

# Water Polo



## Activity scope

This document relates to student participation in Water Polo as a curriculum activity including skills development, team training and competition matches conducted by schools.



## Minimum activity-specific qualifications

- **For the adult taking overall responsibility for water safety:**

- [Bronze Medallion](#) or equivalent (e.g. Pool Lifeguard), **OR**
- A statement of attainment from a registered training organisation or governing sporting body covering the *SISCAQU202A Perform basic water rescue* or an [equivalent](#) unit of competency, **OR**
- Competence (demonstrated ability) to recognise, prevent and respond to an emergency in, on and around the swimming pool.

*Competency is assessed annually and considers the aquatic environment that the activity is taking place in to ensure currency and relevance.*

- **For the adult leading the activity:**

- Level One Water Polo coaching course from [Get Active Queensland](#) or [Water Polo Queensland](#) or equivalent, **OR**
- Level One refereeing qualification from [Australian Water Polo Inc.](#)

## Minimum activity-specific equipment/facilities

- Flotation and reaching aids – reaching aids may include light-weight poles, noodles or ropes with a float attached.
- Goals should be constructed of safe materials which meet the standards specified in the official Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) [water polo rules](#).
- Note that mouthguards and water polo caps should be considered for full contact games.

## Activity-specific hazards/risks and suggested control measures

- Check pool for debris and foreign objects before and during game or lesson.
- Check equipment for damage before lesson.
- Equipment should be stored away from chemical stores and plant rooms.
- Rules which restrict physical contact and rough play should be enforced.
- Adhere to rules of modified '[Flippa Ball](#)' where required or necessary.
- If using electrical equipment, check that connections are safe.
- Adopt signals for assistance required.
- Ensure students are competent swimmers.
- Guidelines/codes of practice have been established for this activity, refer to [Water Polo Queensland](#), [Australian Water Polo](#).

## Useful activity-specific links

- Australian Water Polo Inc  
<http://www.australianwaterpolo.com.au>
- Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA)  
<http://www.fina.org>



- FINA water polo rules  
[http://www.fina.org/H2O/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&id=85&Itemid=184](http://www.fina.org/H2O/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=85&Itemid=184)
- Get Active Queensland Accreditation Program  
<http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/community-programs/education-training/accreditation-program/index.html>
- Royal Life Saving Society Australia – Bronze Medallion  
<http://www.royallifesaving.com.au/training/bronze-medallion>
- Vocational Education and Training  
<http://training.gov.au/>
- Water Polo Queensland  
<http://www.waterpoloqld.com.au/>

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