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Introduction

FINA World Championships: Water Polo

The FINA World Championships is one of the most popular international sporting events in the world, and has been held across the globe since 1973. After the inaugural Belgrade championships the event was staged every four years until 1998, where it was altered to every two years. Men's water polo has been part of this cycle since the beginning, however, the women's tournament only made its debut in Madrid, 1986. Australia has hosted the championships three times with the latest being in Melbourne, 2007. Hungary is the most successful water polo nation at the tournament claiming a total of 12 medals across men and women's competitions. In 2011, the championships will be held for the first time in China.

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Tournament Schedule

Australian Matches

July 17 Sunday: Australian Women vs. Canada 12:10-13:15 (14:10-15:15 AEST)

July 18 Monday: Australian Men vs. Romania 12:10-13:15 (14:10-15:15 AEST)

July 19 Tuesday: Australian Women vs. New Zealand 10:50-11:55 (12:50-13:55 AEST)

July 20 Wednesday: Australian Men vs. China 21:00-22:05 (23:00-00:05 AEST)

July 21 Thursday: Australian Women vs. Uzbekistan 19:40-20:45 (21:40-22:45 AEST)

July 22 Friday: Australian Men vs. Serbia 19:40-20:45 (21:40-22:45 AEST)

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Women's Schedule

The 2011 women's water polo competition features 16 teams split into four groups.

Group A: Netherlands (NED) Kazakhstan (KAZ) United States of America (USA) Hungary (HUN)

Group B: **Australia (AUS)** New Zealand (NZL) Canada (CAN) Uzbekistan (UZB)

Group C: Brazil (BRA) Greece (GRE) Russia (RUS) Spain (ESP)

Group D: Italy (ITA) South Africa (RSA) Cuba (CUB) China (CHN)

Date		Time	Team
Preliminary Rd			
July 17	1	0930-1035	NED vs USA
Sun	2	1050-1155	KAZ vs HUN
	3	1210-1315	AUS vs CAN
	4	1330-1435	NZL vs UZB
	5	1500-1605	BRA vs RUS
	6	1620-1725	RSA vs CHN
	7	1740-1845	GRE vs ESP
	8	1900-2005	ITA vs CUB
Preliminary Rd			
July 19	9	0930-1035	UZB vs CAN
Tue	10	1050-1155	AUS vs NZL
	11	1210-1315	ESP vs RUS
	12	1330-1435	BRA vs GRE
	13	1700-1805	CHN vs CUB
	14	1820-1925	ITA vs RSA
	15	1940-2045	HUN vs USA
	16	2100-2205	NED vs KAZ
Preliminary Rd			
July 21	17	0930-1035	BRA vs ESP
Thu	18	1050-1155	GRE vs RUS
	19	1210-1315	RSA vs CUB
	20	1330-1435	NED vs HUN
	21	1700-1805	ITA vs CHN
	22	1820-1925	KAZ vs USA
	23	1940-2045	AUS vs UZB
	24	2100-2205	NZL vs CAN

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Date		Time	Team
2 nd Preliminary Rd			
July 23	25	0930-1035	4thA vs 4thB
Sat	26	1050-1155	4thC vs 4thD
	27	1210-1315	2ndA vs 3rdB
	28	1500-1605	3rdA vs 2ndB
	29	1620-1725	2ndC vs 3rdD
	30	2100-2205	3rdC vs 2ndD
Quarter Finals			
July 25	31	0840-0945	Loser 25 vs Loser 26 (15 th /16 th)
Mon	32	1000-1105	Winner 25 vs Winner 26 (13 th /14 th)
	33	1120-1225	Loser 27 vs Loser 29
	34	1240-1345	Loser 28 vs Loser 30
	35	1400-1505	1stA vs Winner 29
	36	1520-1625	1stB vs Winner 30
	37	1640-1745	1stC vs Winner 27
	38	2100-2205	1stD vs Winner 28
Semi Finals			
July 27	39	0930-1035	Loser 33 vs Loser 34 (11 th /12 th)
Wed	40	1050-1155	Winner 33 vs Winner 34 (9 th /10 th)
	41	1210-1315	Loser 35 vs Loser 36
	42	1530-1635	Loser 37 vs Loser 38
	43	1650-1755	Winner 35 vs Winner 36
	44	2100-2205	Winner 37 vs Winner 38
Finals			
July 29	45	0930-1035	Loser 41 vs Loser 42 (7 th /8 th)
Fri	46	1055-1200	Winner 41 vs Winner 42 (5 th /6 th)
	47	1600-1705	Loser 43 vs Loser 44 (Bronze match)
	48	2100-2205	Winner 43 vs Winner 44 (Gold match)

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Australian Stingers

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History: The Australian women's water polo team has a strong record at the FINA World Championships highlighted by a gold medal in 1986 where they defeated the Netherlands. The Stingers' also collected a bronze in 1998 and silver in 2007 where they lost to the USA 6-5 in the final.

