



Underwater Rugby Australia (UWRA)

By-Laws

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I. OBJECTS OF THE UWRA

The objects of the UWRA are: —

1. Act as the Underwater Rugby Commission of the Australian Underwater Federation Incorporated.
2. Promote and adhere to the rules and constitution of the AUF and CMAS UW-Rugby Commissions.
3. Promote and develop the sport of Underwater Rugby in Australia and surrounding Pacific region.
4. Sanction, provide oversight and regulate the Australian Underwater Rugby National Championships and other major Underwater Rugby events held in Australia.
5. Promote safe underwater rugby play and training, good sportsmanship, nondiscrimination and equal opportunity.
6. Oversee the selection of Australian Team Coaches and Officials
7. Oversee the selection of Australian National Teams
8. Liaise with national and international governments, sporting authorities, underwater rugby organisations, and other relevant peak sporting bodies;

1. VOTING RIGHTS

- 1.1 Voting rights at Underwater Rugby Australia (UWRA) meetings are one vote per Management Committee Member – with the Chairman or their nominee allowed to cast a deciding vote, should such be required.
- 1.2 The Management Committee members consist of the President (Chair), Treasurer, Secretary, and the appointed club “Delegate”.
 - 1.2.1 A “Delegate” is an elected representative from an ‘Affiliated Club’ and is listed in Schedule 1 of the By-Laws.
 - 1.2.2 An ‘Affiliated Club’ shall be defined as one which is listed in Schedule 1 of the By-Laws.
 - 1.2.3 An ‘Affiliated Club’ is entitled to one “Delegate” each.
 - 1.2.4 Any ‘Non-Affiliated Club’ may send an observer to UWRA meetings, but shall have no vote.
 - 1.2.5 Except for a deciding vote cast by the Chair, all “Delegate’s” have one vote each.
 - 1.2.6 A “Delegate” may choose to abstain in any vote.
 - 1.2.7 A “Delegate” may provide a signed document indicating their decision to appoint another “Delegate” as “PROXY” to vote on their behalf at a meeting if unable to attend.
- 1.3 There are several ‘Special Roles’ as listed in Schedule 2 of the By-Laws which may be filled by any member of the Association, but does not entitle the bearer to voting rights on the Management Committee.
- 1.4 A special majority is where there is a 75% or greater weight of votes in favour of a motion.

2. FINANCE

- 2.1 UWRA membership fees are set by the UWRA membership at an AGM. **Suspended Nov 18**
- 2.2 UWRA fees are due 1 July of each year, to coincide with the start of the UWRA financial year. **Suspended Nov 18**
- 2.3 The financial accounts of UWRA, where there are any, are to be subject to annual financial reporting and the UWRA Treasurer shall forward the report to the representative of each Affiliated Club within the financial reporting period.
- 2.4 The financial accounts of UWRA, where there are any, are to be subject to periodic financial audit and the UWRA Treasurer shall forward the relevant auditor’s reports to the representative of each Affiliated Club.
- 2.5 The UWRA financial reporting period shall be from 1 July to 30 June of the following financial year.



3. MEETINGS

- 3.1 The UWRA Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at an appropriate time at least two months prior to the AUF federal AGM.
- 3.2 The venue and location for the UWRA AGM shall be as nominated by the Committee members from time to time. Costs may be borne by the UWRA are venue hire secretarial services, refreshments, and snacks. Clubs shall cover all costs incurred by their “Delegate” if required.
- 3.3 All motions to be considered at meetings of the UWRA shall be tabled in the MEETING AGENDA by a Committee member at least 15 days before physical meetings and 14 days before online meetings.
- 3.4 A motion is tabled when placed on the agenda and circulated in writing or by email.
- 3.5 Should any motion be brought that was not properly tabled (as described at Item 3.3 and 3.4 above), that motion may be vetoed by any “Delegate”.
- 3.6 A ‘meeting’ can include online forms of interaction such as email, instant messaging and video conferencing applications.
- 3.7 An online meeting shall be called at least 14 days in advance by notifying all other Delegate’s in writing or by email; the meeting must be supported by at least 2 other Delegate’s.
- 3.8 A physical meeting shall be called at least 30 days in advance by notifying all other Delegate’s in writing or by email; the meeting must be endorsed by at least 2 other Delegate’s.
- 3.9 Should any meeting take place that was not properly called (as described in items 3.7 and 3.8 above) any motions that were passed during that meeting may be vetoed by any Delegates who were absent from the meeting within 30 days of the meeting.
- 3.10 A quorum of not less than 50% of the Delegates are required for any meeting.
- 3.11 Unless otherwise specified, decisions voted on and approved at any UWRA meeting shall be in force upon conclusion of the meeting.
- 3.12 All “Delegate’s shall provide a report at the AGM as per Schedule 5.
- 3.13 This item and items 3.3-3.11 can only be amended with a special majority at a meeting where all Committee Members are present.

4. RECORDS AND DOCUMENTATION

- 4.1 The control and up-keep of all UWRA documentation such as By-Laws, guidelines, position descriptions, forms and records are the responsibility of the Chairman or persons appointed by the UWRA management committee and must be made publicly accessible within 2 months from publication.
- 4.2 The management committee will be tasked to review the Associations Rules and By-Laws every (2) Two years on a rotating basis and make any required revisions, updates or deletions to the applicable documents to ensure compliance with the latest Acts, Regulations, Codes of Practice or associations requirements to improve the functioning, safety, processes and practices of the UWRA and or its members.

5. APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

- 5.1 A “Delegate” of the UWRA is an elected representative from an Affiliated Club and is listed in Schedule 1 of the By-Laws.

- 5.2 A new Affiliated Club may be added to Schedule 1 by unanimous vote of the management committee at a meeting or by committee resolution.
- 5.3 Delegate's shall be nominated by the executives/members of each Affiliated Club for election at the AGM and nomination confirmed in writing on Form: UWRA MD-002 by the nominated "Delegate".
- 5.4 Affiliated Clubs may recall or replace their "Delegate" at any time provided proper internal processes for executive decision making, in accordance with their respective constitutions, has been followed. The Chair of the Committee may amend Schedule 1 of the By-Laws from time to time to update the names of Committee members elected by each Club.
- 5.5 Affiliated Clubs shall nominate their "Delegate" prior to the yearly UWRA AGM and inform the UWRA management committee of their nomination. New appointments of Committee Members shall be in force on the same day of the AGM.
- 5.6 At each AGM, the members of the Management Committee retire from office, and are elected and/or re-elected from the nominated candidates as detailed in the Model Rules.
- 5.7 **The elected chairman may be a "Non-Delegate" but must have been a "Delegate" that served for at least 1 year in the past 5 years on the UWRA committee prior to being elected as a Chairman.**
- Suspended Nov 18**
- 5.8 If there are more than two nominations for Chairman, the newly appointed delegates are to vote in rounds whereby the nominee with the least number of votes is eliminated after each round of voting.
- 5.9 The re-appointed and/or newly appointed Committee Members shall appoint members to any Special Roles as detailed in Schedule 2 from a list of nominees at any scheduled committee meeting.
- 5.10 All Special Role's may be appointed from the delegate's or from any other member of the UWRA.
- 5.11 Nominations for a Special Role must be open for at least 14 days before voting occurs and announced to all players.
- 5.12 The Chief Referee and NT Coach/s role will be for a period of 2 years to assist with the stability, growth and development of the National Team and UW- Rugby in Australia.
- 5.13 If there are more than two nominees for Chief Referee or National Team Coach, Committee Members are to vote in rounds whereby the nominee with the least number of votes is eliminated after each round of voting.
- 5.14 Should the elected Chief Referee or National Team Coach resign or be replaced during their elected officials (2) two year period the replacement person will only serve out the remainder of the time of the designated role of the official that they replace.
- 5.15 Nominations for any Committee positions must be open for at least 14 days before voting occurs and announced to all players.
- 5.16 If there are more than two nominees for any Committee positions, the appointed delegates are to vote in rounds whereby the nominee with the least number of votes is eliminated after each round of voting.

