



Vision: To Be The Leading Polocrosse Nation And Expand The Family Sport Of Polocrosse World Wide

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11.1 National Championships & Interstate Competition Player Eligibility POLICY

The following policy sets out the requirements to be eligible for selection in a State or Territory team at any Australian National Championships or interstate competition.

- a) The State or Territory of the Club you first register with each calendar year (or renew your existing membership with) is deemed to be your home State or Territory as a registered player. 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 i.e. with relevance to the 2022 Australian Polocrosse National Championships, a player's home State or Territory is that to which their Club is affiliated with in 2021.
- b) To represent a State or Territory at a National Championship 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 National Championships 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.

- c) 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 National Championships 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 even if you have resided in and played club polocrosse in Australia for the two years prior to the 2020 National Championship.
- d) If States or Territories are unable to fill a full side for the Australian National Championships or interstate competition in accordance with points a-c above, exception may be requested for two players only in a team of seven.
- e) States or Territories must seek consent to borrow players from other States or Territories via the relevant State Association before making the request in writing to the PAA Board. Requests for exception, accompanied by the relevant State Association's agreement, should satisfy the following requirements:
 - 1. the player/s must have nominated for their home State and not been selected in their home State before being eligible to be a borrowed player;
 - 2. the eligibility exception request must set out the reasons why the exception is required and all circumstances that are relevant to the request;
 - 3. the eligibility exception request must be signed by a PAA Councillor from the requesting State or Territory and a PAA Councillor from the agreeing State or Territory.

The PAA may grant an exemption in its absolute discretion, considering all relevant factors including any extenuating or exceptional circumstances.