

THE COUNTER ATTACK

Fortnightly newsletter for
Water Polo ACT Members

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Upcoming WPACT Events

Key Competition Dates

Winter Comp Round 1 - Reconciliation Round

- 25th & 26th May 2024

Winter Comp Round 2 - CGS Pink Round

- 15th & 16th June 2024

Winter Comp Round 3 - Olympic Round

- 27th & 28th July 2024

Winter Comp Round 4

- 31st August & 1st September 2024

Upcoming WPNSW Events

NSW State Championships

- 16s & 18s - 15th-19th April 2024, Sydney

- 14s - 19th-23rd April 2024, Sydney

Upcoming National Events

Australian Country Championships

- 8th-11th May 2024, Gold Coast

East Coast Challenge (15&U Boys & Girls)

- 29th June - 1st July 2024, Melbourne

Interstate Challenge (17&U Boys and Girls)

- 13th - 15th July 2024, Canberra

UniSport Nationals

- 7th - 13th September 2024, Canberra

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LATEST UPDATE

Congratulations to everyone for an outstanding conclusion to the 2023/2024 summer season! All matches were played with tremendous spirit, showcasing excellent polo skills. We extend our gratitude to all participants for their contributions to this year's competition, particularly our referees and table officials, whose efforts ensured the smooth running of the games.

A special thank you to all who attended the WPACT awards night. This was our first attempt at hosting the event in this format, and we were thrilled by the positive reception from the community. Stay tuned for further updates on the 2025 event.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for the upcoming representative season. If you want to enhance your skills and compete against the nation's best, now's the time to get involved!

Winter competition is also on the horizon—be sure to mark your calendars with the dates provided above!

National State Championships

As a result of stakeholder consultation, the State Associations and Water Polo Australia have agreed to change the delivery of the National State Championships, commencing in the 2024-2025 season.

The 15&U and 17&U Men's and Women's National State Championships will be held at the same time, in the same venue, slated for 26-30 September 2024 on the Gold Coast.

The 19&U National State Championships will transition to a talent identification camp, with further details as well as dates and venues to be released in the near future.

WPACT will work with WPA on key selection criteria to ensure we send a competitive team that meets the purpose of the tournament, whilst supporting a representative pathway for WPACT members.

We have updated our information session slides below to reflect the NSC announcement.

**INFO SESSION
SLIDES**



2025 WPACT JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are excited to announce that the 2025 WPACT Junior Club Champions will be returning to Wagga Wagga at the Oasis Regional Aquatic Centre.

The dates for the event have been locked in for the Canberra Day long weekend on the 7th, 8th and 9th March 2025.

The age groups will remain the same for the 2025 event with 12s mixed, 14&U boys and girls as well as 16&U boys and girls having the opportunity to compete.

Entries for the event will open in November 2024 so stay tuned for more information!

MORE INFO



Representative Program Coach/Coordinator EOI's Now Open

Water Polo ACT is currently seeking **coaches** and a newly created **Age Group Coordinator** role for each age group program to give participants and their families the best possible experience whilst in the Representative Program.

If you feel you could contribute to the WPACT representative program as a coach, assistant coach or age group coordinator, please find more information including the position description below.

EOI's close **THIS FRIDAY** 29th March 2024.

MORE INFO



AWARD WINNERS

WPACT AWARDS NIGHT 2024

COMMUNITY AWARDS

**JUNIOR OFFICIAL OF
THE YEAR**



JOSH O'KEEFE

**SENIOR OFFICIAL OF
THE YEAR**



DON CAMERON

COACH OF THE YEAR
ANSIS EVERSONS





CECILIA JACOBSON

15&U



LACHLAN NEWMAN



JADE ARNOLD

17&U



HAMISH ELLISON

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



EILIS ROGIS

19&U



MATTIAS SCHUBERT



SARAH PURCELL

SENIOR



CAMPBELL ELLISON

COMPETITION MVP

12&U MIXED

JACKSON WEBSTER & SOFIA JAZAROW



14&U

DANIEL HEATHCOTE & IMOGEN WATSON



16&U

LACHLAN NEWMAN & CECILIA JACOBSON



YOUTH LEAGUE

HAMISH ELLISON & JADE ARNOLD



2ND GRADE

BRADY NIXON & ANIQUE LEE



PREMIER LEAGUE

JUSTIN TRABINGER & KAITLIN DAVIES



STUART HEDDLE AWARD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

SARAH PURCELL



CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE
NOMINATED AND ALL WINNERS

EVENT CALENDER

There are more events than ever for players to participate in. These opportunities come at both the club and WPACT level depending on the level. In short, WPACT will send teams to state vs state events while clubs are encouraged to send teams to club events. WPACT will continue to work with clubs as new events come to light and our membership continues to grow. WPACT works closely with our clubs around all decisions that involve participation at events.



WPNSW EVENTS



NATIONAL CALENDAR



WPAUS EVENTS



WPACT Trailer Hire

Attention WPACT members, we are pleased to announce that the WPACT trailer is now at your disposal for hire.

Our trailer hire service aims to support the maintenance and upkeep of the trailer while easing the financial strain on membership fees.

Conveniently situated at the AIS, you can easily book the trailer through the Water Polo ACT website. It provides an excellent solution for completing miscellaneous tasks around your home or facilitating a smooth transition into a new house.

Hire Costs
\$50 per day
Day = 6am-8pm

We extend our sincere gratitude to CWPA and Pat's Plumbing for their generous donations, which greatly contributed to the acquisition of the trailer.

BOOK HERE





Social Polo

Term 1, 2024

Starting
Sunday 4th
January 2024



WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT SOCIAL POLO?

- Fun, social atmosphere
- CHEAP \$\$ - \$75 for 8 weeks
- Minimal commitment - turn up when you can :)
- Individual or team options - get a team together or join an existing team of awesome people

For more
information
and to register click

HERE