6. OFFICE BEARER DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 All management committee members are to abide by the code of conduct UWRA AD-012 at all times
- 6.2 All management committee members may be held accountable if they:
- 6.2.1 Deliberately fail to act in the best interests of the incorporated association.
 - 6.2.2 Abuse their powers as committee members.
 - 6.2.3 Fail to avoid conflict of interests.
 - 6.2.4 Fail to exercise due care, skill and diligence.

6.3 See Schedule 8 in the Appendix for broader defining the individual roles, duties, and responsibilities of management committee members.

6.4 Communications Protocol

6.4.1 All management team members are expected to communicate with other members via the agreed platform for all tasks and planned activities.

6.4.2 The various chosen communications platforms will be agreed upon and recorded from time to time during management meetings.

7. OFFICE BEARERS, NT COACH & CHIEF REFEREE ALLOWANCES

7.1 Office Bearers

7.1.1 All elected executive members shall be provided with (1) One UWRA shirt per year if required indicating that they are part of the executive team. **Suspended Nov 18**

7.1.2 All executive members will have their following years AUF membership paid if they have served on the UWRA for more than 9 months in the previous year. **Suspended Nov 18**

7.2 NT Coach and Chief Referee

7.2.1 All nominated officials shall be provided with (1) One UWRA shirt per year if required indicating that they are part of the executive team. **Suspended Nov 18**

7.2.2 All nominated officials will have their following years AUF membership paid if they have served on the UWRA for more than 9 months in the previous year. **Suspended Nov 18**

7.3 Event Volunteers and Referees

7.3.1 All volunteers and event officials shall be provided with (1) One UWRA shirt during the event and be required to hand it back after the event. **Suspended Nov 18**

7.3.2 Should the volunteer want to own the relevant UWRA shirt then they can purchase it at a nominated value provided by the UWRA executive from time to time. **Suspended Nov 18**

7.4 National Team

7.4.1 The UWRA will provide Free of Charge every selected National Team Player with an official event shirt at least 2 months prior on them leaving to attend an official event/tournament sanctioned by the UWRA. **Suspended Nov 18**

7.4.2 The UWRA will provide any form of assistance required to apply for government grants, travel subsidies and or commercial sponsorship to reduce the financial and administrative burden from individuals selected to represent Australia in an UWRA sanctioned event. **Suspended Nov 18**

7.5 All of the above provisions from (Item 7.1– 7.5) can be deferred if the required funds are not available at the required time or at the discretion of the management committee. **Suspended Nov 18**

8. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

8.1 There are 6 (Six) classes of members of the Association:

8.1.1 Affiliated Clubs or University bodies;

8.1.2 AUF members; and

8.1.3 Non-AUF members; and **Suspended Nov 18**

8.1.4 Social members; and **Suspended Nov 18**

8.1.5 Honorary members; and **Suspended Nov 18**

8.1.6 **Life members; Suspended Nov 18**

9. MEMBERSHIP CLASS RULES & BENEFITS

9.1 Affiliated Clubs or University bodies;

- 9.1.1 All ~~paid-up~~ affiliated clubs are allowed to have 1 (One) appointed "Delegate" /club representative on the UWRA executive committee. **Edited Nov 18**
- 9.1.2 All ~~paid-up~~ affiliated clubs members are allowed to nominate for any office bearer role or advertised temporary position in the UWRA. **Edited Nov 18**
- 9.1.3 All ~~paid-up~~ affiliated clubs are allowed to have players take part in any planned or sanctioned activities of the UWRA. **Edited Nov 18**
- 9.1.4 All ~~paid-up~~ affiliated clubs are allowed to host the Australian Nationals on a rotating club basis. **Edited Nov 18**
- 9.1.5 All ~~paid-up~~ affiliated clubs are allowed to plan and host training camps, tournaments and training programs with other UWRA affiliated clubs. **Edited Nov 18**
- 9.1.6 All ~~paid-up~~ affiliated clubs members are allowed to be nominated for the national team. **Edited Nov 18**

9.2 AUF members; and

- 9.2.1 All paid up Underwater Rugby AUF members are allowed to take part in all planned and sanctioned UWRA events and activities.
- 9.2.2 All paid up Underwater Rugby AUF members are allowed to be nominated for the Australian Underwater Rugby National Team and attend all international CMAS events.

9.3 Non-AUF members; and

- 9.3.1 All Non- AUF members are allowed to take part in all UWRA activities and events except the yearly National tournaments due to AUF requirements. **Suspended Nov 18**
- 9.3.2 All Non-AUF members to provide evidence of appropriate insurance cover for themselves and their team for any UWRA sanctioned activity or event. **Suspended Nov 18**

9.4 Social members; and

- 9.4.1 All paid up social members are allowed to be present at any UWRA sanctioned activity or event. **Suspended Nov 18**
- 9.4.2 They are not required to become AUF members. **Suspended Nov 18**

9.5 Honorary members; and

- 9.5.1 All appointed honorary members are allowed to be present at any UWRA sanctioned activities or events for the duration of their appointment. **Suspended Nov 18**
- 9.5.2 All appointed honorary members are allowed to take part in all sanctioned UWRA activities and events if they are suitably qualified / experienced and meet the relevant events published criteria. **Suspended Nov 18**
- 9.5.3 They are not required to become AUF members. **Suspended Nov 18**

9.6 Life members;

- 9.6.1 All appointed life members are allowed to be present at any UWRA sanctioned activities or events for the duration of their appointment. **Suspended Nov 18**
- 9.6.2 All appointed life members are allowed to take part in all sanctioned UWRA activities and events if they are suitably qualified / experienced and meet the relevant events published criteria. **Suspended Nov 18**
- 9.6.3 They are not required to become AUF members. **Suspended Nov 18**

10. MEMBERSHIP FEES

10.1 Affiliated Clubs, University bodies and Associations;

10.1.1 This class of member is required to pay a yearly affiliation fee of \$550.00 to the UWRA on or before the start of each financial year. **Suspended Nov 18 2019**

10.1.2 This payment can be made in (2) Two equal instalments of \$275.00 in July and January of each year for clubs that chose to pay bi-annually. **Suspended Nov 18 2019**

10.1.3 This fee can be waived for any club, association or other body at the discretion of the management committee. **Suspended Nov 18 2019**

10.2 AUF members; and

10.2.1 This class of member is exempt from paying a yearly membership fee on or before the start of each financial year as long as they are registered paid up members of the AUF or AUFQ.

