmnia@gmail.com](mailto:waterpolotasmnia@gmail.com) by no later than **COB Monday 3 April 2023**.

## Team entries

To submit teams, please email [waterpolotasmania@gmail.com](mailto:waterpolotasmania@gmail.com) with details such the school/team contact name, email address and how many teams in each division **by COB Monday 3 April 2023**. This allows us time to finalise composite teams and develop the roster before Round 1. Late entries will not be allowed so we appreciate schools cooperating with this deadline.

Schools are not required to provide player details at this time. This is required by Round 1 on 5 May.

## Team entry fees

Teams will need to pay a one-off entry fee for the season. Players do not need to pay an individual registration fee to WPTAS. Entry fees are as follows:

- \$1300 + GST for teams who elect to use the WPTAS allocated training sessions.
- \$1000 + GST for teams who don't use the WPTAS allocated training sessions.

This fee is inclusive of the team registration fee and pool admission for players, team coaches and team managers on game night and training night. Schools will be invoiced by WPTAS early in the season. Payment in advance is not required.

Please note that DKHAC charges a spectator fee of \$2. This is not a WPTAS fee and is payable by anyone who is not a player, team coach, team manager or minor.

## Team responsibilities

- Team managers must provide player details prior to Round 1 on 5 May either online or manually via the team sheet. Team sheets will be available on the score table at Round 1.
- Players must be allocated the same cap number for the season for record keeping purposes such as game attendance, goals, foals, MVP votes etc.
- All teams must provide one table official for each game they play (usually a parent) to do either the score keeping or time duties. Referees are instructed not to commence games until the score table is attended by representatives from each team. Point penalties apply if table officials are not provided. WPTAS officials will be on pool deck to help table officials should any difficulties arise.
- All teams must be capped and ready to commence playing at their allocated game time.
- All teams scheduled to play the last game of the night are required to assist with the packing up of equipment at the end of the night. This includes packing away goals, lane ropes, tables, chairs and scoreboards. WPTAS reserved the right to allocate point penalties for teams not assisting.

## Team training

Teams wishing to train can attend the either DKHAC or Clarence Pool on the below days and times during the season. Pool hire is included in the team fees detailed above.

- Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm for grades 5/6 and 7/8 at DKHAC for nominated schools starting 2 May.
- Tuesday 8.30-9.30 for grades 9/10 and colleges at DKHAC for nominated schools starting 2 May.
- Wednesday 7.30-8.30 for The Friends School and/or other schools who are notified starting 3 May.

WPTAS will consider specific requests for training times and venues depending on requirements.

## WPTAS player skills clinic and coaching clinic

WPTAS will provide a player skills clinic and coaching clinic for all new and existing players and coaches at DKHAC on Friday 28 April from 6.30-7.30pm.

WPTAS coaches will group players into their relevant age group and skill level and teach them the skills required for the sport. This is a great opportunity for new players to try the sport before committing to a team.

Team coaches will be able to work with the WPTAS coaches to learn the skills and rules required to train their team during the season and coach on game night.

These clinics are provided free of cost. Registration details will be provided closer to the time.

## Competition Handbook

The updated 2023 School and College Competition Handbook will be available on the WPTAS website by the end of April at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wptas/about/governance-forms/>

## COVID safety plan

WPTAS has an approved COVID Safety Plan and follows the COVID requirements applicable at the time by DKHAC and CAC. You can view our plan at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wptas/about/governance-forms/>

## THINK.ACT.PLAY

WPTAS follows the Water Polo Australia policy of THINK.ACT.PLAY which promotes and encourages good sportsmanship and behaviour in our sport.



THINK.ACT.PLAY applies to all players, coaches, managers, parents and spectators, and compliance is a condition of entry into any WPTAS event. You can details at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wptas/getinvolved/thinkactplay/>

Each school is responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, managers, parents and spectators. Coaches are integral to promoting the message of THINK.ACT.PLAY, therefore all coaches agree to this requirement as a prerequisite to coaching in 2023.

Anyone seen to not comply with this policy may be ejected from the venue and be disqualified for the duration of the competition.

## Equipment

Water polo balls will be provided at games and at WPTAS allocated training sessions. WPTAS will lend one set of caps to any school entering a team for the first time or a school that is returning to the sport after three or more years away from the sport. We also have sets of generic caps available for purchase.

## Communication

WPTAS uses our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WaterPoloTas> and website <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wptas/getinvolved/schools/> as the main source of communication. Please check these regularly for any updated information.

We encourage you to pass this into families so they can keep up to date with any changes.

Important information about the competition will be emailed directly to schools or the nominated contact as advised.

## Important dates for 2023

Team entries close	Monday 3 April
WPTAS skills and coaching clinic	Friday 28 April
Training commences	Tuesday 2 May at DKHAC or Wednesday 3 May at CAC
Team details required	Friday 5 May
Round 1 to Round 8	Friday 5 May to Friday 23 June
Semi-final	30 June
Grand final	7 July

## WPTAS contacts

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