

Blue Mountains Water Polo Club
Competition Rules 2005/2006

1-0 Rules, Application of Rules, Interpretation.

- 1-1 All games shall be played under FINA Rules of Water Polo and or other local rules made by Australian WPI, NSWWPI or Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.
- 1-2 These rules apply to any game run and approved by Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.
- 1-3 Any interpretation or variation of any rule by the Blue Mountains Water Polo Committee shall be final and binding upon its members.

2-0 Eligibility of Teams, Players.

- 2-1 A team shall not play in a game unless;
 - a) It is affiliated with Blue Mountains Water Polo Club
 - b) It is not financially indebted to Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.
 - c) It is not suspended or disqualified by Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.
- 2-2 A person shall not play or officiate as a referee, coach or manager in a game unless;
 - a) The person is a member of Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.
 - b) The person is not financially indebted to AWPI, NSWWPI (or any affiliated body), and Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.
- 2-3 A team will be disqualified in any game that they allow an unregistered player or a player not registered with their team to play in.
- 2-4 A registration (membership) application to Blue Mountains Water Polo Club shall be;
 - a) In a current registration form for Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.
 - b) In legible printing or typewritten stating the person's name, date of birth and address.
 - c) Signed as true and complete by a Club Official.
 - d) Received by Blue Mountains Water Polo Club together with any membership fee due during the relevant water polo season.

3-0 Participation with an Ineligible Team, Player.

- 3-1 A team shall not cause or permit a person of that team to play or officiate in a game or competition;
 - a) With a person, or team suspended, disqualified or expelled from NSWWPI or Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.
 - b) With a team whose members are not members of NSWWPI or Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.

4-0 Transfer of Players between Teams.

- 4-1 A member shall not transfer to another team unless the current team that the player is a member of is dissolved.
- 4-2 For a player to transfer between teams, the player must seek permission from the Blue Mountains Water Polo Club Committee in writing.

5-0 Entries for Competitions.

- 5-1 An entry for the proposed competition is valid if on or before the due entry date a team list is submitted to Blue Mountains Water Polo Club
- 5-2 To enter a team the manager/coach must be able to list a minimum of 7 players, with at least 2 males/females in order to meet a mixed team entry requirement. No double-ups will be allowed.

6-0 Pool Controller

- 6-1 The highest ranked member of the Blue Mountains Water Polo Club Committee shall be in overall control and may give instructions as to the conduct of a game, team, players or Pool controller and shall report any such direction to the Committee.
- 6-2 The Blue Mountains Water Polo Club Committee may appoint a Pool Controller for a game or series of games.

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- 6-3 In the absence of any member of the Blue Mountains Water Polo Club Committee, a pool Controller at a game shall have the responsibilities, powers and duties set out in Rule 6-4.
- 6-4 The Pool Controller;
- a) Is responsible for the orderly presentation of games.
 - b) May refuse a person entry to or require a person to leave from a pool, where in the Pool Controller's opinion, the person's presence may be detrimental to the sport of water polo or Blue Mountains Water Polo Club.
 - c) Shall record any complaint by a Team Captain or referee concerning implementation of the Competition Rules or the Rules of Water Polo.
 - d) Shall report any complaint to the Blue Mountains Water Polo Club Committee.

7-0 Pre-game Responsibilities

- 7-1 A player in each team shall be nominated on the scorecard as captain.
- 7-2 The captains five minutes prior to the scheduled starting time shall present the scorecard with the names of each player present legibly printed in ink adjacent to the respective cap number to be worn in the game.
- 7-3 The captains must sign the scorecard after the game is completed.
- 7-4 At the scheduled game commencement time each team shall have seven players, (minimum of 2 players to be male/female), one of who shall be goalkeeper, lined up ready to play. Referees, timekeepers and secretary shall be ready.
- 7-5 Where a game does not commence at the scheduled time it is the responsibility of team captains and referees to determine the number of periods and their duration so that the next scheduled game can start at the correct time.
- 7-6 A team shall forfeit a game if it does not have seven players, (including 2 male/female) ready to commence play five minutes after the scheduled commencement time.
- 7-7 When a team forfeits a game;
- a) The team shall receive no points for the game.
 - b) Where both teams forfeit then neither team shall receive points.
 - c) Members of the team claiming the forfeit must be listed properly on the scorecard and referees and both team captains should sign the scorecard if possible.