10.3 Non-AUF members; and

10.3.1 This class of member is required to pay a yearly fee of \$25.00 to the UWRA on or before the start of each financial year. **Suspended Nov 18 2019**

10.4 Social members; and

10.4.1 This class of member is required to pay a yearly fee of \$25.00 to the UWRA on or before the start of each financial year. **Suspended Nov 18 2019**

10.5 Honorary members; and

10.5.1 This class of member is exempt from paying a yearly membership fee to the UWRA on or before the start of the financial year/s that have been nominated as honorary members. **Suspended Nov 18 2019**

10.6 Life members;

10.6.1 This class of member is exempt from paying a yearly membership fee to the UWRA on or before the start of each financial year for the duration of their life membership appointment. **Suspended Nov 18 20**

11. DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

11.1 It is of utmost importance that as “members” of Underwater Rugby Australia (UWRA) that we champion an impartial and equitable environment for all members, sponsors and organisations that we are working with and strive to be an organisation that is “Open, Transparent, Fair and Approachable at all times.

11.2 All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing on form: **UWRA MD-003 Grievance Notification Form** to the UWRA executive by email to info@uwra.org.au or by hard copy hand delivered to a UWRA executive or committee delegate of the UWRA Commission.

11.3 The Management Committee will be required to attend to the complaint as per form **UWRA AD-003 Grievance Notification Process**. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

11.4 Any person’s membership may be terminated by the following events;

11.4.1 Resignation

11.4.2 Expulsion

11.4.3 a Member’s annual membership fee remains unpaid after 90 days of falling due;

- 11.5 The Management Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member of the Association for:
- 11.5.1 any of the events in Item 11.4
 - 11.5.2 False or inaccurate statements made in the member's application for membership of the Association,
 - 11.5.3 breach of any rule, regulation, or by-law of the Association and
 - 11.5.4 by any act detrimental to the Association. After having undertaken due inquiry.
- 11.6 Any member who is expelled, suspended, or has had their membership terminated, shall have the right to appeal against their suspension or expulsion by the Management Committee as per the processes and procedures stated in form **UWRA AD-003 Grievance Notification Process**.

12. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 12.1 The Committee shall appoint a person or number of persons responsible for organising the National Championships.
- 12.2 The format of the National Championships shall be detailed and updated in **Schedule 6**, and conform to form UWRAAD-006 Nationals Protocol document
- 12.3 The National Championships can be a single event or take place over several tournaments.
- 12.4 The National Championships organisers shall reasonably consult with all other Committee Members and the Chief Referee.
- 12.5 The National Championships can consist of State Teams or individual clubs.
- 12.6 Match Length:

- 12.6.1 All matches in the National Championships should adhere to the CMAS international UWR rules
- 12.6.2 When this clashes with the tournament length restriction the following variations should be utilised:

The Championship (Grand) final matches for priority categories **must** be 2 x 15- minute halves, with 5 minute half time. The game **must** be effective time. • All remaining matches **should** be 2 x 12-minute halves, with 3-minute half-time. The game **should** be effective time. Fixed time is the accepted alternative when using this variation.

Only Group stage or round robin matches can be reduced to 2 x 10-minute halves, with 2-minute half-time. The game **should** be effective time. Fixed time is the accepted alternative using this variation.”

- 12.7 Tournament Length:
- 12.7.1 A single-event should be 3-day or less and tournaments must never exceed four days in length
 - 12.7.2 Tournament must include Saturday and Sunday
- 12.8 Tournament Format:
- 12.8.1 If a Category contains six teams or more, the schedule **must** be Group Stage > Semi Finals > Final.
 - a.12.8.1 A group must not contain more than 5 teams
 - b.12.8.1 A group's total teams must not differ by more than 1 to any other group in the same category.
 - c.12.8.1 Each group will have an even, or as close to even as possible, division of the Semi-Finalists from the most recent National Championships. The remaining teams will be allocated to a group at random. The random allocation must be a public event.
 - d.12.8.1 The semi-final positions will be determined by the final ranking of the

- group stage.
- e.12.8.1 The finals positions will be the winners of the semi-finals
- 12.8.2 Optional format, only if a category has less than six teams: Round Robin > Semi Final* > Final format can be considered.
- a.12.8.2 The finals positions are determined by the final ranking of the round robin.
- b.12.8.2 The optional format must not increase the amount of days for the tournament. Depending on the amount of attending teams, the optional format can be adjusted to remove the Semi Final and move straight to Final to help with the tournament length.
- 12.9 Tournament purpose
 - 12.9.1 The primary purpose of the National championships is to identify the National Champion in the categories of elite mixed and elite female for a specific year/season.
 - 12.9.2 Tournament priority categories
 - a.12.9.2 Primary Categories: Elite Mixed & Elite Female
 - b.12.9.2 Secondary Categories: Development & International teams
 - 12.9.3 "Elite" is defined as the top team of each UWRA affiliated club. Each club can provide up to one elite team for each priority category.
 - 12.9.4 Each club can provide an unrestricted amount of teams to the secondary category.
- 12.10 The UWRA committee may consider any proposal put forward regardless of it's conformance with clause 12.6-12.9. The UWRA committee may request that the proposing club further clarify their proposal or negotiate changes to their proposal

13. REFEREEING

- 12.1 Any individual nominated by their Club to referee games at an Australian National Championships competition must meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - 13.1.1 Be a paid-up Underwater Rugby AUF member with a Level 1 AUF accredited referees qualification.
 - 13.1.2 Provide evidence of attendance at relevant referee training courses organised by a Chief Referee in the past 3 years.
 - 13.1.3 Satisfactory provide evidence of attendance at any other referee training course overseas recognised by the Chief Referee.
 - 13.1.4 Chief Referee may select a referee based on merit and refereeing experience, regardless of attendance at official training courses.

14. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STATE/CLUB TEAMS

- 14.1 All team members of UWR teams entered in the National Championships must be nominated as part of the official team at least 30 days prior to commencement of the National Championships.
- 14.2 Individuals representing a UWR club/team in the National Championships must be residents of that State, or that State in which the Club is located, for at least six months in the twelve months prior to the competition, with the following exceptions:
 - 14.2.1 With the permission of the Chief Referee, an individual may play for a State, or a Club in a State, that they do not reside in – provided requirements of 14.2.2 and 14.2.3 are met.
 - 14.2.2 A UWR team in the National Championships may include a maximum of two non-residential players, provided that the players' 'Home State' does not field a team in any division for which the player/s are eligible to play. Permission to vary this requirement may be gained from all other teams in the affected division. The Chief Referee shall notify all

affected teams of any variance, and seek their approval should a State or Club request this for one or more of their teams.

14.2.3 Visiting international players not meeting the above requirements may only play for a team after unanimous approval is received from all other teams in the affected division, and the Chief Referee. The Chief Referee is to circulate such requests and co-ordinate responses.

14.3 Any team not meeting the requirements stated in 13.1-13.2 could have points deducted or wins not recorded in the National Championships, subject to a decision by the Chief Referee, overseen by the Committee, noting any complaints that may have been received.

15. AUSTRALIAN TEAM SELECTION

15.1 The selection criteria and process are to be published in **Schedule 4** of the By-Laws.

15.2 15 players are to be selected for each team wherever possible, with another 5 players to be selected as reserves.

15.3 During the selection trials the players are to be identified with a number and/or letter.

15.4 Unless otherwise stated in **Schedule 4**, Australian team selection will be undertaken at the Australian National Championships by a Selection Panel. **Suspended Jan 19**

15.5 The selection panel may consider written submissions from individuals not attending the competition. A maximum of two people per Australian team can be selected through written application.

15.6 Any player not being selected for the Australian National Team can follow the published grievance process (UWRA Form MD-003) if they feel that they have been un-fairly treated or discriminated against.

16. AUSTRALIAN RULES FOR UNDERWATER RUGBY

- 16.1 The Australian rules for underwater rugby must be consistent with the latest CMAS International Rules for Underwater Rugby (CMAS Rules), as it is amended from time to time.
- 16.2 Exceptions and modifications to the CMAS Rules can be made for the National Championships or National Championship tournaments by the Chief Referee/Committee, by means of passing a motion.
- 16.3 Exceptions and modifications to the CMAS Rules passed in accordance with item 17.2 should be consistent with the spirit of the CMAS Rules.
- 16.4 Exceptions and modifications to the CMAS Rules passed in accordance with item 17.2 must be recorded in the table at **Schedule 3**.
- 16.5 Exceptions and modifications to the CMAS Rules passed in accordance with item 17.2 will have standing effect unless a sunset date is stipulated in the table at **Schedule 3**.

17. BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

- 17.1 By-Laws should be checked by a responsible person and revised every 2 years to reflect the current needs of the UWRA and its members.
- 17.2 Unless otherwise stated, items in these By-Laws can be amended by passing a motion with a simple majority in a meeting.
- 17.3 All documents below in the **Appendix (21)** are for reference only and do not form part of UNDERWATER RUGBY AUSTRALIA (UWRA) By-Laws and can therefore be revised, updated, removed, or replaced by another agreed process or procedure acceptable to the management committee or by the person appointed for this task during a committee meeting.
- 17.4 This item and item 18.1 can only be amended with a special majority at a meeting where all Committee Members are present.

18. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 18.1 A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or Special General Meeting through a majority vote of the membership.
- 18.2 In the event of dissolution, any assets of the association that remain will become the property of the Australian Underwater Federation. (AUF)

19. DECLARATION

Underwater Rugby Australia (UWRA) hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

SIGNED:

DATE:

NAME:

POSITION: Club Chair

SIGNED:

DATE:

NAME:

POSITION: Club Secretary

20. APPENDIX

SCHEDULE 1: AFFILIATED CLUB DELEGATES

The following are the list of Australian Clubs which may elect one “Delegate” each to attend and vote at UWRA meetings.

| Affiliated Club | Committee Member | Legal Status |
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| | | |
| Adelaide “White Pointers” | Adam Hamilton | |
| Canberra “Underdogs” | Daniel Raftopoulos | |
| Perth Raiders | Annabelle Louise Biffin | |
| Underwater Rugby Tasmania | Remy Boyer | |
| Brisbane “Gauls” | Rob Paterson | |
| UNSW Underwater Rugby | Nick Coumbis | |
| Victoria “Seadragons” Underwater Rugby Club | Sarah McCarthy | |
| Sydney Underwater Rugby | Lyle Taualai | |

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SCHEDULE 2: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Management Committee Members

| Committee Position | Appointed Person/s |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | |
| Chairman | Zoe De Vries |
| Treasurer | Ali Badiei |
| Secretary | Nathan Miller |
| Affiliated Club “Delegate” | <i>Refer to Schedule 1</i> |

Special Roles

| Position | Appointed Person/s |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Chief Referee | Carlos G. Ledzema |
| National Team Coach (Men) | None |
| National Team Coach (Women) | None |
| National Team Manager (Men) | None |
| National Team Manager (Women) | None |
| Media Officer | Candice Mulcahy |
| IT Officer | Victor and Wilson Wang |
| Women’s Development Officer | None |
| National Championships Organisers | None |

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SCHEDULE 3: EXCEPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE CMAS RULES

| Relevant CMAS Rules affected | Exception/Modification | Added Date | Sunset Date |
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| 4.3 Duration of Play | In the event of any inconsistency on matters related to Duration of Play, Schedule 6 of the By-Laws, National Championships (Format and Particulars), shall prevail. | 16/10/2014 | N/A |
| 1.2 Playing Area | In the event of any matter referred to the Committee related to the Playing Area, the Committee's ruling shall prevail over section 1.2 of the CMAS Rules. | 16/10/2014 | N/A |
| N/A | Where the venue does not allow for the goals to be positioned against a vertical wall, the tournament or event organisers may stipulate additional rules to discourage play behind the goal area. The rules should be endorsed by the Chief Referee and explained to the team captains before the start of the tournament or event. | 16/10/2014 | N/A |

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SCHEDULE 4: AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

To ensure transparency and clarity in the National Team selection process for all interested players please see below the selection criteria that will be used by the National Team Coach, Manager, and Selection panel in selecting suitable candidates to be part of the National Team.

| Selection criteria for Underwater Rugby Athletes 2016-2017 | |
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| World Championship | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Attendance at Australian National Championships, training camps or any other meetings planned by the NT coach.2. Individual skills and group skills (See Annex I)3. Physical characteristics of the athlete (See Annex I)4. Experience in any other CMAS Underwater games, World Championship5. Australian citizen or having lived for at least 2.5 years in the country by the date of the tournament.6. Paid up member of the AUF. |
| Zone Championship (European) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Attendance to Australian National Championships, training camps or any other meetings planned by the NT coach.2. Individual skills and group skills (See Annex I)3. Physical characteristics of the athlete (See Annex I)4. Australian citizen or having lived for at least 2.5 years in the country by the date of the tournament. |
| Other International Competitions | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Attendance to Australian National Championships, training camps or any other meetings planned by the NT coach.2. Individual skills and group skills (See Annex I)3. Physical characteristics of the Athlete (See Annex I) |

Player Criteria

1. Fitness:
 - swimming speed, bottom time, strength.
2. Individual skills:
 - ability to keep the ball secure under pressure, ability to win the ball from the other team, ability to tackle effectively, ability to pass effectively, ability to create offensive opportunities, ability to score goals.
3. Team skills:
 - ability to play in a certain position, ability to read the play and adapt to changes in situations, ability to work together with other team members.
4. Portfolio fit:
 - suitability of the player's range of skills (in particular, experience playing in certain positions) for the overall team being selected.

