

Referee Role Description

Auckland Water Polo Referee Role Description

AWP is excited to see you wish to contribute to our water polo community by refereeing!

Without people like you, games would not be able to take place. AWP's philosophy related to water polo referees is that our referees are facilitators; they are enabling the game to take place guided by our rules, in a safe environment for all involved with games in our competitions and events.

For your time, effort and professional conduct, AWP offers you as referee a chance to personally develop, support along your personal development pathway, reimbursement, as well as an opportunity to help grow the game we love. In doing so, Auckland Water Polo wishes to deliver the highest standard of referees in New Zealand.

Better referees allow for a better game, which develops coaches and players and raises the level of water polo in turn!

As per your signed MoU you have agreed to uphold the AWP standard as identified below.

AUCKLAND WATER POLO REFEREE STANDARD

AWP REFEREES ARE PUNCTUAL. AWP Referees arrive on time, which is to say, early. At least 15 minutes before the game is supposed to start as per scheduled time on the draw. This allows for the referee to check the field set up and game sheet for which the referee is ultimately responsible.

AWP REFEREES LOOK THE PART. AWP Referees are dressed appropriately and correctly. The referee standard for AWP is a white, collared shirt, long white pants and white, closed shoes. AWP expects the referee "uniform" to be clean and tidy.

AWP REFEREES BEHAVE PROFESSIONALLY. From the moment a referee walks into the competition venue, the referee represents Auckland Water Polo. The referee will ensure that the sheet is filled out correctly before, during and after the game. The referee will work closely with the table duty team to ensure that the game runs smoothly and will report to the organisation in case of any issues when this is required.

AWP REFEREES BEHAVE RESPECTFULLY. The AWP referee will treat others the way AWP wishes to see its referees treated, with a friendly, respectful manner. The referee will treat and address concerns before, during and after a game when and if possible/appropriate, from coaching staff and players alike. This will be done in a fair and equitable manner, with all teams treated in a similar way.

AWP REFEREES COMMUNICATE CLEARLY. The AWP referee will communicate clearly regarding decisions made and keeps all teams competing in a match informed regarding the outcomes of decisions made (when appropriate). This ranges from signalling during the game, to questions asked by coaching staff/players in between quarters (dialogue and discussions should not take place between quarters due to time restrictions), to questions (respectfully) asked by teams after a game has concluded (keep in mind that a 15-minute cool-off period should be respected).

AWP REFEREES ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE. The AWP referee will keep up with the newest rule changes and interpretations and undertake personal development and learning annually, as well as seek feedback and assessment from peers and more experienced referees to stay on top of the game.

An AWP Referee has a big role to play in the growth of water polo. Auckland Water Polo is excited to have you on board as part of our Referee Team!