



NCL Registration Info 2021-2022

Please see important NCL information below, including:

- Information about the 15U and 19U Open Championships
- Registration fees and deadlines for the 15U, 17U, 19U, and MLWP categories as they apply to the 2021-2022 NCL season.
- Competition categories and age requirements
- A draft calendar containing the major weekends of the 21/22 season
- Information regarding rule updates and the NCL format.

2021 Open Championships*

Due to the pandemic, the 2019-2020 season was not able to be completed and the 2020-2021 season had to be cancelled. To make up for the lost competition, WPC has decided to run two Open Championships in December. These championships taking place will be 15U (Calgary) and 19U (Markham) National Championships. The reason that these age categories were chosen was because the age groups most affected by the pandemic were those born in 2002-2003 and 2006. With this age group being most affected, WPC wanted these athletes to be able to have an event that would in essence put a close to the previous seasons that they were not able to complete. The format of the open championships will be released once registration for them are completed.

**Note 1: Please note that if there is a lack of interest in these championships, WPC will be forced to cancel them.*

** Note 2: The age categories for the Open Championships only take into account the year 2021 and not 2022. So only athletes born in 2006 or later can compete in the 15U Open Championships and only athletes born in 2002 or later can compete in the 19U Open Championship. A chart will be provided below.*

2021-2022 Registration Process

Registration for the NCL must be submitted online [here](#). In order to register a club official must create an account. **All payments must be made via credit cards.**

15U and 19U Open Championships Registration*

Team Fee: **\$1,600**

Registration and Payment Deadline: **Thursday, October 21st, 2021**

**While the 15U and 19U Open Championships are open to all teams, there is a maximum number of teams that can compete so teams that register after the limit is reached, will be put on a waitlist and notified if a spot opens up. If a spot does not open up, a full refund will be provided.*



17U Registration – Team Fees

Note: The team fees for 17U and MLWP have been reduced for this year. The reason for the decrease was due to the fact that the pandemic has affected many families and clubs financially. WPC made it a priority this year to make the league as affordable as possible.

Eastern Conference - **\$4750**

Western Conference - **\$4500**

Deposit Fee: **\$1,000**

Deposit Deadline: **Thursday, November 4th, 2021**

Final Registration Deadline (balance of fees due): **Thursday, December 2nd, 2021**

Teams wishing to enter the NCL after the deposit deadline, and prior to the final registration deadline, will be permitted to do so after sending a formal request to the league manager. The league manager will review the request and will determine whether the team will be permitted to register. Teams registering after the deposit deadline will be imposed an administration fee up to a maximum of \$1200 of the final registration fees at a rate of \$400 per week.

Clubs that have paid a deposit fee but choose not to pay the balance of the registration fee will not be refunded any portion of the deposit. 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 17U or MLWP NCL teams

MLWP Registration – Team Fees

Eastern Conference – **\$3,250**

Western Conference– **\$3,000**

Deposit Fee: **\$750**

Deposit Deadline: **Thursday, November 4th, 2021**

Registration Deadline: **Thursday, December 2nd, 2021**

Teams wishing to enter the NCL after the deposit deadline, and prior to the final registration deadline, will be permitted to do so after sending a formal request to the league manager. The league manager will review the request and will determine whether the team will be permitted to register. Teams registering after the deposit deadline will be imposed an administration fee up to a maximum of \$750 of the final registration fees at a rate of \$250 per week.

MLWP Deposits are non-refundable



15U East/West Nationals Registration*

Team Fee: **\$1,800**

Registration and Payment Deadline: **Thursday, April 7th, 2022**

*15U East/West National events are not open events. Teams must qualify through participation in their provincial leagues. \$1,800 fee strictly applies to East/West Nationals and does not cover the cost of entering the provincial league.

19U Nationals Registration*

Team Fee: **\$1,800**

Registration and Payment Deadline: **Thursday, April 7th, 2022**

*While the 19U Nationals are an open championship, there is a maximum number of teams that can compete so teams that register after the limit is reached, will be put on a waitlist and notified if a spot opens up. If a spot does not open up, a full refund will be provided.

Competition Categories

The competition categories for 2021-2022 NCL regular season (not including the December events) are defined as:

13U: athletes born in 2009 and 2010

15U: athletes born in 2007 and 2008

17U: athletes born in 2005 and 2006

19U: athletes born in 2003 and 2004

MLWP: athletes born in 2004 or earlier

For the 2021-2022 season, all NCL categories (15U, 17U, 19U, and MLWP) will have an exception that allows athletes to play in the age category directly above their own. As a result of the above exception, athletes must fall within the following age ranges in order to be eligible for the listed category for the 21-22 season:

15U: 2007 – 2010

17U: 2005 – 2008

19U: 2003 – 2006

MLWP: 2005 and older (Exception: four (4) athletes born in 2006 are allowed for MLWP women's teams)

Note: Athletes have the option of playing in multiple competition categories if they so choose. No exceptional player exemptions will be granted for players born outside the listed competition brackets.