2010/2011 Record: 41 wins, 10 losses, 5 draws

Australia comes into the tournament with a strong start to the 2011 season claiming silver in the Kirishi Cup and bronze in the FINA World League. They have only lost three games all year, two against Russia and one against USA.

2011 Highlights:

Silver Kirishi Cup, bronze FINA World League, 1st FINA World League Asia/Oceania Qualifiers

2010 Highlights:

Silver FINA World League Super Final, silver FINA World Cup, 1st FINA World League Asia/Oceania Qualifiers

Group Opponents:

New Zealand: Last meeting - Australia 18 NZ 5 (2011 Pre-World Champs tournament)

Canada: Last meeting - Australia 10 Canada 8 (2011 FINA World League Finals)

Uzbekistan: No recent fixture

Squad: 1-Victoria Brown (VIC) 2-Gemma Beadsworth (WA) 3-Sophie Smith (QLD) 4-Rebecca Rippon (NSW) 5-Jane Moran (QLD) 6-Bronwen Knox (QLD) 7-Rowena Webster (VIC) 8-Kate Gynther (QLD) 9-Glencora Ralph (WA) 10-Holly Lincoln-Smith (NSW) 11-Melissa Rippon (QLD) 12-Nicola Zagame (NSW) 13-Alicia McCormack (NSW)

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1. Victoria Brown - Goalkeeper (183cm, 77kg)

Birthdate: 27/7/85, City of Birth: Melbourne, Club: Victorian Tigers

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships Bronze 2005; FINA World League Super Finals Bronze 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, Silver 2007, 2010; FINA World Cup Silver 2010; FINA World Championships 6th 2009.

Debut: 2005 Tests Played: 114



2. Gemma Beadsworth - Centre Forward/Centre Back (180cm, 80kg)

Birthdate: 17/7/87, City of Birth: Perth, Club: Fremantle Marlins

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships Bronze 2005, Gold 2007; FINA World League Super Finals Bronze 2008, 2011 Silver 2010; FINA World Championships 6th 2005, Silver 2007, Beijing Olympics Bronze 2008.

Debut: 2005 Tests Played: 177



3. Sophie Smith - Centre Back (181cm, 70kg)

Birthdate: 26/2/86, City of Birth: Brisbane, Club: KFC Queensland Breakers

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships Bronze 2005; FINA World League Super Finals 4th 2006, Bronze 2005, 2011, Silver 2010; FINA World Cup Silver 2010; FINA World Championships 6th 2009.

Debut: 2005 Tests Played: 133



4. Rebecca Rippon - Driver (167cm, 72kg)

Birthdate: 26/12/78, City of Birth: Sydney, Club: Cronulla Sharks

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships Silver 1995, 1997; FINA World Championships 7th 2003, 6th 2009, Silver 2007; FINA World League Super Finals 4th 2006, Bronze 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011; Athens Olympics 4th 2008, Beijing Olympics 3rd 2008.

Debut: 2002 Tests Played: 225



5. Jane Moran - Driver (167cm, 68kg)

Birthdate: 06/6/85, City of Birth: Murwillumbah, NSW, Club: Brisbane Barracudas

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships Bronze 2005; FINA World League Super Finals 4th 2006, Bronze 2009, 2011, Silver 2007, 2010; FINA World Cup Silver 2010; FINA World Championships 6th 2009.

Tests Played: 134

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6. Bronwen Knox - Centre Back (182cm, 90kg)

Birthdate: 16/4/86, City of Birth: Brisbane, Club: KFC Queensland Breakers

Major Competitions: FINA World Cup Silver 2010, Gold 2009; FINA World League Super Finals Bronze 2008, Silver 2010; FINA World Championships 6th 2009, Silver 2007; Beijing Olympics Bronze 2008.

Debut: 2005 Tests Played: 156



7. Rowie Webster - Utility (177cm, 79kg)

Birthdate: 27/12/87, City of Birth: Melbourne, Club: Victorian Tigers

Major Competitions: FINA Junior World Championships Gold 2007; FINA World League Super Finals Bronze 2008, 2011, Silver 2010; FINA World Championships 6th 2009; FINA World Cup, Silver 2010.

