

1. GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

The 2017 Swimming South Africa National Aquatic Championships for Water Polo (hereafter “the Championship”), will be held at the Stellenbosch University and Paul Roos High School Aquatic Centre, Stellenbosch, from 17H00 on 17th March 2017 to 17H00, 21st March 2017.

- 1.1. The Provincial Teams in the Men’s A and Women’s A section may be representative of, club teams, combination of club teams - within a province and provincial teams.
- 1.2. In order to increase the number of players and teams at the 2017 South African National Aquatic Championship – Water Polo, Swimming South Africa will consider, subject to adequate motivation, permission for registered club players from one Affiliate, to be incorporated into teams of another Affiliate.
 - 1.2.1. The reason for this initiative is to provide opportunities for high level players to participate at the S A National Aquatic Championships and be available for selection.
 - 1.2.2. This application and motivation must be received prior to 27th January 2017.
- 1.3. The Teams in the Men’s U/18 and Women’s U/18 section will be Provincial Teams.
- 1.4. The playing venues for the sections will be:
 - 1.4.1. Stellenbosch
 - Men A
 - Ladies A
 - 1.4.2. Paul Roos
 - Men 18 & Under
 - Ladies 18 & Under

2. ENTRY PROCEDURES

- 2.1. All SSA Affiliates, who have Water Polo players, Coaches, Managers and Technical Officials registered with SSA are invited to compete at the Championship
 - 2.1.1. Unregistered players, coaches, managers and technical officials will not be allowed to participate in the Championship.
- 2.2. Men’s Section, will be an A section, and 18 and under section (players born in 1999 and later);
- 2.3. Women’s Section will be an A Section and 18 and under section (players born in 1999 and later).
- 2.4. All teams that wish to compete in this tournament must complete the Intention to Compete Form as attached and send details via their Affiliate to Swimming South Africa on or before the 27th January 2017 together with proof of payment of entry fee per team.
- 2.5. All costs for the team’s participation and accommodation will be the responsibility of the



Affiliate.

- 2.6. Entry Fee for the Championship is R5500.00 per team entered. (R4500.00 plus SSA Levy R1000.00.

NOTE: Affiliates that require invoices for payment purposes must request from SSA before closing date of payment 27th January 2017.

- 2.7. The closing date with payment into SSA account is 27th January 2017.

Bank : ABSA BANK
Acc. Number : 100790807
Branch : The Zone Rosebank
Code : 508005

- 2.8. Payment and proof of payment must be sent to SSA through the affiliate.
2.9. The relevant Team Manager must bring a copy of proof of payment to SA National Championships.
2.10. The deadline for the final named entries for teams, including athletes, coaches, managers and referees is Friday 24th February 2017. The Provincial President must sign off these entries.

3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- 3.1. Only technical officials registered with SSA will be eligible to officiate.
3.2. Provinces must nominate one referee per team, funded by the affiliate and the referee must be available for the duration of the championships.
3.3. If however due to lack of qualified referee's in an affiliates region, application may be made to the Organizing Committee to allow a player, coach or manager participating in the tournament to fulfill the duties of the assigned neutral referee. These concession neutral referees will not referee the section that they are playing, coaching or managing.
3.4. Affiliates that do not supply a suitable referee per team at the start of the tournament will pay a R5 000.00 fine.
3.5. Technical Officials must be correctly attired, white trousers, white shoes and tournament shirt.
3.6. The referees meeting will be held on Friday 17th March 2017 at 17h30 at Stellenbosch University Aquatics Centre

4. TEAM OFFICIALS

- 4.1. Only team officials registered with SSA will be eligible to coach and manage teams.
4.2. Team Officials must be correctly attired, long trousers, closed shoes and identical shirt. Failure to comply will result in the exclusion of the official for that game.



- 4.3. The managers meeting will be held on Friday 17th March 2017 at 17h00 at Stellenbosch University Aquatics Centre

5. COMPETITION RULES

- 5.1. FINA rules will apply for all sections. Specific competition By Laws are detailed below.
- 5.2. The 18 & U Section (Born 1999 and later) is for Provincial Affiliate Teams
 - 5.2.1. The selected SA U17A Men's and Ladies Teams will participate in the 18 & U sections respectively.
 - 5.2.2. These selected players will not be available for their provinces.
- 5.3. The Men's and Ladies A Section will be for Club/Provincial Teams that are affiliated to SSA through their provincial affiliate
 - 5.3.1. Should an individual club team not be strong enough to compete at the tournament, an Affiliate franchise team (a combination of capitated club players) may be entered.
 - 5.3.2. Permission for Players capitated with one affiliate to be released by their Affiliate to play for another club/franchise team in another affiliated region at the tournament must be requested from SSA. (this is to ensure that all the top senior players in the country participate in the National Championships).
 - 5.3.3. Requests for permission from SSA must be received by the closing date 24th February 2017.
- 5.4. Players, coaches, managers and officials must be capitated to SSA through their affiliate.
- 5.5. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION BE ACCEPTED BY SSA, AFTER THE 15th FEBRUARY 2017. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.
- 5.6. A maximum of 16 players may be named per team. Only 14 players may play per game.
- 5.7. The 2 goal-keepers per match, as per FINA rules do NOT apply.
- 5.8. Each team will have Minimum of 1 coach and 1 manager. These persons are to be allocated to that team only.
- 5.9. Teams first on team fixture will wear white caps and start to the left of the official table.
- 5.10. Teams must provide their own caps. Players must wear the same design and colour swimsuit. Failure to comply will be the exclusion of the player in that game.
- 5.11. The transformation policy for the event is:
 - 5.11.1. Men's and Ladies' U/ 18 teams - A minimum of 2 black players per team and 1 black official per team.
 - 5.11.2. Men's and Ladies' A Section teams - A minimum of 1 black player per team and 1 black official per team.
 - 5.11.3. Table officials must time and monitor playing time of the black players.



- 5.11.4. Each black player per team must play a minimum of 8 minutes per match.
- 5.11.5. The table official must inform the managers of the respective teams of the time remaining at the start of the 4th quarter.
- 5.11.6. Should coaches fail to play their black players for the allotted time, then the game will be forfeited and the coach will appear before the disciplinary committee.
- 5.11.7. Teams that arrive without a black official or teams that do not have a black official on the team bench during a game will forfeit their game.
- 5.11.8. SSA reserves the right to take additional action against the offending Affiliate.

6. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 6.1. The members of the Water Polo Technical Committee present at the Tournament and the Tournament Technical Delegate will constitute a Disciplinary committee.
- 6.2. Misconduct – exclusion from that game and if necessary a hearing will be held.
- 6.3. Violence – exclusion from that game and a one game suspension and if necessary a hearing will be held.
- 6.4. Brutality – exclusion from that game and a two game suspension with a disciplinary hearing.
- 6.5. Coaches and managers that receive a red card will serve a minimum of one game suspension and if necessary a hearing will be held.
- 6.6. Official misdemeanors are as per FINA Rules.

7. SELECTORS

- 7.1. All National Selectors must be present at the tournament for the full duration of the event.
- 7.2. SSA reserves the right to co-opt additional selectors if required.

