



Australian Polocrosse Nationals & Interstate Competition Player Eligibility

AS APPROVED BY THE POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA*
THESE RULES ARE APPLICABLE FROM 1 JANUARY 2019

The following rules apply to **all players** seeking selection in a State or Territory team at any Australian Nationals or Interstate competition held on or from 1 January 2019:

1. The State or Territory of the club you first register with (or renew your existing membership with) in a calendar year is deemed to be your Home State or Territory as a registered player.
2. Your Home State or Territory in the year preceding an Australian Nationals or Interstate competition is the State or Territory that you are eligible to represent at the next Australian Nationals or Interstate competition.

For example: For the 2020 Australian Polocrosse National Championships at Ballarat, if a player renews their membership in 2019 with a NSW club, then that player will be eligible to play for NSW at the 2020 Australian Polocrosse National Championships Ballarat.

3. To represent a State or Territory at an Australian Nationals you must be a registered playing member of a club in that State or Territory as at the Nomination End Date and also be a registered playing member of a club in that State or Territory from the commencement of the relevant Australian Nationals or Interstate competition event until the completion of that event.

Nomination End Date means the date that the event host club, in consultation with the PAA, determines to be the team nomination end date for the relevant Australian Nationals or Interstate competition event. For the 2020 Australian Polocrosse National Championships at Ballarat, the Nomination End Date is 30 October 2019.

4. You must have resided in Australia for two years and must not have represented any other country at an International level for two years prior to the date of the relevant Australian Nationals or Interstate competition event.



For example: If you have represented a country other than Australia at the 2019 Polocrosse World Cup, then you are not eligible to represent any Australian State or Territory at the 2020 Australian Polocrosse National Championships in Ballarat, even if you have resided in and played club polocrosse in Australia for the two years prior to the 2020 Ballarat Nationals.

5. If you seek permission from the PAA to represent a particular State or Territory (that is not your Home State or Territory) at an Australian Nationals or Interstate competition event:
 - a. you must request an eligibility exemption in writing from the PAA (**Eligibility Exemption Request**);
 - b. the Eligibility Exemption Request must set out the reasons why the exemption is required and all circumstances that are relevant to the Eligibility Exemption Request; and
 - c. the Eligibility Exemption Request must be signed by two PAA Councillors from the State or Territory you are seeking to represent.

6. The PAA may grant an exemption in its absolute discretion, considering all relevant factors including any extenuating or exceptional circumstances. Relevant factors that will be given particular weight include a change in circumstances that were out of your control.

*Policy dated 9 July 2019 and prepared in accordance with rulings approved by the Polocrosse Association of Australia including at meetings dated 8 August 2014, 28 March 2015 and 24 & 25 November 2018.

