



SWPSA Selection Criteria – Best Utility Player

U19 Girls and Boys Age Group

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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