STRATEGIC PLAN

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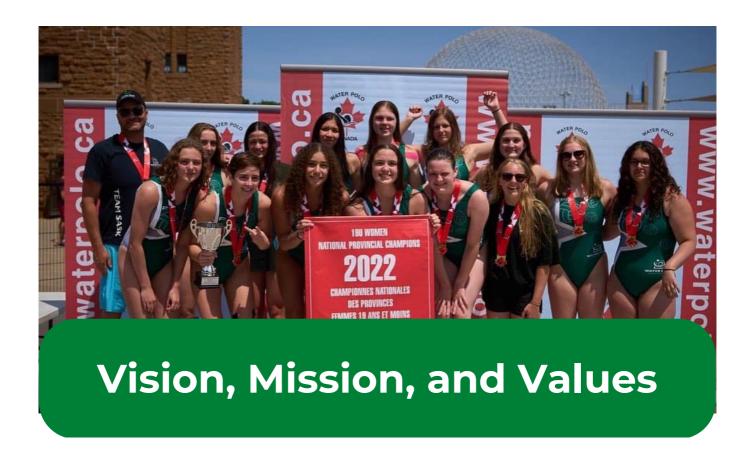
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This is Water Polo Saskatchewan's (WPS) Strategic Plan for 2023-2027. On September 26th, 2022, representatives from the WPS Board, its staff, and clubs met at the Mosaic Stadium in Regina, Saskatchewan, to address two goals. First, they met to review, examine, and further develop the strategic plan. Second, the group met to extend the planning cycle for an additional two years, further envisioning objectives, strategies, and actions. This plan is effective beginning January 1, 2023, half way through the existing fiscal year of 2022-2023. The planning cycle ends December 31, 2027. The next strategic plan will be prepared November 2027.

The strategic planning group focused on maintaining and extending the priorities, strategies, and actions that are working well, while identifying opportunities to improve areas in the plan based on monitoring, reporting, external scanning, and experience. The result is a plan with six priorities: (1) competitive excellence, (2) membership growth, (3) capable and competent human resources, (4) effective stakeholder interactions, (5) evaluation and risk management, and (6) holistic monitoring of process. The priorities, including their goals, objectives, strategies, and actions guide Water Polo Saskatchewan to continue to foster national leadership in the sport.



Vision

To be a national leader in water polo

Mission

Water Polo Saskatchewan

- provides leadership resources and services to enable its members to achieve EXCELLENCE in water polo
- encourages PARTICIPATION through athlete centred and member driven programming
- builds CAPACITY in the sport, including through the development of partnerships with its stakeholders
- Provides strong ADMINISTRATION that is accountable and responsive to its members

Values

Accountability: We believe in holding ourselves accountable for our actions and holding our membership accountable for their actions.

Athlete-Centred: We believe that funding and program decisions should be made with the individual athletes in mind.

Development: We believe in empowering our members by providing opportunities to improve their skills and abilities, as well as overcome their difficulties.

Excellence: We believe in the pursuit of personal and organizational excellence.

Fairness: We believe in striving to be fair in our dealing with members and stakeholders.

Integrity: We believe in maintaining dignity and upholding our values in all actions.

Relationships: We believe in fostering goodwill and friendship in all our relationships.

Responsive: We believe in being responsive to our members' concerns and needs.

Sportspersonship: We believe in fair play and playing in the spirit of the game: this includes behaving in an ethical manner with integrity and respect for all.





To continue to follow and exceed Long-Term Development recommendations for training and competition

Membership Growth

To increase new membership and retain current membership in each club and with respect to new regions

Human Resources To maintain human resource allocations for continued success in competitive excellence and to facilitate knowledge and resource sharing for membership growth

Stakeholder Interactions

To build and to have relationships and interactions with stakeholders that advance WPS' priorities

Evaluation

To ensure coaches, staff, and volunteers advance WPS' strategic priorities and adhere to its vision, mission, and values