8-0 In-game Responsibilities

A player whose name is on the card is deemed to have played. Names cannot be added to or deleted from the scorecard once the game has commenced- except under the circumstances in Rule 9-3a). The scorecard secretary shall make such records as are required under the rules.

9-0 Post-game Responsibilities

- 9-1 The Referees shall:
- a) Print their name, and sign the scorecard and certify the correctness of the scores, and the secretary's records.
 - b) Report in writing to the Blue Mountains Water Polo Committee the circumstances pertaining to the dismissal of a player from the remainder of the game within 48 hours of the offence.
- 9-2 Players ordered from the water
- a) Any player ordered from the water by the referees for the remainder of the match for Disrespect or Brutality must attend the next meeting of the Judiciary Committee. The player is not permitted to play in further matches before appearing at that meeting.
 - b) Any player sent from the water by referees for the remainder of the match for Misconduct- the use of foul language (not directed at the referee), violent or persistent foul play does not have to appear before the Judiciary.
- 9-3 The Captains shall:
- a) Sign the scorecard and certify the authenticity of their teams, the results and any reports on the card and the details of the other team. Any alterations should be noted and signed on the back of the card, eg- a player whose name appears on the card but did not play.

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- b) If their game is the last one of the session, to ensure that the goals and all equipment are stored in accordance with directions.
- 9-4 The Table Officials shall record their name on the scorecard.

10-0 Deferred or Postponed Games.

- 10-1 No game is to be deferred or postponed without prior approval of the Blue Mountains Water Polo Committee.
- 10-2 Any deferred game not played for any reason will result in neither team receiving any points for the game.
- 10-3 No game is to be played for double points.

11-0 Grading of Players, Teams and Eligibility

- 11-1 Any player in an age group restricted competition must be able to produce a copy of their birth certificate or other proof of age at the request of the Blue Mountains Water Polo Committee, or that player will be declared ineligible.
- 11-2 Where an unregistered or ineligible player plays;
 - a) The player's team shall receive nil points and nil goals for that game and the opposing team will be deemed to have won the game by five goals, of the actual winning margin, if more than five.
 - b) Where both teams have played unregistered or ineligible players each team shall receive nil points and nil goals.
- 11-3 Players shall be graded as follows;
 - Senior A Mixed top grade
 - Senior B Mixed lower grade
 - Under 18s For players born 1/1/85 or later
 - Under 15s For players born 1/1/88 or later
- 11-4 During the season no player shall be eligible to play in both Senior A and Senior B divisions, however a junior player may play in a Senior division provided that player is registered with that team.
- 11-5 A player shall not be eligible to play in a play-off, semi final, or grand final unless they have played at least 4 games with that team and was registered at that time.

12-0 Duration of Games.

- 12-1 All competition games are to be played in quarters of 5 minutes straight time. Half an hour is allotted per game.
- 12-2 In semi finals and grand finals the games are to be quarters of 7 minutes. If the teams are even at full time in semi finals, and grand finals then;
 - a) A 3-minute break, two periods each of 3 minutes actual play with an interval of 1 minute for the teams to change ends.
 - b) If at the end of the second period of extra time the score is equal there will be a penalty shoot out.

13-0 Determination of Premiers

- 13-1 A premier team shall be determined in each grade by playing semi finals, and grand final, between the four teams with the most competition points at the end of the competition rounds.
- 13-2 Competition Points: Win – 3, Draw – 2, Loss – 1, Forfeit/Disqualification – 0.
- 13-3 If two or more teams have equal points at the end of the competition rounds, then the final positions will be decided by the goal differences overall and then the highest goal scorer.
- 13-4 The number of team entries and pool availability will determine finals arrangement.

