



National Championship League: Registration Information 2023-2024

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

- Registration fees and deadlines for the 15U, 17U, 19U, and Senior categories as they apply to the 2023-2024 NCL season.
- Competition categories and age requirements
- A draft calendar containing the major weekends of the 2023-2024 season
- Information regarding rule updates and the NCL format.

2023-2024 Registration Process

Registration for the NCL must be completed through Water Polo Canada's (WPC) National Registration and Event Management database, RAMPInteractive®. All clubs must be registered by a club representative through their account using the [following link](#). **All payments must be made via credit cards.**

17U Registration – Team Fees

Eastern Conference - **\$6500**

Western Conference - **\$6500**

Deposit Fee: **\$1,500**

Deposit Deadline: **Tuesday, September 19th, 2023**

Final Registration Deadline (balance of fees due): **Tuesday, October 17th, 2023**

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 Senior NCL teams



Senior Registration – Team Fees

Eastern Conference – **\$5,500**

Western Conference – **\$5,500**

Deposit Fee: **\$1250**

Deposit Deadline: **Tuesday, September 19th, 2023**

Final Registration Deadline (balance of fees due): **Tuesday, October 17th, 2023**

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.

Senior Deposits are non-refundable

15U East/15U West Nationals Registration*

Team Fee: **\$2000**

Registration and Payment Deadline: **Thursday, March 21st, 2024**

*15U East/15U West National events are not open events. Teams must qualify through participation in their provincial leagues. The \$2,000 fee strictly applies to East/West Nationals and does not cover the cost of entering the provincial league.

19U Club Nationals Registration*

Team Fee: **\$2000**

Registration and Payment Deadline: **Thursday, March 21st, 2023**

**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

15U: 2009 – 2012

17U: 2007 – 2010

19U: 2005 – 2008

Senior: 2007 or earlier (Exception: Four (4) athletes born in 2008 can participate on each Men's and Women's Senior Team)

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
>2004	Senior League regular season
2004	19U Club Nationals, Senior League regular season
2005	19U Club Nationals, Senior League regular season
2006	19U Club Nationals, Senior League regular season
2007	17U League regular season, 19U Club Nationals, Senior League regular season
2008	17U League regular season, 19U Club Nationals, <i>Senior League regular season*</i> <i>*WPC is allowing an exemption for the Senior League regular season category where up to four (4) athletes born in 2007 can participate on each Men's and Women's Team.</i>
2009	15U Nationals (Eastern & Western), 17U League regular season
2010	15U Nationals (Eastern & Western), 17U League regular season
2011	15U Nationals (Eastern & Western)
2012	15U Nationals (Eastern & Western)



2023-2024 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.*

17U West (3 or 4 events + Conference Finals)		17U East (3 or 4 events + Conference Finals)	
Location	Date	Location	Date
Regina	Nov 10-12	Montreal	November 17-18
Calgary	Dec 15-17	Nepean	Dec 8-10
Edmonton	Feb 16-18	Markham	February 2-4, 2024
Richmond	March 8-10	Olympium	March 1-3
Finals Saskatoon	April 19-21	Finals Motreal	April 12-14

Senior West		Senior East	
Location	Date	Location	Date
Surrey	Dec 1-3	U of T	Dec 1-3
Calgary	Jan 12-14	Claude Rou	Jan 12-14
Edmonton	March 22-24	Nepean	Feb 9-11
Regina	April 5-7	Gatineau	April 5-7

19U Club Champs		NPC	
Location	Date	Location	Date
Calgary	June 6-9	Montreal	Jul 4-7

15U West		15U East	
Location	Date	Location	Date
Surrey	May 3-5	Markham	May 3-5



IMPORTANT NCL Updates

2023-2024 NCL Format

The format for the 2023-2027 will be the following age groups: 15U, 17U and Senior with an intention to host a 19U Club Championship.

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.

Any division with 8 or more teams will be split into tier 1 and tier 2. More information regarding this structure will be released in the coming weeks.

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 clubs and provinces.

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

NCL relative to the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) and the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC)

As of March 24, 2023 a new complaint process will be in effect, and as part of the Agreement signed between WPC and the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) in connection with its Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (OSIC), designated registrants of Water Polo Canada will become subject to the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) under the Abuse-Free Sport umbrella. These designated registrants are referred to as "WPC UCCMS