Timeline

- A shortlist will be made available to all candidates by the end of November 2014 (after the Hobart training camp) and the final list of selected players will be published at the end of February 2015 (following the February training camp).

Eligibility

- Eligibility to be selected in the national teams will be as per section 1.3.1.1 of the Procedures and Obligations for the Organisation of CMAS Competitions & Championships.
- Candidates will need to be either Australian citizens or Australian residents for a minimum of 4 years.

Expected commitment:

- Selected players must sign the National Team Player Contract (2014-2015). Players will be required to maintain a competitive level of fitness until the World Championships. Attendance at all National Team training events is expected and personal reasons or change of circumstances preventing attendance need to be discussed with the National Team Coach or the National Team Manager in advance.

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(OFFICE BEARERS, INCIDENT REPORTING AND MARKETING)

“Delegate”s are to report using the headings suggested below as a guide. A comment should be offered even if it is only to explain why nothing has happened. This is a non-exhaustive list and should be updated by the Chair as needed.

- * Outcomes (e.g. appointments, new by-laws).
- * Competitions (what, where, when and why) and results.
- * Refereeing issues.
- * Coaching.
- * Courses held.

- * Publicity, including liaison with government, diving industry, media etc.
- * Pool availability.
- * Injury report (including any serious injuries)
- * Objectives for next reporting period.

See Example Below:

Queensland Underwater Rugby 2015-2016

AUFQ Commissioner: Wayne Freeman

Membership and Participation

Number of financial members (total): 8

Number of juniors:

Number of clubs: 1 “Unidive Gauls”

Venues

List of pools where UWR is played regularly

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| Brisbane – Sleeman Aquatic Centre Sunshine Coast – Kawana Aquatic Centre Toowoomba – Toowoomba Grammar Aquatic Centre UQ – UQ St Lucia (occasional - concrete bottom) |
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Pool availability issues (*if any*): Possible RA required for lockouts imposed by venue management due to Apnea activities drowning concerns.

Injury report

Number of injuries (*if any*)

- Pan Pacific Cup 2015 11 reported (St John) See separate document.
- A number of minor injuries sustained during training sessions like scratches, bruises and wrist and shoulder sprains.
- At least 2 players have also broken hands/wrists through accidentally hitting the basket or pool

wall during play.

Referee report

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| Number of accredited L1 referees | No Accredited CMAS or AUF referees at present. To be addressed in August 2016. |
| Number of accredited L2 referees | Looking at an RPL Process. |
| Number of accredited L3 referees | Looking at an RPL Process. |

Approx. number of games/comps refereed: States, Nationals, Training Camps.

Please outline the details of any referee courses held

Referees course held at all 2015 state games in Sydney, Tasmania, Brisbane.

Equipment & Financial commitments

Please outline any major equipment purchases
(e.g. 1 new set goals @\$800)

- New Caps purchased for GAULS +/- \$850.00
 - 2nd Second Set of Goals purchased for use at Brisbane Aquatic Centre \$550.00.

Development report

Please outline the number and details of any introductory (or have-a-go) sessions held:

Ricardo took part in a "HAVE A GO DAY" with Judy in Northern Queensland.

Please outline any other development activities/initiatives undertaken:

| Date | Event | Location | Men | Women | Total |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| 14-05-16 | Gauls V TC 2015-2016 | Sleeman Sports Complex | | | 25 |
| 19-03-16 | Gauls IV TC 2015-2016 | Kawana Aquatic Centre, Birtinya QLD | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| 12-13/03/2016 | I TC National Team | Adelaide-Gawler (SA) | 45 | 15 | 60 |
| 20-02-16 | Gauls III TC 2015-2016 | Sleeman Sports Complex | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| 13-12-15 | Christmas Training Camp | Kawana Aquatic Centre, Birtinya QLD | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| 25-10-15 | Gauls II TC 2015-2016 | Sleeman Sports Complex | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| 19-09-15 | Gauls I TC 2015-2016 | Sleeman Sports Complex | 14 | 5 | 19 |
| 6-7/6/15 | IV TC National Team | Sleeman Sports Complex | 18 | 12 | 30 |
| 16-05-15 | Gauls Training Camp | Sleeman Sports Complex | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| 09-05-15 | Gauls Training Camp | Sleeman Sports Complex | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| 03-04-15 | III TC National Team | Queensland Riffle Association | 25 | 20 | 45 |
| 14-03-15 | Gauls Training Camp | Kawana Aquatic Centre, Birtinya QLD | 8 | 4 | 12 |

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| 28-02-15 | Gauls II TC 2014-2015 | Kawana Aquatic Centre, Birtinya QLD | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| 07-02-15 | II TC National Team | Sydney, NSW | 5 | 2 | 7 |

Competition review

Please outline the details of any competitions held in the past year:

| Date | Event | Location | Men | Women | Total |
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| 27-29/05/16 | Pan Pacific Cup2016 | Sleeman Sports Complex | | | 120 |
| 31/10-1/11/20 15 | nODEX 2015 | Sydney, NSW | 17 | 6 | 23 |
| 4-5/4/15 | Pan Pacific Cup2015 | Sleeman Sports Complex | 62 | 29 | 91 |

Major challenges

Please outline the details of any major challenges facing the organization:

Need to encourage all underwater clubs in Queensland to consider developing UWR teams in Qld.
 Need to market and develop an understanding and awareness of UWR in Australia.
 Need to develop UWR teams in other Qld Universities and High Schools.
 Need to develop a short, medium and long term program for the growth of UWR in Queensland.

