



PARTICIPATION POLICY

North Brisbane Water Polo Club Inc. (Polo Bears) Participation Policy

- All players are expected to attend training as specified by the individual Team Coach and to maintain swim fitness for the season, in order to be considered for the maximum available game time on game days. Equal game time will be attempted to be given to players during the Round Games. Substitutions in water polo can only be made when there is a break in play (eg. Goal scored or end of quarter). Finals game time is 100% at the Coach's discretion.
- Coaches and their decisions must be respected at all times. If a player is disrupting a session a verbal warning will be given.
- If disruptive behaviour continues the player will be asked to leave the pool for 10 minutes, and a third incident will result in removal from the session and the matter reported to the player's parent/guardian. A player will be removed immediately from a session if their behaviour is deemed to compromise their own safety or others, or if the disruptive player is considered in grave disrespect of the coach.
- It is a courtesy to let your Coach know at training, but you MUST advise your Team Manager as soon as possible, if you are unable to play. If a Parent or Family member has an issue on EITHER game day or at training, the Team Coach may NOT be approached in the first instance. All enquiries must first be directed to the Team Manager to assess and deal with accordingly. If you do not wish to speak to the Team Manager, a Committee Member may be contacted. Only the Team Manager, Coach and Players are permitted poolside during games.
- On Game Day, all players are required to be at the pool 30 minutes before the match time, in order to take last minute instruction and to warm-up. All players in the team are required to remain together during this time. If a player is late to arrive without a valid reason, they may not expect to have extensive game time. Similarly if a player is not consistently and regularly present at training this same rule will apply.
- Team Coaches will be able to quickly assess where players are best placed in the water, and these players are asked to respect the coach's decision and act accordingly.
- In order for a team to be successful at any level, it is expected that all players will put in their best effort at all times, and respect their fellow players regardless of individual ability.
- In order for all Parents/Guardians to enjoy watching their own players compete, it is expected that they will all take a turn at Bench Duty, and to this end, each Manager will draw up a roster to allow for fairness to all Parents.
- Parents/Guardians are reminded also to please behave in a respectful manner on game day, towards other Teams and Spectators, in order for a positive image of the Club to be projected.
- All players in the eligible age group will be able to trial for representative teams. The Coach's decision herein is final. Representative players are responsible for all costs associated with entering a championship.