

= Glencora Ralph =

Glencora Ralph ( born 8 August 1988 ) is an Australian water polo centre back / driver . She attended the Curtin University of Technology and is a dental therapist . She competes for the Fremantle Marlins in the National Water Polo League , and was on sides that won the league championship in 2003 , 2004 , 2006 and 2007 . She has been a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team on the junior and senior level . She has won gold medals at the 2011 Canada Cup and at the 2007 FINA Junior World Championships . She won silver medals at the 2010 FINA World League Super Finals and at the 2010 FINA Women 's Water Polo World Cup . She won a bronze medal at the 2009 FINA World League Super Finals . She is one of seventeen players vying for thirteen spots on the national team to represent Australia in water polo at the 2012 Summer Olympics .

= = Personal = =

Ralph was born on 8 August 1988 in Geraldton , Western Australia . She has three siblings , one of whom , Mercedes Ralph , has represented Australia on an international tour . She is 176 cm ( 5 ft 9 in ) tall , weighs 67 kilograms ( 148 lb ) and is right handed . In addition to water polo , she has also participated in competitive swimming but made the commitment to water polo because she found swimming boring . She has an associate degree in School Dental Therapy from the Curtin University of Technology and currently works as a dental therapist . She took time off from competing in water polo internationally in 2007 to complete her studies .

= = Water polo = =

Ralph took up water polo at the age of thirteen , with her first competition being the Melville Flippaball Competition . She has a water polo scholarship from the Western Australian Institute of Sport . She plays in the centre back / driver positions and prefers to wear cap number eight . As a young player , she would get up at 4 am to get to the pool to train .

= = Club water polo = =

Ralph 's water polo club is Melville Water Polo Club and she plays water polo for the Longmont Fremantle Marlins in the National Water Polo League . Her team won the National Water Polo League championship in 2003 , 2004 , 2006 and 2007 . She was with the team in 2007 as an eighteen @-@ year @-@ old . During 2010 , she was coached by Wendy Arancini , the mother of fellow senior national team member Zoe Arancini . In 2010 , in the finals tournament , she was named to the league final 's All Star team . Her team finished third , beating the Cronulla team 11 ? 9 in the bronze medal match . She currently plays for the team with her sister Mercedes .

= = Junior national team = =

Ralph has represented Australia on the junior national level . She was a member of the junior national side at the 2007 FINA U20 World Championships in Porto , Portugal that won a gold medal . She was one of only two Western Australians on the team .

= = Senior national team = =

Ralph is a member of the Australia women 's national water polo team . She made her senior side debut in China in 2006 during the preliminary rounds of the FINA World League . She competed in another tournament for the senior side in 2006 because Melissa Rippon and Taniele Gofers were injured . She was a member of the 2009 team that finished third at the FINA World League Super Finals in Kirishi , Russia and sixth at the FINA World Championships in Rome , Italy . In 2010 , she

was a member of the national team that competed in the preliminary rounds of the FINA World League in Japan from 21 ? 23 May and in China from 26 ? 28 May . Australia finished second in the tournament . In 2010 , she was a member of the Stingers squad that competed at the FINA World Cup in Christchurch , New Zealand and earned a silver medal . She played in the game where Australia beat Greece by a score of 11 ? 7 . She scored twice for the team during the third period . She competed Australia 's 10 ? 8 defeat of Russia . In the third quarter of the match , she scored two goals . At the 2011 Canada Cup , she scored s goal in the first period in the gold medal match against China that the Australian team ended up winning . She was named a member of the All Star team for the 2011 Canada Cup . In July 2011 , she was a member of the Australian Stingers that competed in the 2011 FINA World Championships in Shanghai as a field player . In preparation for this tournament , she attended a team training camp in Perth , Western Australia . She competed in the Pan Pacific Championships in January 2012 for the Australian Stingers . In February 2012 , she was named to the final training squad for the 2012 Summer Olympics . She attended training camp that started on 20 February 2012 at the Australian Institute of Sport . The team of seventeen players will be cut to thirteen before the team departs for the Olympic games , with the announcement being made on 13 June . She was part of the Stingers squad that competed in a five @-@ game test against Great Britain at the AIS in late February 2012 . This was the team 's first matches against Great Britain 's national team in six years .