

## ST1 – REPRESENTATIVE STATE TEAMS

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this policy is to provide a guideline on matters associated with sending Representative State Teams (RST) to National Championships conducted under the auspice of Australian Water Polo Inc.

### SAWPI DELEGATED AUTHORITY

- The Executive Officer, or the Board of Director's sanctioned delegate, is responsible for
  - Overseeing the overall organisation of RST.
  - Ensuring that all appointed coaches, managers and players receive appropriate guidelines with regard to their duties and responsibilities.
  - Ensuring that all appointed coaches, managers and players have signed the relevant SAWPI agreement forms that acknowledges the receipt of the relevant SAWPI guidelines and confirms their acceptance to the SAWPI appointment conditions.
  - Providing, in the first instance, answers to any queries relating to RST from coaches, players, parents and managers.
  - Conducting mid-point review of the training program for each RST.
  - Coordinating any responses that may need to be directed to the Board of Directors.

### TRAVEL TO CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors, RST will travel to a nominated National Championship by air.
- Travel arrangements for National Championships shall be arranged using preferred suppliers of AWPI and SAWPI.
- All members of a RST shall travel together. Where an individual is granted permission to make alternative arrangements, that individual shall be responsible for making their own alternative arrangements and still be required to contribute to the cost of the team.
- SAWPI is only responsible for organising travel and accommodation for the team members and officials attending a nominated National Championship

### TRAVEL AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Appropriate travel will be arranged during a National Championship to move athletes to all venues for the duration of the event.

## ACCOMMODATION

- Unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors, each team (male and female) shall stay at different accommodation.
- The nature of accommodation selected for teams will have consideration of the following criteria:
  - close proximity to playing venue
  - the availability of self contained apartments
  - reasonable rates.

## TEAM UNIFORM

- All athletes representing RST are required to wear the approved uniform as stipulated in the SAWPI uniform Brochure.

## COSTS

- The athletes selected for a RST shall share the cost (Travel, Accommodation and Car Hire/Petrol) of participating at a National Championship.
- The athletes selected in a RST shall be levied the cost of sending the Coach and Manager away with the team. (Player Levy)
- The athletes shall be levied (approx. 2% of the total cost for travel, accommodation and car hire/petrol) for the administrative cost of arranging the team to attend the nominated National Championship. (Administration Levy)
- Athletes will be sent an invoice to cover the Travel, Accommodation and Car Hire/Petrol, Player and Administration levies as soon as possible after the team has been ratified by the Board of Directors.
- The Association shall pay the cost of providing a qualified Referee to attend National Championships.
- Athletes will be required to purchase the approved uniform as stipulated in the SAWPI uniform Brochure. Payment of uniform orders is to be arranged with the Team Manager.
- The withdrawal of an athlete within three day of departure will be required to pay 50% of the necessary costs, as advised by the Board.
- All costs for RST participants must be paid in full prior to the team's departure for the event..

## TEAM SELECTION

- All potential members of a RST shall be notified of the commencement of the training program.
- The selection of RST shall be made by the Selection Committee.
- Each committee will include the coach, Executive Officer and a sanctioned delegate of the Board.

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- RST selection shall be based on
  - attendance
  - attitude
  - experience
  - knowledge
  - skill level
  - playing ability
  - team senseas adjudged by the Selection Committee.
- All selections are to be ratified by the Board of Directors, in line with the requirements of the Constitution.
- Any dispute over the selection of an athlete is to be dealt with by the Selection Committee in the first instance and the Board in the second instance.
- For the State Under 14 team's (selected for the East Coast Challenge or similar State based championship) and the State 16 and Under team's (selected for the Australian Championships) that up to 13 players shall be selected. If the coach of a RST wants to select a 14th and / or a 15th player the coach must present to the Board at least six weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament a written submission detailing the reasons why the extra player or players should be selected, the final decision remains with the Board.

### TEAM APPOINTMENTS

- The Board of Directors shall appoint a Coach for each RST as stipulated in SAWPI Policies and Procedures ST3.
- The Board of Directors shall appoint a Manager/s for each RST whose role is described in SAWPI Policies and Procedures ST4.
- Managers shall be of suitable experience, seniority and maturity. The Manager of a girls/junior women side must be female, where the Coach is male. The Manager of a boys/junior men side must be male, where the Coach is female.
- The Manager shall have authority to
  - provide directions to the team
  - impose disciplinary action on playersin matters outside of the competition environment.

**HOST STATE**

- Where South Australia is the host of a National Championship, each athlete selected for a RST will be required to contribute to a levy, as determined by the Board from time to time.

**DRAFTS**

- A draft player will make his or her own arrangement to travel to the Host State of the Championship.
- Where a draft is required for a RST, that draft will be required to contribute their portion to the following costs:
  - Player Levy
  - Accommodation
  - Car Hire & Petrol
  - Team Uniform (if required)
  - Administration Levy

**RELATED POLICY & PROCEDURE**

AD2 - Code of Conduct

ST2 - Representative State Team Referees

ST3 - Representative State Team Coaches

ST4 - Role of Manager / Manageress

ST5 - State Team Code of Conduct