Debut: 2005 Tests Played: 82



8. Kate Gynther - Driver (174cm, 73kg)

Birthdate: 5/7/82, City of Birth: Brisbane, Club: Brisbane Barracudas

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships Silver 2001; FINA World Championships 7th 2003, 6th 2009, Silver 2007; Athens Olympics 4th 2004, Beijing Olympics Bronze 2008; FINA World League Super Finals 4th 2006, Bronze 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, Silver 2007; FINA World Cup Gold 2006.

Debut: 2002 Tests Played: 165



9. Glencora Ralph - Centre Back (178cm, 68kg)

Birthdate: 8/8/88, City of Birth: Geraldton, WA, Club: Fremantle Marlins

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships Gold 2007; FINA World League Super Finals Bronze, 2009, 2011, Silver 2010; FINA World Cup Silver 2010; FINA World Championships 6th 2009; National Water Polo League Champions 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007.

Debut: 2006 Tests Played: 72



10. Holly Lincoln-Smith - Centre Forward (183cm, 85kg)

Birthdate: 26/3/88, City of Birth: Sydney, Club: Cronulla Sharks.

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships Gold 2007; FINA World Cup Silver 2010; FINA World League Super Finals Bronze 2011.

Debut: 2005 Tests Played: 70

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11. Melissa Rippon - Utility (169cm, 71kg)

Birthdate: 20/1/81, City of Birth: Sydney, Club: Brisbane Barracudas

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships Silver 1997, 2001, Gold 1999; FINA World League Super Finals 4th 2006, Bronze 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, Silver 2007, 2010; FINA World Championships 7th 2003, 6th 2005, Silver 2007, 6th 2009; Athens Olympics 4th 2004, Beijing Olympics 3rd 2008.

Debut: 2000 Tests Played: 232



12. Nicola Zagame - Driver (174cm, 75kg)

Birthdate: 11/8/90, City of Birth: Sydney, Club: Cronulla Sharks

Major Competitions: FINA World League Super Finals Bronze 2011, Silver 2010; FINA World Cup Silver 2010; FINA World Championships 6th 2009.

Debut: 2009. Tests Played: 82



13. Alicia McCormack - Goalkeeper (168cm, 77kg)

Birthdate: 7/6/83, City of Birth: Sydney, Club: Cronulla Sharks

Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships 6th 2003, Silver 2001; FINA World League Super Finals 4th 2006, Bronze 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011; FINA World Championships 6th 2005, 2009, Silver 2007; Beijing Olympics 3rd 2008.

Debut: 2003 Tests Played: 141

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach - Greg McFadden

Assistant Coach - Dalibor Maslan, Ryan Moar, Greig Richardson

Team Manager - Lynne Morrison

Support Staff - Liz Steet (Physio), Grace Bryant (Doctor) Kirsten

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Men's Schedule

The 2011 men's water polo competition features 16 teams split into 4 groups.

Group A: Hungary (HUN) Kazakhstan (KAZ) Montenegro (MNE) Spain (ESP)

Group B: Serbia (SRB) Romania (ROU) China (CHN) **Australia (AUS)**

Group C: Brazil (BRA) Japan (JPN) Croatia (CRO) Canada (CAN)

Group D: United States of America (USA) Italy (ITA) Germany (GER) South Africa (RSA)

Date	Time	Team
Preliminary Rd		
July 18	1 0930-1035	HUN vs MNE
Mon	2 1050-1155	KAZ vs ESP
	3 1210-1315	ROU vs AUS
	4 1330-1435	BRA vs CRO
	5 1700-1805	JPN vs CAN
	6 1820-1925	USA vs GER
	7 1940-2045	ITA vs RSA
	8 2100-2205	SRB vs CHN
Preliminary Rd		
July 20	9 0930-1035	SRB vs ROU
Wed	10 1050-1155	CAN vs CRO
	11 1210-1315	BRA vs JPN
	12 1330-1435	RSA vs GER
	13 1700-1805	USA vs ITA
	14 1820-1925	ESP vs MNE
	15 1940-2045	HUN vs KAZ
	16 2100-2205	AUS vs CHN
Preliminary Rd		
July 22	17 0930-1035	BRA vs CAN
Fri	18 1050-1155	JPN vs CRO
	19 1210-1315	USA vs RSA
	20 1330-1435	ITA vs GER
	21 1700-1805	HUN vs ESP
	22 1820-1925	KAZ vs MNE
	23 1940-2045	SRB vs AUS
	24 2100-2205	ROU vs CHN

