



Modified Rules for 2018 Winter Competition

After reviewing the format of the 2018 Winter Competition season, Water Polo Victoria (WPV) has determined to retain the same competition format and team numbers as in previous years

The "Fast Fives" format, whilst many felt it was a good concept, most felt it wasn't an ideal format for Winter Competition

Therefore standard (FINA) water polo rules will apply with the following modifications:

1. Game Time as per previous Winter competitions

- SL1 Men & Women 8 minutes running time
- Youth Boys & Girls 6 minutes running time
- all other Grades 7 minutes running time

2. Teams – 6 field players and goalie plus up to 6 substitutes

3. Substitutions

- During play
 - a player can exit the field of play and be substituted at any time
 - exiting player must return to the re-entry box before substitution
 - the substitute, must enter from the re-entry point in the corner of the field of play, once the exiting player is in the box with the substitute
 - the substitute must slip into the water from behind the goal line
 - they cannot dive in

4. Restart after goal

- Immediate restart after a goal has been scored
- Teams do not have to go on their respective halves
- Goalie pass to restart the game

5. Exclusion foul

- When excluded, players must go into the re-entry area and can return to the game immediately (no minimum exclusion time)

Ongoing monitoring of these rules will be carried out during the Winter season