



Water Polo

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

President's Message

Welcome to 2021.

2020 was one of a kind, where many of us felt vulnerable as something we could not see changed our lives. Through the turmoil and the bad news 24/7, many people learnt some new skills, and some new ways to do things. It shows our adaptability, as a species, to continue to push forward, no matter the challenges.

If we intentionally seek to see the glass half-full, we can't help but think about the year ahead, and ask ourselves, how good can we make 2021?

We are social animals that need to feel part of the pack, so by saying hello to someone in our community, or asked "how are you going?" you have already made a positive impact. Every hello makes our community stronger, including our water polo community.

If you are a player, a positive start to 2021 may be as simple as having a quiet chat with a coach or senior player you trust and asking, "How can I play better this year?" Or "What can I do to be a better team player?"

If you are a coach, it could be a case of asking a player or someone else to give you a couple of things you can concentrate on to better some of your coaching skills.

Administrators, parents, and supporters can also ask, or even self-reflect, "How can I make a positive contribution to make 2021 special?"

The competitions are just about to re-start and we have an exciting few months ahead of us as a sport.

I look forward to sharing it with you.

Regards

Paul

President

Australian Youth Water Polo Championships (AYC):

Water Polo Australia is currently working towards delivering the Australian Youth Water Polo Championships (AYC) in **Brisbane, Qld** from **7-17 April 2021**. WPA has provided information in the form of FAQ on its website.

AYC will be confirmed by WPA on **15th March 2021**. In the meantime, WPSA continues to prepare Teams and undertake the Administration required for our participation in the event.

Go to: <https://www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au/news/brisbane-festival-of-water-polo-update-aywpc-awl/> for additional information from WPA.

Australian Waterpolo League (AWL):

WPSA plan is to hold an eight-day carnival – **31 Mar-7 Apr 2021** in Brisbane. AWL is to be confirmed by WPA on **15th March 2021**.

Referees:

WPSA is seeking interested individuals to undertake referee accreditation. Costs for appropriate courses will be subsidised (part/full) by the Association. Contact EO: manager@waterpolosa.com.au

Volunteers – Working With Children Certificate:

If you're working with children as a volunteer, a paid coach or as a referee, you are required to have a valid Working with Children check under South Australia's Child Safety laws. The check is free for people working in community organisations and can be submitted through Water Polo SA. If you need to complete a check to enable you to continue in your role, please contact (Anna - competitions@waterpolosa.com.au) and we will help with the process. Otherwise, click here to start the process: <https://screening.sa.gov.au/applications>

SPOTTO!



Identify all the Players (first names only) in this photo...and go into the end of year draw for a Christmas Gift Voucher! First correct entry to manager@waterpolosa.com.au

TRAINING: Players, if you are in a Squad you are required to train per the schedule advised by your Coach. If you cannot train for any reason, contact your Coach & tell them!

WPSA E-Newsletter: WPSA intends to produce a regular e-News (every three-four weeks) to keep our Community informed. If you have anything of interest (individual/club/sport)-including appropriate waterpolo images-your contributions would be most welcome.

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