



## SWPSA Selection Criteria – Best Utility Player

### U19 Girls and Boys Age Group

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#### 1. Versatility and Adaptability

- Can effectively play in multiple positions — defence, attack, and counter situations.
- Demonstrates understanding of various tactical roles (hole D, driver, wing, point, etc.).
- Adjusts seamlessly to the team's needs, filling gaps where required.

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#### 2. Consistency and Reliability

- Performs solidly across multiple games, not just in standout moments.
- Dependable under pressure — coaches can rely on them in crunch time.
- Maintains high work ethic from start to finish, regardless of scoreline.

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#### 3. Two-Way Contribution

- Contributes **both attackingly and defensively** — e.g. scoring when needed, creating opportunities, and shutting down key opponents.
- Transitions quickly between attack and defence.
- Supports counter-attacks and recovers effectively.

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#### 4. Team Impact

- Makes teammates better — through communication, positioning, and unselfish play.
- Provides leadership in and out of the water, even if not the captain.
- Encourages others, maintains morale, and sets the tone through effort.

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## 5. Statistical Influence (Secondary but Helpful)

- Goals scored and assists when applicable.
- Steals, exclusions earned, and defensive stops.
- Involvement in key game moments (e.g., 6-on-5, steals during man-down).

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## 6. Game Intelligence

- Reads the game well and makes smart decisions — doesn't force plays.
- Anticipates transitions and adapts to opponent tactics.
- Communicates clearly and constructively with teammates.

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## 7. Attitude and Sportsmanship

- Positive attitude on deck and in the pool.
- Respects referees, opponents, and coaches.
- Displays commitment, humility, and team-first mindset.

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