



# Schools Water Polo South Africa

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## **Announcement of the U16 Girls (Born 2010 or later) Team selected to participate at the Australia Youth Water Polo Championships, Brisbane, Australia, 8 – 18 April 2026**

15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Schools Water Polo South Africa is proud to announce the selection of the national schools' water polo team that will represent South Africa at the 2026 Australia Youth Water Polo Championships, to be held in Brisbane, Australia from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

The team was selected following a comprehensive and rigorous selection process based on performances throughout the 2025 schools water polo season, with particular emphasis on the SA Schools Inter Provincial Tournament in December. Selectors evaluated athletes on technical ability, tactical awareness, consistency, teamwork and their demonstration of the values that underpin Schools Water Polo South Africa.

Selection to a national schools' team is both an honour and a responsibility. The chosen athletes will represent not only their schools and provinces, but also South African schools water polo on the international stage, acting as ambassadors for the sport and the country.

Schools Water Polo South Africa congratulates all selected players and extends its appreciation to the many athletes who were considered during the selection process. The depth of talent across the country continues to reflect the strength and growth of schools' water polo in South Africa. The organisation wishes the selected teams every success as they prepare to compete against leading youth water polo nations in Brisbane, Australia.

Selection to represent Schools Water Polo South Africa is a significant achievement and reflects the dedication shown by these athletes over a sustained period. We are confident that the selected teams will compete with pride, discipline and resilience, while continuing to build the international profile of South African schools' water polo.

Final tour budgets will be confirmed by Friday, 16 January 2026, with payment schedules starting on Friday, 30 January 2026. Further details on training camps, travel, and logistics will be shared with selected players and parents in due course.

Selected players must please confirm their **intention to participate** via the online registration link – [REGISTRATION LINK](#). Final commitments to participation will be required by Friday, 23 January 2026. A parent Q&A section will be available on the SWPSA website: <https://swpsa.co.za/> from Wednesday, 17 December 2025.

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RICHARD IRVINE  
SWPSA CHAIRMAN

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## **U16 Girls Team**

### **Athletes**

<b><u>NAME AND SURNAME</u></b>	<b><u>SCHOOLS PROVINCE</u></b>
1. Caylin Mackenzie (GK)	Buffalo City
2. Emily Hattingh	Buffalo City
3. Hannah Hattingh	Buffalo City
4. Isabella Batistich	Western Province
5. Jodi Carr	Buffalo City
6. Kate van Biljon	Buffalo City
7. Kiera-Yenn Naidoo	Buffalo City
8. Makalya Ojo	Kwa-Zulu Natal
9. Mary Aylward	Kwa-Zulu Natal
10. Mia Gibson	Eden
11. Olivia Cairns	Kwa-Zulu Natal
12. Rosslyn Squair	Eden
13. Samantha van Hille	Central Gauteng
14. Sian Lester (GK)	Western Province
15. Tayla Bosman	Western Province

### **Team Staff**

<b><u>NAME AND SURNAME</u></b>	<b><u>SCHOOLS PROVINCE</u></b>
Kate Meintjes – Team Manager	Western Province
Ismaeel Essa – Head Coach	Western Province
Jessica Brown – Assistant Coach	Western Province

### **Non-Travelling Reserves**

<b><u>NAME AND SURNAME</u></b>	<b><u>SCHOOLS PROVINCE</u></b>
1. Alexis James	Central Gauteng
2. Emily Nienaber (GK)	Kwa-Zulu Natal
3. Eva Hacking	Western Province
4. Kristin Bratby	Central Gauteng
5. Leah Kent	Kwa-Zulu Natal
6. Lily Collins	Nelson Mandela Bay
7. London Remley	Kwa-Zulu Natal
8. Michaela Morrison	Kwa-Zulu Natal
9. Michaela Sampson	Central Gauteng
10. Ruby Lumb	Western Province

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