14-0 Judiciary Provisions

- 14-1 The Judiciary Committee shall;
 - a) Meet when necessary at a time and venue to be advised.

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- b) Comprise of a Chairman and at least two committee members determined by the Chairman or a roster.
- c) The Judiciary Committee shall consist of one nominated player from each Senior A team.

14-2 Penalties

- a) The Judiciary Committee shall have the power to impose penalties in accordance with the schedule of suggested penalties attached to these rules. The suggested penalties referred to in the schedule are not to be regarded as minimum penalties. They are suggestions only. The Judiciary Committee shall when imposing any penalty, take into account any relevant aggravating or mitigating circumstances as well as past history.
- b) Penalties may be applied by the Judiciary to any member of Blue Mountains Water Polo Club, Managers and Coaches.
- c) Penalties take effect to the date set by the Judiciary, that is one day after the number of suspended games in that grade have been completed.

14-3 Schedule of suggested Penalties.

Dissent: Of a referees decision will result in the player being sent out for a

Major foul.

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| Disrespect: | Directed at referee | 4games-12months |
| | Splashing | 4games-12months |
| | Gesturing | 4games-12months |
| | Cap off | 4games-12months |
| | Throwing Ball | 4games-12months |
| | Verballing | 4games-12months |
| Brutality: | Punching- no contact | 4games-2years |
| | - Contact | 6games-2years |
| | -Player injured | 10games-2years |
| | Kicking- no contact | 6games-3years |
| | - Contact | 8games-3years |
| | - Player injured | 12games-3years |
| | Head Butt -no contact | 8games-5years |
| | - Contact | 12games-5years |
| | - Player injured | 16games-5years |
| | Elbowing- contact | 12games-5years |
| | -Player injured | 16games-5years |
| | Manhandling referee | 5years |
| | Striking referee | Life |

Misbehaviour by a coach – if sent out of the pool area they cannot coach another team that night.

14-4 Deferment of Suspension

Whenever any penalty or suspension is imposed by the Judiciary the commencement of such suspension may be deferred at the discretion of the Judiciary.

14-5 Provocation and Retaliation

- a) In any case in which it is claimed a player was guilty of foul play by reason of provocative conduct on the part of another player or person such provocative conduct shall be no defence to foul play but may be taken account of in determining penalty.
- b) The fact that a player acted in retaliation shall be no defence to foul play, but may be taken account of in determining penalty.

14-6 Referees obligations

The referee is required to;

- a) Report incident on back of scorecard correctly
- b) Where possible supply names of witnesses
- c) Advise judiciary chairman of report
- d) Attend judiciary meeting where possible
- e) To submit a full written report, within 48 hours, in addition to the incident report on the card.

14-7 Player obligations

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- a) Be present at judiciary meeting convened after alleged event. If a player fails to attend the next meeting of the judiciary, without apology or accepted explanation, thenon-attendance will be taken as a plea of “guilty”.
- b) A player required to appear before the Judiciary may be accompanied by a representative from their team. A Junior player may also be accompanied by a parent.

14-8 Appeals

A player suspended by the Judiciary may appeal to the Blue Mountains Water Polo Committee. An appeal must;

- a) Be a written application concerning the grounds of appeal.
- b) Be received within 48 hours of the Judiciary’s decision being made.

14-9 Dealing with alleged incidents that occur in a game on which there is no referees report.

A team captain may report the alleged incident in writing to the opposition team requesting that the matter be investigated. The team should name the alleged offender where possible. A copy of any correspondence between teams should dbe forwarded to Blue Mountains Water Polo Committee.

15-0 Referee Appointments

- 15-1 Each team is to supply a referee that is competent to the scheduled referee duty allocated.
- 15-2 Referees shall show that they have fulfilled their obligation by both printing and signing the front of the scorecard, together with any reports required from the game.