



Email to club members for Term 1 2025  
Subject: **2025 update from your Committee**

Welcome to a new year at Sea Wolf. Last year we had record player numbers and reached capacity in a number of our age grades, we expect the same this year so please make sure you **register now** to secure your place in the Sea Wolf Pack for 2025.

We have a number of updates for you ahead of seeing you back poolside starting on Monday 3 February.

More of the same great Sea Wolf events

- WaterWolves each term for school or social teams in years 3/4 and 5/6
- Juniors league for year 9/10 school teams in Terms 2 & 3
- Age grade tournaments: Kings birthday U18, Matariki U16 & Labour weekend U14
- Shooting clinics on Sunday mornings

And some changes

Coaches

We are excited for Ben Goodwin that, in addition to being Kings Waterpolo Head Coach, he has accepted a full time position at Kings College. However we are sad to be losing him as one of our permanent part-time senior coaches. Ben will always be a core part of the Sea Wolf pack and we are hoping that he will be able to coach a team or 2 in the second half of the year once he knows his school commitments.

We welcomed our OG, Jim Floerchinger, back to Sea Wolf coaching in 2024 in the U14 boys and shooting clinics and look forward to seeing more of Jim, his passion and expertise in 2025.

We are currently completing our roster of coaches for 2025 with some great experience and further coaching approaches & insights for our players. We will confirm our plans once Olly has finished his discussions with individual coaches.

Mens National League team

We're excited to have a Sea Wolf team in both the womens & mens National League for 2025. Olly Gibb will be coaching the Mens team to develop our older players and provide a pathway within NZ and offshore. More information on NL will be emailed out in shortly.

U12

With Ben no longer available on a permanent basis, Olly Gibb will be taking over the U12 program to ensure that we continue to deliver both great waterpolo fundamentals and fun, as well as further developing our younger U12 coaches.

AYWPC (Australian Youth Water Polo Champs)

NZ Secondary Schools Nationals have been moved to the end of the Term 1 school holidays this year with Prems coaches & player's preparation clashing with the

Australian tournament dates. We will look at this again next year when it's also slated to be back in Brisbane for the shorter flight.

Our non-coaching team

**Admin** - you might recall from our 17 Dec email that we've welcomed Vicki Hart as our part-time paid administrator. Vicki is completing her handover with Davina McAllister who has been a tireless Sea Wolf volunteer over many years .

**Travel** - Speaking of volunteers. We thank Leah Middleton for taking on the travel planning and booking for our busy 2025 calendar. Leah will work with Vicki & the Committee so we've got reservations secured early to keep costs as low as possible.

The full calendar for the year [Sea Wolf | Teamup](#) & the Term 1 training schedule are on our website [Trainings | Sea Wolf Water Polo](#)

And we'll confirm a few other annual events during this term;

- Prize giving for 2024 season - TBC in early Term 2 at Carlton Rugby Club
- AGM - TBC but a Sat/Sun before 31 March (expected to be at Carlton Rugby Club)

A few key notes are also below

Please **re-register for 2025**, your membership will not roll over from last year. If you are not playing or attending trainings in Term 1 you should still register for 2025 to secure your spot in your age grade. When you register, choose the not training/playing Term 1 option, you will be charged the annual membership fee.

If you are not able to register, please contact [admin@seawolf.co.nz](mailto:admin@seawolf.co.nz)

### **Sea Wolf Annual membership fee**

As with NZWP, you need to be a registered and financial member of Sea Wolf Water to be eligible to play for the club.

This fee is separate to training, league and tournament fees and is invoiced at the time of registration.

For 2025 the Sea Wolf registration fee is \$155

This fee covers the background running of the club as well as charges from external providers, including the Auckland Water Polo Affiliation fee.

Fixed Fees:

- Auckland Water (AWP) Affiliation Fee
- Xero (accounting software)
- Friendly Manager
- Banking Fees
- Equipment upkeep (balls, caps, gear bags, first aid kits)
- Sea Wolf Official uniforms (coaches, managers)
- Social Media/Graphic design/promotional
- Auditor's fees

(note the NZWP annual registration fee is \$39.50 & reminders to re-register will be sent separately by NZWP)