



National Championship League: Registration Information 2024-2025

Please see important National Championship League (NCL) information below, including:

- Registration fees and deadlines for the 16U, 18U, and Senior categories as they apply to the 2024-2025 NCL season.
- Competition categories and age requirements
- A draft calendar containing the significant weekends of the 2024-2025 NCL season

2024-2025 Registration Process

Registration for the NCL must be completed through Water Polo Canada's (WPC) National Registration and Event Management database, RAMPInteractive®. Club representatives must register all clubs through their accounts using the Competitions feature in WPC's database system. For more information on how to register, click here [\[LINK\]](#)

All payments must be made via credit cards, and a 2.5% administration fee has been added to each team's registration fee as outlined in WPC's Administration Fee, Cancellation Fee and Refund Policy [\[LINK\]](#)

18U Registration – Team Fees

Eastern Conference – **\$6,662.50** (\$6,500 Team Fee + \$162.50 Admin Fee)

Western Conference – **\$6,662.50** (\$6,500 Team Fee + \$162.50 Admin Fee)

Deposit Fee: **1,537.50** (\$1,500 Deposit Fee + \$37.50 Admin Fee)

Deposit Deadline: **Monday, September 16th, 2024**

Final Registration Deadline: **Monday, October 14th, 2024 balance of \$5,125 due** (\$5,000 Remaining Balance + \$125 Admin Fee)

Teams wishing to enter the NCL after the deposit deadline, and prior to the final registration deadline, must send a formal request to WPC's Senior Manager of Leagues and Pathways. These requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Teams registering after the deposit deadline will be imposed an additional administration fee up to a maximum of \$1200 at a rate of \$400 per week.

Clubs that have paid a deposit fee but choose not to pay the registration fee balance will not be refunded any portion of the deposit and will not be eligible to compete in the NCL. A club that chooses not to pay the full registration fee after paying the deposit can put 50% of the deposit towards the registration balance for one of the club's other 18U or Senior NCL teams

Senior Registration – Team Fees

Eastern Conference Tier 1 – **\$5,637.50** (\$5,500 Team Fee + \$137.50 Admin Fee)

Eastern Conference Tier 2 – **\$1537.50** (\$1500 Team Fee + \$37.50 Admin Fee)

Western Conference – **\$5,637.50** (\$5,500 Team Fee + \$137.50 Admin Fee)

Deposit Fee: **1,281.25** (\$1250 Deposit Fee + \$31.25 Admin Fee)

Deposit Deadline: **Monday, September 16th, 2024**

Final Registration Deadline: **Monday, October 14th, 2024 balance due** (\$4,250 Remaining Balance + 106.25 Admin Fee)

Teams wishing to enter the NCL after the deposit deadline, and prior to the final registration deadline, must send a formal request to WPC's Senior Manager of Leagues and Pathways. These requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Teams registering after the deposit deadline will be imposed an additional administration fee up to a maximum of \$750 at a rate of \$250 per week.

Senior Deposits are non-refundable

Tier 1

Tier 1 teams will compete in 3 regular-season events and 1 Eastern Conference Finals. These teams will compete in a round-robin event with placement games each weekend. The rankings from these weekends will provide seeding for the Eastern Conference event.

Each weekend's tournament will create a point system that will seed the East finals: 7 points for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place, 2 points for the 4th, 1 point for 5th place, and no points for the last place team.

Tier 1 will be reserved for the top 6 from the previous Senior NCL Eastern Standings.

Tier 2

Tier 2 will be split into a "Montreal and Ottawa" division and a "GTA" division. The teams will schedule the games in this tier, with Water Polo Canada supporting by organizing and assigning referees. The games can be played on weekday evenings or throughout the weekend and can be scheduled during club practice times or through other pool rental spaces.

Each team will be required to host all other teams in their division once per season and travel to each team in their division once per season. Once teams have worked to create a schedule for competition, they will submit their dates and times to WPC (Water Polo Canada), and WPC will assign officials for each game.

Game sheets will be completed using the 6-8 app. Teams will receive 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. The top 2 teams in each division will then qualify to compete in the Eastern Finals, for a chance to qualify for the National Finals. The top four teams from Eastern Finals will be Tier 1 for the following season.

