



## WATER POLO

### WATER POLO REFEREES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

#### General Rules of the Association

##### Abbreviations:

Water Polo Referees Association of South Africa	<b>WPRASA</b>
Federation of International Aquatics	<b>FINA</b>
Swimming South Africa	<b>SSA</b>
Annual General Meeting	<b>AGM</b>
Technical Water Polo Committee	<b>TWPC</b>

Water Polo referees of South Africa are to resurrect the old South African Water Polo Referees Association in the name “**Water Polo Referees Association of South Africa**” (**WPRASA**). The association is to be managed under the auspices of Swimming South Africa using the constitution of SSA and the bye laws accepted by the SSA executive.

In its activities **WPRASA** acts in conformity with the principles of FINA and it is a condition of membership that the members declare their willingness to accept the Articles of Association throughout the period of their membership of WPRASA and conform to the constitution of SSA.

**WPRASA** is a non-profit making association in which no political or religious distinction, or discrimination is allowed.

**WPRASA** seeks to promote the fraternity of good sportsmanship within South Africa.

The official language of **WPRASA** is English.

## AIMS

The aims **WPRASA** are:

- ❖ To encourage collaboration between all referees and to protect their common interests
- ❖ To establish and maintain collaboration between Swimming South Africa, FINA and their respective affiliate technical committees
- ❖ To provide advice on the FINA. Rules of Water Polo in order to contribute towards a consistent application of the rules
- ❖ To provide advice regarding the systems of refereeing practiced in the various countries in order to bring about a generally accepted conception of refereeing which would be best suited to the demands of the sport
- ❖ To encourage direct contacts between the referees of the various provinces in order to facilitate the exchange of experiences, to improve mutual understanding, to extend contacts and to reinforce friendship between the members
- ❖ To develop and include all interested referees at all levels from South Africa
- ❖ To publicise the availability of any materials or aids which might be of benefit to the training of referees
- ❖ To assist affiliates in their referee technical committees and ensuring that the affiliates are in line with the rules of **WPRASA**
- ❖ To supply training material to affiliate referee technical committees
- ❖ To request the hosting of FINA Referee Schools and Clinics to SSA

## MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ Membership of **WPRASA** is free and available to all citizens of South Africa capitated to Swimming South Africa
- ❖ Retired referees
- ❖ Table officials
- ❖ Referees who wish to join **WPRASA** shall submit an application to the Secretary, providing the relevant details as required
- ❖ If a member fails to respect the articles of association, the committee shall have the power to suspend his / her membership or to exclude him / her from membership of **WPRASA** subject to the member having the right of appeal to SSA

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- ❖ The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall take place annually at the Currie Cup National Water Polo Championships
- ❖ Members shall be given not less than one months' notice of the date and venue of the AGM, including an agenda of the business to be transacted by the secretary by email to each member and affiliate chairperson
- ❖ All members shall have one vote each

- ❖ The voting process shall be in writing by each member on a voting slip supplied by the secretary at the AGM when the election process is on the agenda
- ❖ The chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to one vote
- ❖ The order of the business to be transacted at the AGM shall be as follows:
  - a) Address of the Chairperson
  - b) Report of the Secretary
  - c) Report of the Treasurer
  - d) Proposals (if any) to amend the articles of association
  - e) Election of the Chairperson
  - f) Election of the Secretary
  - g) Election of the Treasurer
  - h) Other business

Nominations for office of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary not later than one month before the date of the AGM.

## **COMMITTEE**

- ❖ The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and a member from each Province. These members shall not be current international referees to avoid confrontation
- ❖ The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of once a year other than at the AGM
- ❖ The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member or members with specific responsibilities

## **ALTERATION TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

- ❖ Proposals to amend the Articles of Association shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary not later than three months prior to the AGM
- ❖ Amendments to the Articles of Association shall require the approval of three-quarters (75%) of those present and voting at the AGM. A meeting quorum is thereby defined as 50% of the executive
- ❖ Any amendment which may be approved under this Article shall become effective one month following the date of the AGM
- ❖ Members not at the AGM may vote by proxy and this proxy must be received by the secretary no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the AGM

## **REFEREE GRADING SYSTEM**

**To qualify for the Referee Grading System – Each referee must satisfy the following criteria:**

- ❖ Referee in Top League Division in place of residence each season
- ❖ Referee at Currie Cup
- ❖ Referee at schools events and affiliate tournaments

- ❖ Referee at any other tournaments as determined by the association
- ❖ Have to attend FINA School bi-annually if held in South Africa
- ❖ Would be FINA referees must attend the FINA School bi-annually
- ❖ Referees must attend total days of competition and assist with delegation duties and were else required for Currie Cup and other competitions

All of the above criteria have to be met as a minimum to satisfy the grading system and to further into FINA International Water Polo Referee

The Following Grades will apply

1. International Referee
  - a. A
  - b. B
  - c. C
2. National Referee
  - a. A
  - b. B
  - c. C
3. Affiliate Referee
  - a. A
  - b. B
  - c. C
4. Developing Referee

All referees are to be graded by delegates in their affiliates in a confidential and adult manner, and at national tournaments the grading persons will be appointed by the **WPRASA** committee

### **Delegate Job Description**

- ❖ To oversee all technical aspects of Water Polo throughout the tournament
- ❖ To liaise with the Technical Water Polo Committee throughout the tournament
- ❖ To appoint referees for all games at the tournament
- ❖ To delegate games and grading of referees
- ❖ To advise if required in disciplinary matters

### **Appointment of Referees at Tournaments**

The laws of SSA stipulate that each affiliate that attends nationals are required to have one qualified referee per team. This enables nationals to have sufficient referees

**WPRASA** will collate and maintain a database of all registered referees, with their grading, rating and attendance

## **Dress Code of Referees**

White Longs  
SA Water Polo Sports/Golf Shirt  
White Socks  
White Shoes  
Rain Jacket

## **COMUNICATION TO SWIMMING SOUTH AFRICA**

The **WPRSA** executive committee will decide on all matters on this association. This decision will be given in writing to Swimming South Africa for ratification. Allocation of referees for international duties for FINA events is carried out by the FINA TWPC, and all other events such as Commonwealth Games, International matches etc. will be allocated by the **WPRSA** executive for ratification by SSA for ratification