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Men's Schedule

Date	Time	Team
2nd Preliminary Rd		
July 24	25 0930-1035	4thA vs 4thB
Sun	26 1050-1155	4thC vs 4thD
	27 1210-1315	2ndA vs 3rdB
	28 1530-1635	3rdA vs 2ndB
	29 1650-1755	2ndC vs 3rdD
	30 2100-2205	3rdC vs 2ndD
Quarter Finals		
July 26	31 0840-0945	Loser 25 vs Loser 26 (15 th /16 th)
Tue	32 1000-1105	Winner 25 vs Winner 26 (13 th /14 th)
	33 1120-1225	Loser 27 vs Loser 29
	34 1240-1345	Loser 28 vs Loser 30
	35 1400-1505	1stA vs Winner 29
	36 1520-1625	1stB vs Winner 30
	37 1640-1745	1stC vs Winner 27
	38 2100-2205	1stD vs Winner 28
Semi Finals		
July 28	39 0930-1035	Loser 33 vs Loser 34 (11 th /12 th)
Thu	40 1050-1155	Winner 33 vs Winner 34 (9 th /10 th)
	41 1210-1315	Loser 35 vs Loser 36
	42 1530-1635	Loser 37 vs Loser 38
	43 1650-1755	Winner 35 vs Winner 36
	44 2100-2205	Winner 37 vs Winner 38
Finals		
July 30	45 0930-1035	Loser 41 vs Loser 42 (7 th /8 th)
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Australian Sharks

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History: Australia has finished tenth at both of the past two FINA World Championships. Their best result came when fourth in 1998 on home soil in Perth. The Sharks have finished third in their pool group the past three tournaments. Group Opponent Romania and Australia have had a see-saw battle since 2007, the Sharks victorious at the 2007 FINA World League and Romania on top at the 2009 World Championships and 2010 World Cup. The World League has brought the Sharks' most success with three top four finishes in the last five years including two bronze medals (2007 & 2008).

2010/2011 Record: 31 wins, 19 losses

Australia comes into the tournament off a sixth place at the FINA World League Super Finals where they easily beat Group Opponent China.

2011 Highlights:

6th FINA World League Super Finals, 1st FINA World League Asia/Oceania Qualifiers

2010 Highlights:

4th FINA World League Super Finals, 1st FINA World League Asia/Oceania Qualifiers, 6th FINA World Cup

Group Opponents:

Serbia: Last meeting - Australia 9 lost to Serbia 12 (2010 FINA World Cup)

Romania: Last meeting - Australia 5 lost to Romania 9 (2010 FINA World Cup)

China: Last meeting - Australia 14 bt China 4 (2011 FINA World League Finals)

Squad: 1-Joel Dennerley (NSW) 2-Richie Campbell (NSW) 3-Tim Cleland (WA) 4-Mitchell Baird (NSW) 5-Rob Maitland (QLD) 6-Anthony Martin (QLD) 7-Sam McGregor (Captain VIC) 8-Rhys Howden (QLD) 9-Aidan Roach (NSW) 10-Gavin Woods (NSW) 11-Aaron Younger (WA) 12-Billy Miller (QLD) 13-Luke Quinlivan (WA)

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Biographies



1. Joel Dennerley - Goalkeeper (194cm, 93kg)

Birthdate: 25/6/87, City of Birth: Auburn, Sydney, Club/s: Wests Magpies, University of Southern California Trojans (USA)

Major Competitions: FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2011, 4th 2010; FINA World Cup 6th 2010, National Water Polo League Champions 2008, NCAA National Championship (USA) 1st 2008, 2009, 2010.

Debut: December 2008. Tests Played: 44



2. Richie Campbell - Centre Back (193 cm, 85 kg)

Birthdate: 18/9/87, City of Birth: Newcastle, NSW, Club: UNSW Wests Magpies

Major Competitions: FINA World Juniors Championships 7th 2005, FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2009, 2011, 4th 2010, Bronze 2007, 2008; Beijing Olympics 8th 2008; World University Games Gold 2009; FINA World Cup 6th 2010; FINA World Championships 10th 2009

Debut: 2005. Tests Played: 93



3. Tim Cleland - Centre Back/Centre Forward (195 cm, 113 kg)

Birthdate: 15/12/1984, City of Birth: Perth, WA, Club: Fremantle Mariners

Major Competitions: FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2009, 2011; FINA World Championships 10th 2009.