QLD UW-Rugby Contacts as of Apr 2016

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|  <p>Wayne Freeman Qld Team Manager +61416 561 677 wayneuwi@bigpond.com 65 Tallow Wood Place, Mt Gravatt East, QLD, 4122</p> | <p>Brisbane Wayne Freeman wayneuwi@bigpond.com</p> <p>Toowoomba Ricardo Iriarte raip77@yahoo.es</p> |
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SCHEDULE 6: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (FORMAT & PARTICULARS)

PROTOCOL FOR RUNNING NATIONALS

These are the steps to follow in order to organise Nationals

| Nº | Item | Responsible | Time |
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| 1. | Determine venue and month | UWRA Committee | 6-12 months in advance |
| 2. | Release the Invitation | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |
| 3. | Invitation's requirements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Organisers Dates Entry fee Playing Schedule Characteristics of the Swimming pool Rules Referees Awards Ceremony Contact Registration form | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |
| 3c. | Entry Fee: It has to be paid by the teams on the due date | Teams | 1 months in advance |
| 3d. | Playing Schedule: Minimal of 20' per game Maximum of 45' per game | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |
| 3e. | Swimming pool: We have to ensure the safety of all persons in and around the pool. Option a: Mandatory walls behind the baskets, if not option b. Option b: No walls behind the basket (working on temporary walls) For tournaments in an open air swimming pools we need tents for the teams *We should recommend players to play with rashee vests rather than use creams in order to avoid slippery players/ball and that layer of oil in the swimming pool at the end of the day affecting the visibility. | UWRA Committee-Or organisers | 6-4 months in advance |
| 3f. | Rules: The tournament should be played according the CMAS rules 2015/01. Any necessary changes should be noted in the invitation under "Special rules" (E.g. temporary walls, playing schedule) | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |

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| 3g. | Referees: The referee schedule will be done by the UWRA Committee. We should guarantee at least one referee with scuba tank. We should complete a Referee course before Nationals. | UWRA Committee | 1 month in Advance |
| 3h. | Awards Ceremony: An Awards Ceremony has to be done at the swimming pool or in a different venue. If there is a dinner we recommend a chair and a plate with food per person rather than food rations. | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |
| 3j. | Registration form: It has to be done by the teams on the due date | Organisers | 2 months in advance |
| 4. | Game Schedule: A game schedule with numbers will be done by the UWRA Committee and a draw will be done to assign a number to each team. | UWRA Committee | 1 month in Advance |
| 5. | Game Protocol: An official game protocol (CMAS rules 2015/01) has to be filled and sent to the UWRA Committee in a soft copy | Organisers | 1 month after tournament |
| 6. | Report: A report has to be done and sent to the UWRA Committee with the next information: -Teams participating -Number of participants -Final ranking in each category -Results of the games | Organisers | 1 month after tournament |
| Special Rules | Teams should be ready before the game start. If any referee is not ready when the teams are ready to start (6 players for each team ready in the water), his team will be penalized with -1 point. • Teams should be ready before the game start. If any team is not ready when the referees and opposite team are ready to start (6 players ready in the water and three referees), this team will be penalized with -1 point. | UWRA Committee | 1 month in Advance |

NOTE: Will be revised and updated after 2017 NATIONALS to better reflect our changed environment and address shortcomings raised by clubs in the runup to this event.

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| 25 th January 2015 | Ricardo Iriarte | | 25 th January 2015 | Chief Referee |
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SCHEDULE 7: UNDERWATER RUGBY AUSTRALIA CODE OF CONDUCT

Underwater Rugby Australia Code of Conduct “The Code”

The Code of Conduct (the Code) describes the type of behaviour that Underwater Rugby Australia (UWRA) seeks to promote and requires all players, coaches, team managers and supporters to adopt.

1. Persons shall abide by the spirit and positive values of the game of underwater rugby including those of fairness, respect, tolerance, equity, responsibility, safety and the maintenance of a high standard of personal behaviour and integrity.
2. Persons must respect the rights, dignity, and worth of each and every person involved in the sport and will not intimidate, offend, insult or humiliate another person on the grounds of age, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability, race (including ancestral, national or ethnic origin), colour, marital or parental status, political ideology, and economic disadvantage.
3. Persons will not engage in any form of abuse or harassment, directed at an individual or group including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, victimisation, bullying and the use of profane or offensive language and gestures.
4. Persons will take responsibility for their own actions and strive to be a positive role model for others.
5. Persons will take active responsibility to ensure the overall welfare and wellbeing of all other persons covered under this Code, particularly those under 18 years of age.
6. Persons must conform to the laws and regulations that govern Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques (CMAS), the Australian Underwater Federation (AUF), and Australian laws and local laws while overseas.
7. Persons must abide by the Australian sports drug code, adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs, and discourage their promotion in sport.
8. Persons will show respect and courtesy to referees and match officials, and comply promptly with any rulings, decisions or requests they make whether before, during or after a match.
9. Persons will ensure a safe environment for conducting activities and not use deliberately rough tactics, dangerous equipment, or engage in physical attacks, provocations or other un-sportsman like behaviour.

10. Persons must not engage in corruption, abuse a position for personal benefit, misuse funds, or damage or deface facilities or equipment.

Application of the Code

The Code applies to any person at any time they are representing, acting for or on behalf of the UWRA (e.g. athletes, coaches, managers, support team) and to any individual participating in an UWRA event (e.g. training session, tournament, social function, official tour), in Australia and overseas.

Adoption of the Code

UWRA encourages individual clubs to adopt the Code and promote its application and visibility in all club events.

Clubs may also choose to formally adopt the Code by becoming a signatory to this document. Signatory clubs agree to support the Code and its continued development by working collaboratively with UWRA and other signatory clubs to make improvements over time.

Signatory clubs also agree to share club information about breaches of the Code, incidents and disciplinary action with the UWRA Conduct Officer, and the conduct officers of any other signatory club, to help improve the capability of UWRA and other signatory clubs in applying the Code fairly and consistently.

Grievance Process

Persons to whom this Code applies acknowledge and agree to comply with UWRA 'Grievance Procedures' set out in documents **UWRA AD-003 Grievance Assessment Process** and **UWRA MD-003 Grievance Notification Form**.

For any breaches of this Code and reporting of incidents or disciplinary actions please contact the UWRA executive committee.

UWRA also encourages behaviour which may be of concern to any player to be brought to the attention of the Conduct Officer, even if it the behaviour in question does not contravene any of the points covered by the Code.

Approval

This document (version 1.0) was approved by the UWRA on 23rd May 2017.

Name: _____

Dated: _____

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SCHEDULE 8: ROLES AND DUTIES OF UWRA OFFICE BEARERS

Nominated Office bearers in the UWRA have the following Roles, Duties and Responsibilities as designated below and are at all times required to act within the parameters established out in the Rules and By-Laws of the Association.

Description of Office Bearer Duties

MEMBERSHIP of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Accountability of the management committee

One of the advantages of being incorporated is that personal liability is limited. However, management committee members still have a duty to the incorporated association. This means they may be held accountable if they:

- Deliberately fail to act in the best interests of the incorporated association.
- Abuse their powers as committee members.
- Fail to avoid conflict of interests.
- Fail to exercise due care, skill and diligence.

