



South African Schools Water Polo Selection Criteria — Australian Youth Water Polo Championships Tour

U16 & U18 Girls and Boys

U16 Girls and Boys – 5th – 19th April 2025

U18 Girls and Boys – 1st – 13th April 2025

26 November 2025

To be considered for selection to the touring teams, athletes must meet the following criteria. All players selected will be awarded South African Schools Colours.

Eligibility

- Must fall within the relevant age group:
 - **U16:** Born in 2010 or later
 - **U18:** Born in 2008 or 2009
- Must be registered with SWPSA

Mandatory Participation

- **Must have competed at the 2025 SWPSA Inter-Provincial Tournament (IPT) in Johannesburg** and in the appropriate Age Group division.
- Must have played a minimum of 50% of matches at the IPT to be eligible, unless medically excused

Performance & Technical Assessment

Selections will be based on:

- Demonstrated skill level, positional ability, and tactical understanding.
- Match performance, statistics, and coach assessments from IPT.
- Adaptability — ability to play multiple positions (valued but not mandatory).
- Improvement trajectory and long-term development potential.



Character, Conduct & Team Culture

Athletes must demonstrate:

- Positive sportsmanship, leadership, and respect for officials, teammates, and opponents.
- No record of disciplinary action at the IPT.
- Strong teamwork, communication, and coachability.

Physical Preparedness

- Must commit to tour training camps, preparation sessions, and monitoring.

Commitment & Availability

- Must be available for all scheduled pre-tour training, camps, administration, and full duration of travel and competition.
- Must comply with SWPSA codes of conduct, safeguarding policies, and anti-doping regulations.

Administrative Requirements

- Completion of all tour documentation by required deadlines.
- Valid passport with appropriate travel validity.

Selection Process

- Selection panel appointed by SWPSA, including Tour coaches.
- Selection decisions will be documented and communicated formally.
- **Teams will be announced at 13:00 (1:00 PM) on Monday, 15th December 2025.**