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WPACT Winter Competition 2024 Information Brief

Competition Structure

The competition structure will follow similar structures of previous years. The competition will be played in a gala day format over 4 weeks during the winter period. The first date has been pushed back to allow clubs additional time after the summer season and to allow for the WPACT representative program selections to take place.

Dates/Times

Round 1: Reconciliation Round

Saturday 25th May 2024 – 9am – 6pm (12s, 14s & 16s)

Sunday 26th May 2024 – 9am – 6pm (Youth League)

Round 2: CGS Pink Round

Saturday 15th June 2024 – 9am – 6pm (12s, 14s & 16s)

Sunday 16th June 2024 – 9am-6pm (Youth League)

Round 3:

Saturday 27th July 2024 - 9am – 6pm (12s, 14s & 16s)

Sunday 28th July 2024 – 9am-6pm (Youth League)

Round 4:

Saturday 31st August 2024 – 9am – 6pm (12s, 14s & 16s)

Sunday 1st September 2024 – 9am-6pm (Youth League)

Venue

All games will be played at the AIS Aquatic Centre.

Age Groups

12&U (2012 & later) Mixed – born 2011 can participate if not playing 14s

14&U (2010 & later) Boys and Girls

16&U (2008 & later) Boys and Girls

Youth League (born 2005 & later) Boys and Girls - 2 x marquee players born 2002 or later are permitted to play per game.

Fees

\$30 per individual player, per round (can play in multiple teams/grades) – note Youth League athletes would be charged \$30 separately due to the lower anticipated numbers compared to 12s, 14s and 16s.



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Game Structure

12s, 14s & 16s

- Games will be played in a “half width pool”.
- 2x10min running time halves with 2 min break at half time (teams won't swap ends to help speed up games) in 30min time slots.
- No shot clocks to be used.
- Teams will play 3 games per day.

Youth League

- Games are played in a full field.
- 2x10min running time halves with 2 min break at half time (teams won't swap ends to help speed up games) in 30min time slots.
- Shot clocks will be used.
- Teams will play 3 games per day.

Draw/Results

The draw and results will be added to the WPACT website.

Duty Teams

We require each team to supply 1 person to do table for their OWN game. 1 person to complete the livescoring and “flip” the score tally and the other will complete the scorecard. In Youth League we will be trialling the use of only the livescoring over the winter season to see if paper scorecards can be removed.

Team Sizes

12s, 14s & 16s

Games will be played with 1 GK and 4 field players. Squads are a maximum of 10 players.

Youth League

Games will be played with 1 GK and 6 field players. Squads are a maximum of 15 players.

Team Entry

Team entry is due 1 week prior to the competition round, dates for these cut-offs are:

Round 1: Friday 17th May 2024

Round 2: Friday 7th June 2024

Round 3: Friday 19th July 2024

Round 4: Friday 23rd August 2024



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Registration

All players must be registered BEFORE they hit the water. An interstate and winter comp rego will be made available to clubs for new members. Clubs have until Thursday prior to the competition date to add their teams to the website. Scorecards will be printed on Fridays.

Referees

WPACT will appoint referees for the competition. Teams are encouraged to supply referee names to Ryan McDermott to help cover all games.

Referee Development

New referees are encouraged to “have a go” during winter in a less stressful environment. This is a great time for clubs to encourage more players and parents to pick up the whistle.

WPACT will be put on a free referee workshop each round to help up skill our new and upcoming referees.

Before attending the workshops, it's expected the referee has completed the Water Polo Australia Community Referee Course