If a management committee does not fulfil its reporting requirements, Office of Fair Trading (OFT) may issue a show cause notice asking the incorporated association to provide reasons why its registration should not be cancelled.

Requirements applicable to all office bearers in the UWRA.

General Responsibilities of all management committee members:

The management committee is responsible for managing the affairs of an incorporated association and has several responsibilities under law.

An incorporated association management committee must:

- control the business and operations of the incorporated association
- ensure the incorporated association complies with its rules on calling and holding meetings
- ensure minutes of all committee and general meetings are kept
- ensure an appropriate secretary is elected or appointed
- ensure a copy of the incorporated association's rules is available to all members
- keep public liability insurance current, if the incorporated association is required to hold any
- have a nominated address for documents to be served (this must be a physical address, not a Post Office Box)
- register land or interests in land gained by the association because of its incorporation
- ensure the incorporated association's name appears on the common seal
- ensure the incorporated association's full name appears on all official documents such as advertising, business letters, accounts, official notices, publications, cheques and receipts
- notify OFT within one month of changes of office bearers (president, treasurer or secretary), the incorporated association's postal address or the secretary's residential address

- ensure proper accounting records are kept which correctly record and explain the transactions of the incorporated association and its financial position
- ensure the association's financial affairs are audited or verified annually
- ensure an AGM is held each year within six months of the end of the incorporated association's financial year 18 Incorporated Associations
- ensure the audited or verified financial statements of the accounts of the incorporated association are submitted to members at the AGM
- lodge an annual return using the form your incorporated association is sent by OFT.

In addition, members of the committee should:

- be aware of the duties of the secretary and ensure they are properly carried out
- use reasonable care and skill in the performance of their duties
- act in good faith
- advise the committee of any conflict that may arise between their own interests and the interests of the incorporated association (e.g. advise if any incorporated association activities might result in a financial gain to themselves)
- ensure any documents addressed to the incorporated association are brought to the attention of the committee as soon as practicable after receipt
- ensure documents provided to OFT or submitted to members do not contain or omit anything that make them false or misleading.

The rules of the incorporated association may set out additional obligations and specific restrictions on the power of the committee. As a result, each member of the committee should be familiar with the incorporated association's rules and any obligations under those rules.

Required Office bearers for Incorporation:

The **president** usually chairs the management committee and will also play a major role in the incorporated association's meetings.

- Under the model rules, the president is required to
- chair all meetings he/she attends.
- If the president cannot attend a meeting for any given reason, another member of the management committee can be nominated as chair.

The **secretary** is primarily responsible for managing the records of the incorporated association. The **secretary** will also:

- take and keep minutes for the incorporated association's meetings
- keep the register of members
- take nominations for the management committee
- provide appropriate notice to members for meetings
- call and convene special general meetings
- arrange the meeting venue and prepare the agenda
- coordinate any correspondence or reports to be presented at meetings
- circulate the minutes of meetings to members
- complete any actions arising from meetings that require correspondence
- receive all incorporated association correspondence and bring urgent matters to the attention of the president or treasurer if necessary.

The **treasurer** is primarily responsible for the financial management of the incorporated association. The **treasurer** will:

- keep and maintain an asset register for the incorporated association
- manage the petty cash balance and ensure the petty cash book is kept up-to-date
- keep all documentation for payments made including receipts, invoices and statements
- keep and maintain the incorporated association's deposit and cheque books
- ensure all payments are approved or ratified by the management committee and are recorded in the minutes
- keep all financial records in Queensland
- keep either a receipt book of consecutively numbered receipts, or computer system records of them.

All management committee members will keep their hard copy Management committee handbook up to date with updated or new documents. Updates of digital documents will be sent around after approval in management meeting.

DETAILED ROLE DESCRIPTIONS FOR UWRA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| <p>Chairman</p> | <p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultimate responsibility for all Associations sanctioned activities. • Represent the Associations at AUF and CMAS AGM's and or Special Meetings <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson of all Associations meetings, submit annual budget to AUF, ensure all Management Committee members perform their duties as detailed in the Associations Rules and Bylaws, • ensure adequate insurance of Associations property, responsible for maintaining a professional working relationship with AUF, • act as Associations liaison (both written and verbal) with external parties, • maintain and ensure records are maintained and kept in proper working order, • Responsible for any decision relating to the Associations if the executive cannot be called upon. • Responsible for all aspects of Associations activity. • Will organise the handover between previous term and newly elected committee. |
| <p>Treasurer</p> | <p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee Associations finances <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist President in formulation of budget submission, • collect and bank moneys including memberships, • Pay bills, • Report financial statement at each Association meeting, |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organise audit of Associations finances annually, approve expenditure claims. ● At the end of every financial year the treasurer compiles an inventory of all gear owned by the Associations as a record of Associations assets. ● This information is used to draw up a statement of assets and liabilities which is required for the audit. |
| Secretary | <p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Secretary should develop a close working relationship with the President, have a real interest in the Associations and be familiar with the laws and procedures that govern an incorporated association. <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Check the post box for mail on a regular basis (at least once a week); ● refer correspondence to relevant Management Committee members; ● handle new member inquiries and send relevant information out to those members; ● assist the President or Vice President with the preparation of the agenda for meetings; ● notify relevant members of meeting time, place, date etc.; ● recording the minutes at executive and general meetings; ● typing up minutes and distributing them to executive members; ● preparing and lodging relevant legislative documents; submit annual report to consumer affairs department; ● writing correspondence to members on an as needs basis; ● assist with the preparations for all UWRA events and the meeting held thereafter; ● liaise with AUF on relevant issues on an as needs basis; ● submit the membership database to AUF when required; ● add new approved rules and regulations in appendix of bylaws and/or rules. <p>The secretary is responsible for organising at the beginning of every new committee term that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the names of the previous term management members will be added to the websites table and to the Honour board. ● a poster with photos and names of all new management members to be posted in the Associations space. ● a list of names, phone number and email of all new management committee members within two weeks after AGM and distribute it to the management members. |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Affiliated Club “Delegate”</p> | <p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Delegate” represents the views of the respective affiliated club at the UWRA committee. <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the opinions and views of their club are upheld in the UWRA • Act in the appropriate manner at all times as indicated in the Executive Committee members code of conduct. |
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DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS FOR UWRA SPECIAL ROLES

