

EOI FOR NOMINATION AS CHIEF REFEREE

Background

Underwater Rugby Australia (UWRA) is a governing body set up by representatives from all 7 of Australia's underwater rugby clubs (yes, we have 7 now!) to work together to drive the sport forward. Each club nominates a representative to UWRA through their own internal processes. Those reps then squirrel away to plan sometimes boring but important things like the event schedule for the year.

For example, when we consider when and where to host tournaments and training camps, we try to take into account the following: maximising overall participation nationally, assisting growth of the sport in new areas (such as Adelaide!), and ensuring considerations of fairness are thought through (so that opportunities to host events get shared around).

One of the reasons why it's good to have a body like the UWRA is because we're all spread so far apart in Australia, and the fact that our clubs are all at different stages of growth and development. Because of this, we need to work together to ensure that the different UWR clubs support each other and that the voices of the smaller clubs are also heard and valued.

Another area that the UWRA sees a role in is to try and ensure that we have fair and transparent processes for important national level initiatives, like the selection process for the National Team.

The UWRA itself is governed by a document called the **UWRA By-Laws** and at present **Item: 5.8 & 5.9** require that nominations be made every year for the role of Chief Referee. As such, the UWRA is therefore required to call for nominations from players/foundation members for the role of Chief Referee for the 2016-2017 Underwater Rugby season.

Expressions of Interest

The role of the Chief Referee will be that of providing UNDERSTANDING, INPUT, OVERSIGHT and TRAINING on all of the **CMAS International Rules** for **Underwater Rugby**.

The UWRA representatives from each club will consult with each other to appoint the chief referee from all of the expressions of interest received by the stated closing date. In appointing the chief referee, the executive committee will consider the following in accordance with the UWRA By-Laws: 5.8 & 5.9

Criteria

The nominating person must have a driving commitment to develop, promote and educate all Underwater Rugby players, referees and coaches how to play Underwater Rugby in **Full Compliance** with the latest **CMAS International Rules for Underwater Rugby**.

The Chief Referee must take a pro-active role in consulting with referees, coaches and players from all UWRA affiliated clubs to discuss the interpretation and understanding of the abovementioned rules. (As well as taking into account the implications of potential conflicts of interest).

The executive committee will evaluate and appoint a Chief Referee based on a combination of the following criteria:

- the applicant's experience as a player
- the applicant's experience as a team manager, coach and referee
- the applicant's understanding and knowledge of the **CMAS International Rules for Underwater Rugby**
- the underwater rugby community's trust in the applicant's impartiality

In addition to the abovementioned criteria, the applicant will be considered against their commitment and likely ability to meet the following prerequisites:

- Commitment to attend all UWRA sanctioned events for the 2016 -2017 UWR season.
- Commitment to attend all NT selection events leading up to the selection of the final team for the 2017 European Championships. (including dedicated NT training camps and NT side events at tournaments)
- Be willing to develop training materials, presentations and deliver referees training courses before each UWRA sanctioned event that will assist players to better understand the various rules, signals and requirements of the **CMAS International Rules for Underwater Rugby**.
- Chief Referees will have to cover their own cost of attendance at these events.

Submission

Expressions of interests can simply consist of a quick email to info@uwra.org.au and chairman@uwra.org.au

Applicants can also choose to include in the email a written response to any of the criteria or requirements mentioned above.

Submissions need to be received by: **23h59** on the **25th May 2016**