16U East/16U West Invitational Registration*

Team Fee: **\$1,537.50 (\$1500 Registration Fee + \$37.50 Admin Fee)**
Registration and Payment Deadline: **Monday, October 14th, 2024**

Water Polo Canada will host two 16U events for each conference. These tournaments will be open but limited to teams in that specific conference. While recommended, teams are not required to attend either event to be eligible for their respective East or West finals. Please see the draft schedule below for more details on dates.

16U East/16U West Final Registration

Team Fee: **\$1,537.50 (\$1500 Registration Fee + \$37.50 Admin Fee)**
Registration and Payment Deadline: **Thursday, March 21st, 2025**

The 16U Conference Championships are open to all teams from their respective conferences. While recommended, teams are not required to participate in the open events or provincial leagues in order to qualify to participate in the Conference Finals.

Competition Categories

16U: 2009 – 2012

18U: 2007 – 2010

Senior: 2008 or earlier (*Exception: Four (4) athletes born in 2009 can participate on each Men's and Women's Senior Team*)

Note: Athletes can play in multiple competition categories if they choose. No exceptional player exemptions for players born outside the listed competition brackets will be granted.

Age Chart for the NCL

Birth Year	16U	18U	Senior
>2006	Black	Black	Red
2007	Black	Red	Red
2008	Black	Red	Red
2009	Red	Red	Red with diagonal lines and *
2010	Red	Red	Black
2011	Red	Black	Black
2012	Red	Black	Black

**WPC allows an exemption for the Senior League regular season category where up to four (4) athletes born in 2009 can participate on each Men's and Women's Team.*

Birthdate	Eligible NCL Events
>2006	Senior NCL
2007	18U NCL, Senior NCL
2008	18U NCL, Senior NCL
2009	16U NCL Events, 18U NCL <i>*WPC allows an exemption for the Senior League regular season category where up to four (4) athletes born in 2009 can participate on each Men's and Women's Team.</i>
2010	16U NCL Events, 18U NCL
2011	16U NCL Events
2012	16U NCL Events

2024-2025 Draft Schedule*

**Please note that at the time of publication, some facilities have not opened starting to accept bookings, so some unconfirmed events might be moved to a different date depending on availability. Please refrain from booking travel until those dates are confirmed.*

NCL 2024 / 2025 Schedule			
NCL Eastern Conference			
Dates	Category	Status	Location
Dec. 6 – 8, 2024	16U Senior	Confirmed	Markham, ON
Dec. 13 -15, 2024	18U	Confirmed	Pointe Claire, QC
Jan. 10 – 12, 2025	18U	Confirmed	Nepean, ON
Jan. 24 – 26, 2025	16U Senior	To be Confirmed	TBC
Feb 7 – 9, 2025	18U	Confirmed	Markham, ON
Mar. 7 – 9, 2025	Senior	Confirmed	Markham, ON
Mar. 21 – 23, 2025	18U	Confirmed	Etobicoke, ON
Apr. 4 -6, 2025	Senior	To be Confirmed	TBC
NCL Western Conference			
Dates	Category		Location
Nov. 8 – 10, 2024	18U	Confirmed	Regina, SK
Dec. 6 – 8, 2024	16U Senior	Confirmed	Surrey, BC
Dec. 13 – 15, 2024	18U	Confirmed	Calgary, AB
Jan. 10 – 12, 2025	16U Senior	Confirmed	Calgary, AB
Feb 21 – 23, 2025	18U	Confirmed	Richmond, BC
Feb 28 – Mar 2, 2025	18U Senior*	Confirmed TBC	Edmonton, AB
Apr. 4 – 6, 2025	Senior	Confirmed	Regina, SK

NCL 2024 / 2025 Schedule

NCL Final Events

Dates	Category	Event	Location
Apr. 11 – 13, 2025	18U	Eastern Finals	TBC
Apr. 25 – 27, 2025	18U	Western Finals	Edmonton, AB
May 2 – 4, 2025	16U	Eastern Finals	Etobicoke, ON
May 2 – 4, 2025	16U	Western Finals	Calgary, AB
May 9 – 11, 2025	Senior	National Championships	Gatineau, QC
May 23 – 25, 2025	18U	National Championships	Calgary, AB