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| Chief Referee | <p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be the final decision maker on referee matters in the UWRA. • Initiate and co-ordinate all referee training activities for the Associations Members. <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all planned events and activities are run as close as possible to the relevant CMAS protocols. • Oversee all games schedules, referee obligations and rules for sanctioned UWRA events. • Build relationships with other international UW-Rugby referees including the Chief referee of CMAS to ensure that we remain up to date with all matters pertaining to the rules of Underwater Rugby in the World. • Develop a comprehensive referee training program in conjunction with other interested parties in the UWRA. |
| National Team Head Coach | <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officially appoint at the UWRA AGM in the year immediately following the previous world championship. Applications for position open 6 months before the UWRA AGM. • 3-year appointment until the end of the world championships. • Nominee must provide 3 year plan with application. • If the position is vacant, the UWRA can propose a vote to appoint at the next available UWRA meeting. 1 month for advertised role. 1 more month to finalise decision within UWRA. • If there are more than one nominees for the Head Coach, UWRA delegates are to vote in round whereby the nominee with the least number of votes is eliminated after each round of voting until the required number of Selection Panel members is remaining. • Domestic travel: No funding for travel within own state. Interstate travel is funded 100% by cost sharing across the training camp attendees, fundraising, grants or other sources. If the coach is also a player, the coach is considered a training camp attendee and will pay their share of the cost equalization. • International travel: Air ticket, reasonable accommodation costs and uniform funded 100% from the NT touring squad. UWRA fund up to AUD \$50 a day for meals and general expenses for the period of a tournament that the National Team attends overseas. If the coach is also a player, the coach is refunded 50% of their cost equalization amount. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All funding applies to a single Head Coach only. The funding does not apply to any coaching roles outside Head Coach. <p>Position Description</p> <p>The national team head coach is responsible for the skills trainings and development of the player group attending training camps. The tenure of a national team coach is 3 years, ending after the world championships. They must provide a coaching plan for the full period up to the world championships. They must attend all training camps and tournaments for the national team. The coach can be a member of the same national team. The coach cannot be a member of another national team.</p> <p>Key roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit selection criteria and how it will be assessed. • Implement and oversee all components of the coaching plan for the national team. • Co-ordinate the selection process of the National Team playing group. • Assist Team Manager with reporting to the UWRA every 6 months. • Adhere AUF Coaches Code of Conduct. • A member of the National Team Selection Panel. <p>Selection criteria for an Australian team Head Coach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1 or 2 Sports General. The preferred qualification is Sports specific. Applications will be considered on the merits of the applicants coaching experience • Provide a detailed coaching that addresses all points provided in the AD-007 NT Coaching Plan Template • Any other relevant attributes. • Provide the UWRA with a template for team selection criteria. |
| National Team Manager | <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officially appoint at the UWRA AGM in the year immediately following the previous world championship. • Applications for position open 6 months before the UWRA AGM. 3-year appointment until the end of the world championships. • If the position is vacant, the UWRA can propose a vote to appoint at the next available UWRA. 1 month for advertised role. 1 more month to finalise decision within at the next available UWRA. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are more than one nominees for the National Team Manager, UWRA delegates are to vote in round whereby the nominee with the least number of votes is eliminated after each round of voting until the required number of Selection Panel members is remaining. • Domestic travel for “required events” only: No funding for travel within own state. Interstate travel is funded 100% by cost sharing across the training camp attendees, fundraising, grants or other sources. If the manager is also a player, the manager is considered a training camp attendee and will pay their share of the cost equalization. Managers attending non-mandatory events are at the cost of the Manager. • International travel: Air ticket, reasonable accommodation costs and uniform funded 100% from the NT touring squad. UWRA fund up to AUD \$50 a day for meals and general expenses for the period of a tournament that the National Team attends overseas. If the Manager is also a player, the Manager is refunded 50% of their cost equalization amount. <p>Position Description</p> <p>The national team manager is responsible for all administrative and record keeping tasks for the national team. They provide reports to the UWRA every 6 months or on request from the UWRA. Selection event(s) and tournaments for the national team are considered “required events” and are mandatory attendance. All other training camps are considered non-mandatory attendance. The member can be a member of the same national team. The member cannot be a member of another national team.</p> <p>Key roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide reports of National team events and information to UWRA and Player group • Training camp administration – venue bookings; training and assessment equipment; • Tournament administration – eligibility criteria; fees; travel/accommodation; uniform • Management of team finances including grant applications <p>Reports to the UWRA must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending for the 6 month prior and the projection of spending for the 6 months ahead. • Outcomes from the coaching plan for the 6 months prior and the aims for the coaching plan for the 6 months ahead. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All assessments made by the national team selection panel during the prior 6 month period. <p>Selection criteria for an Australian team manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports administrative or sport team management experience • Relevant experience in administration or with administrative programs. |
| National Team Selection Panel | <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officially appoint at the UWRA AGM in the year immediately following the previous world championship. • Applications for position open 6 months before the UWRA AGM. • 3-year appointment until the end of the world championships. • If the position is vacant, the UWRA can propose a vote to appoint at the next available UWRA meeting. 1 month for advertised role. 1 more month to finalise decision within UWRA. • If there are more than two nominees for the Selection Panel, UWRA delegates are to vote in round whereby the nominee with the least number of votes is eliminated after each round of voting until the required number of Selection Panel members is remaining. • Domestic travel for the selection event(s) only: No funding for travel within own state. Interstate travel is funded 100% cost shared across the selection event(s) attendees. <p>Position description</p> <p>The panel is made up of 3 members. This is to include the National Team Coach plus two other independent selectors. Each National Team Selector will have equal weighting. The National Team Manager should not be a selector. With the exception of the National Team Coach, a person cannot be appointed to the Selection Panel if they are a nominee for the same National Team. This does not exclude a nominee for the women's national team being appointed to the Selection Panel for the men's national team or vice versa.</p> <p>Key roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must attend Selection event(s) for the National team (not training camps). • Must be aware of the selection criteria, set by the Head Coach. • Must record assessments at selection event. • Provide assessments to national team Manager when required. <p>Selection criteria for a national team selection panelist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience as a player • Experience as a team manager or coach |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the abilities of players from different clubs • Exhibit impartiality |
| Media Officer | <p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the assembly of contents for the quarterly newsletter and monthly news update on the UWRA Website, prepare the master copy and distribute the newsletter to all members on the mailing list usually by e-mail. <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide members with the current Associations activities. These can include: • events calendar; • Associations activities such as tournaments, training and attending social events; • to provide a forum for the Associations Members to discuss and disseminate all relevant information and promote an inclusive culture; • and to maintain contact with Associations Members who are not able to attend Associations meetings. • Publication officer can “Delegate” the creation of publication to others such as the web site, Facebook page and newsletters but must review all posts or information before the final product is rolled out for general viewing. |
| IT Officer | <p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and develop the Associations website, ensuring the events calendar, UWRA committee decisions and newsletter sections are regularly updated. Maintain the Associations list server. |
| Women’s Development Officer | <p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the growth of women’s underwater rugby in Australia <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the UWRA committee to promote and encourage to participation of women in our sport. |
| National Championships Organisers | <p>Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise the annual national championships are per the current Nationals Protocol documents. • Ensure that the UWRA are aware of all steps and decisions that need to be made that are not expressly covered in the Nationals Protocol document. |