

# Geraldton Water Polo Association

## Duties of Pool Controller

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The general aim of the Pool Controller is to ensure that the games run on time and have the referees start the game clock regardless of whether the teams are ready.

**IT IS NOT YOUR ROLE TO DO THE WORK RATHER MAKE SURE IT HAPPENS !!!!**

### **Uniform**

The pool controller shall wear the Hi-Viz vest for the entirety of the time they are in control of the pool.

### **Setting up Inside Pool**

- Place goals in water, they are stored in the outside equipment shed.
- Ropes are located on one reel in the outside equipment shed. Ropes are linked together and are grouped by end.
- Run ropes off reel 4 per end, 2 x white & 2 x white with red end. All ropes will have a black turn buckle which are connected to the pool wall and a steel hook which is connected to the goals. For round game's it is allowed to use 1 rope instead of 2 per end i.e. the rear rope can be left out.
- Attach ropes with red ends to the goals on the grandstand side of the pool (forms re-entry / penalty area) and white ropes on the other side. Attach turn buckles to pool walls and tighten buckles (not too tight). Ensure goals are parallel and square to sides of pool. If 1 rope is used ensure goals are square to sides of the pool and firm.
- If a final or exhibition game eg National League attach the centre ring for game start. Rope is threaded through a pulley in centre of pool and side opposite grandstand.
- Find Association cage and table in equipment shed. Set up on side opposite grandstand.
- Set up markers for 2m (red), 5m (yellow) from goal line on all corners of pool and centre line (white) on both sides.
- Set up shot clocks (opposite side to grandstand) between the goal line and the 4m line. Cables are marked as 'shot clock north end' and 'shot clock outdoor pool end'.
- Set up table with control panel (connected to cable marked 'control panel') and ensure game sheet books and pens are available for coaches.
- Set up game clock as per instruction sheet.
- Issue game balls in the cage to the referee and line judges (if used).
- Ensure referees are ready 5 mins before the scheduled game start time to check game sheets have been filled out properly, check nails and assemble teams.
- Ensure game clock starts on time regardless of whether teams are ready, this will ensure games do not run over time for later games.

### **Putting Away Inside Pool**

- Putting away is the reverse of setting up.
- Ropes must be linked one end at a time and have the 2 re-entry ropes first then the white ropes from the same end. The other end re-entry ropes are then linked and the last white ropes linked and rolled onto the reel. This will make the set-up of the ropes easier to do next time.
- Shot clocks, control panel and tub containing game sheet/books to be into the cage.
- Cables are neatly coiled and hung up in the cabinet.
- Ensure all game balls are back in Association cage.

- Store cage and table in area designated of equipment shed.

**A player is Reported in a Game**

If a player is reported by a referee, it is the duty of the pool controller to advise the player and determine if the player is going to accept the prescribed penalty. It is the duty of the referee to hand the report sheet to the pool controller to enable the above to be carried out.