Age Chart for the NCL

Birthdate	Eligible NCL Events
>2002	MLWP regular season
2002	19U Open Championships (Dec), MLWP regular season
2003	19U Open Championships (Dec), MLWP regular season, 19U Open Championships (Summer 2022)
2004	19U Open Championships (Dec), MLWP regular season, 19U Open Championships (Summer 2022)
2005	19U Open Championships (Dec), 17U regular season, 19U Open Championships (Summer 2022), MLWP regular season
2006	15U Open Championship (Dec), 17U regular season, 19U Open Championships (Summer 2022), <i>MLWP Women regular season* (four (4) athletes born in 2006)</i>
2007	15U Open Championship (Dec), 17U regular season, 15U Nationals
2008	15U Open Championship (Dec), 17U regular season, 15U Nationals
2009	15U Open Championship (Dec), 15U Nationals
2010	15U Nationals



2021-2022 Draft Schedule*

*Please note that due to the pandemic, facilities are only now 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.

2021-2022 Draft Schedule of Major Weekends		
Week	Eastern Conference	Western Conference
Nov 29 - Dec. 5	15U Open Championships – Calgary (Dec 2-5)	
Dec. 6 - Dec. 15		
Dec. 13 - Dec. 19	19U Open Championships – Markham (Dec 16-19)	
Dec. 20 - Dec. 26	Christmas	
Dec. 27 - Jan. 2		
Jan. 3 - Jan. 9	17U Gatineau (January 6-9)	17U Calgary (January 7-9)
Jan. 10 - Jan. 16		MLWP Surrey (January 14-16)
Jan. 27 - Jan. 23	MLWP Markham (January 21-23)	
Jan. 24 – Jan. 30		
Jan. 31 - Feb. 6		17U Surrey (February 4-6)
Feb. 7 - Feb. 13	17U Etobicoke (February 10-13)	
Feb. 14 - Feb. 20		MLWP Edmonton (February 18-20)
Feb. 21 - Feb. 27	MLWP Ottawa (February 24-27)	
Feb. 28 - Mar. 6	17U Montreal (March 4-6)	17U Winnipeg (March 4-6) – AB, SK & MB only
Mar. 7 - Mar. 13		17U Richmond (March 11-13) – BC only
Mar. 14 - Mar. 20	MLWP Montreal (March 18-20)	
Mar. 21 - Mar. 27		
Mar. 28 - Apr. 3		MLWP Regina (April 1-3)
Apr. 4 - Apr. 10		
Apr. 11 - Apr. 17	Easter	
Apr. 18 - Apr. 24	17U Eastern Championships - Ottawa (April 21-24)	
Apr. 25 – May 1	Senior Nationals – Markham (April 29- May 1)	
May 2 - May 8	15U Eastern Championships - Markham (May 6-8)	17U Western Championships Edmonton (May 6-8)
May 9 - May 15		15U Western Championships Calgary (May 13-15)
May 16 - May 22		
May 23- May 29	17U National Championships – Calgary (May 27-29)	
July 7- July 10	19U Open Championships - Montreal (July 7-10)	
Status	Confirmed	Unconfirmed



NCL Updates

2021-2022 NCL Format

The format for the 2021-2022 will be different from previous seasons as the age categories have been changed from 14U to 15U and 16U to 17U.

At the 17U level, teams will also be separated into Eastern and Western Conferences. Unlike previous season where only the top two teams from each conference qualifies for National Finals, the format has now changed in that the top four finishers at each conference championship will qualify for the eight team National Finals.

At the 19U level, there will no longer be an NCL season but an open championship. All 19U athletes can compete at the Senior level in the NCL and/or compete in 19U events hosted by their province.

For more information about the format changes, please read [here](#).

NCL COVID-19 Vaccination Policy*

IMPORTANT: After careful consideration, Water Polo Canada has made the decision to mandate full vaccinations for participants (players, coaches, referees and volunteers) of the NCL. This mandate will be in effect throughout the entire 2021-2022 NCL Season including the Open Championships in December.

More information regarding the logistics will be provided at a later time.

** Please note that to be considered fully vaccinated, a participant must have received their second dose two weeks before their first game.*

Potential Cancellation of Events

Due to COVID-19 still being present in the country, there is still a risk that facilities could shut down, travel be restricted or other unforeseen circumstances. WPC will continue to monitor the situation and will make adjustments if necessary. The goal is to reschedule any cancelled events and continue the season as normal when it is safe to do so. If that is not possible, WPC will be forced to cancel competition and will notify clubs with as much notice as possible.