Debut: 2002. Tests Played: 56



4. Mitch Baird - Centre Forward (199 cm, 120 kg)

Birthdate: 01/05/85, City of Birth: Gosford, NSW, Club: Hunter Hurricanes

Major Competitions: FINA World League Super Final 4th 2010, 6th 2011, FINA World Cup 6th 2010

Debut: 2009. Tests Played: 37



5. Robert Maitland - Utility (188 cm, 98 kg)

Birthdate: 4/09/1983, City of Birth: Brisbane, QLD, Club/s: Sydney University Lions, Barcelona (ESP).

Major Competitions: World University Games Bronze 2003, Gold 2009; National Water Polo League Champions 2002, 2003, 2005; Commonwealth Championships Gold 2006; FINA World League Super Final 6th 2009, 2011, 4th 2006, 2010, Bronze 2007, 2008; Beijing Olympics 8th 2008; FINA World Championships 10th 2007, 2009

Debut: 2005. Tests Played: 149

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6. Anthony Martin - Center Back (194 cm, 93 kg)

Birthdate: 22/3/1985, City of Birth: Brisbane, Club/s: KFC Queensland Breakers, Sabadell (ESP).
Major Competitions: FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2011, 4th 2006, Bronze 2007, 2008; FINA World Championships 10th 2007, 2009; Beijing Olympics Games 8th 2008; World University Games Gold 2009.

Debut: 2006. Tests Played: 127



7. Sam McGregor - Left Driver (192 cm, 105 kg)

Birthdate: 12/08/1984, City of Birth: Darwin, NT Club: Victorian Tigers
Major Competitions: FINA World Championships 10th 2005, 2007, 2009, 8th 2003; National Water Polo League Champions 2005; World University Games Bronze 2003; Olympic Games 9th 2004, 8th 2008, Commonwealth Championships Gold 2006; FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2011, 4th 2010, Bronze 2007, 2008; Australian Player Of The Year 2010.

Debut: 2002. Tests Played: 189



8. Rhys Howden - Driver (188 cm, 80 kg)

Birthdate: 2/04/1987, City of Birth: Brisbane, QLD, Club: Brisbane Barracudas
Major Competitions: FINA World Junior Championships 5th 2007; FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2009, 2011, 4th 2010, Bronze 2008; Beijing Olympics 8th 2008; FINA World Championships 10th 2009; FINA World Cup 6th 2010

Debut: 2007 Tests Played: 113



9. Aidan Roach - Driver (188 cm, 86 kg)

Birthdate: 07/09/1990, City of Birth: Sydney, NSW, Club: Drummoyne Devils
Major Competitions: World University Games Gold 2009; FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2011

Debut: 2009. Tests Played: 34



10. Gavin Woods - Centre Back (200cm, 95kg)

Birthdate: 01/03/78, City of Birth: Sydney, NSW Club/s: Balmain Tigers, CN Barcelona (ESP).
Major Competitions: FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2011, 4th 2006, Bronze 2008; World University Games Bronze 2003; FINA World Championships 10th 2001, 2007, 7th 2003 4th 1998; Sydney Olympics 8th 2000, Athens Olympics 9th 2004, Beijing Olympics 8th 2008.

Debut: 1997. Tests Played: 281

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11. Aaron Younger - Driver (185 cm, 92 kg)

Birthdate: 25/09/1991, City of Birth: Perth, WA. Club/s: Fremantle Mariners, Szeged Beton (HUN).

Major Competitions: World University Games Gold 2009; FINA World Junior Championships 7th 2010; FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2011, 4th 2010; FINA World Cup 6th 2010.

Debut: May 2009. Tests Played: 41



12. Billy Miller - Utility (Height and Weight)

Birthdate: 21/02/1988, City of Birth: Brisbane, QLD, Club: KFC Queensland Breakers

Major Competitions: FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2009, 20011, 4th 2010; World University Games Gold 2009; FINA World Championships 10th 2009; FINA World Cup 6th 2010

Debut: 2008 Tests Played: 60



13. Luke Quinlivan - Goalkeeper (192 cm, 100 kg)

Birthdate: 20/8/85, City of Birth: Perth, WA Club: UWA Torpedoes

Major Competitions: FINA World League Super Finals 6th 2011, 4th 2006, Bronze 2007, 2008; World University Games Gold 2009; FINA World Championships 10th 2009.

Tests Played: 74

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach - John Fox

Assistant Coach - Paul Oberman, Frank Otto

Manager - Jon Harmer

Support Staff - Ian Gard (Physio), Andrew Yanitsas (Video Analysis)

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