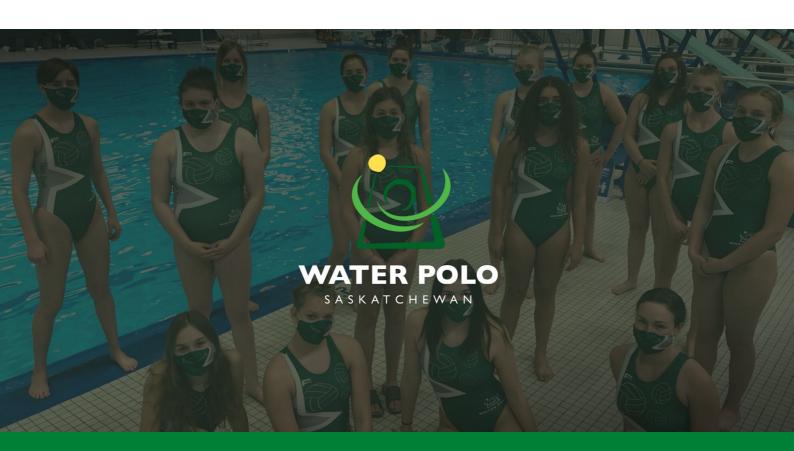
Monitoring

To ensure policies, procedures, and the strategic plan are reviewed and progress is monitored

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All six priorities are important. They work together to target different, but inter-related functions in WPS. 'Competitive Excellence' and 'Membership Growth' are correlates crucial for funding from SaskSport. 'Human Resources' and 'Stakeholder Interactions' focus on the means to achieve excellence and growth. 'Evaluation' and 'Monitoring' are key priorities in the realm of governance that aim to ensure WPS manages risk and aligns organization action with strategic priorities specifically, and with WPS' vision, mission and values more broadly.



The Strategic Plan







Goal

To continue to follow and exceed Long-Term Development (LTD) recommendations for training and competition

Mission Focus

Excellence

- All competitive athletes are achieving at least 80% of the recommendations from Water Polo Canada and LTD regarding training and competition
- WPS is introducing athletes to the competitive stream or competitive-like training and competition at increasingly younger ages



Strategies	Actions	Responsibility
1.1. Compete at the highest levels of the game provincially, nationally, and internationally	1.1.a. Structure and deliver a competition program that maximises LTD recommendations	WPS Staff
	1.1.b Identify and develop opportunities for athletes, coaches, and officials to excel, outside of LTD recommendations	WPS Staff
	1.1.c. Assist athletes financially who are entering the excellence stream (e.g., age-group national and senior national teams)	WPS Staff and WPS Board
1.2. Train to	1.2.a. Ensure all programs align with the LTD model (i.e., centres, programs, camps, and leagues)	WPS Staff
compete at the highest levels of the game	1.2.b. Encourage opportunities for athletes to access and stay in Team Sask high performance programs	WPS Staff
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Strategies Actions Responsibility 1.3.a. Develop coaches for competitive **WPS Staff delivers** excellence through formal and and facilitates: informal feedback Clubs recruit **WPS Staff delivers** 1.3.b. Develop officials for competitive excellence through formal and and facilitates: informal feedback Clubs recruit 1.3. Develop and 1.3.c. Encourage clubs to support entry increase **WPS Staff** to high performance opportunities infrastructure to facilitate; Clubs support within the province. implement competitive excellence 1.3.d. Facilitate sharing of practices, **WPS Staff** drills, and videos of skills among facilitates: Clubs contract and volunteer coaches share 1.3.e. Recognize participants (i.e., **WPS Staff facilitate** athletes, coaches, and officials) that and clubs share promote competitive excellence in the knowledge and province implement



Membership Growth

Goal

To increase new membership (i.e., recruitment) and retain current membership (i.e., retention)

Mission Focus

Participation

Objective

• To recruit and retain athlete membership in each club with innovative and context-dependant approaches









Membership Growth

Strategies	Actions	Responsibility
	2.1.a. Maintain and update, where necessary, the Seal Program and its wide-spread use in Saskatchewan	WPS Staff
	2.1.b. Identify opportunities for Indigenous participation	WPS Staff
2.1. Increase number of registered athletes	2.1.c. Identify opportunities for participation from newcomers	WPS Staff
	2.1.d. Identify opportunities for club development in Moose Jaw and Swift Current	WPS Staff
	2.1.e. Facilitate Executive Committee for Sport Promotion and Marketing	WPS Staff facilitate; Board participates; Clubs lead and decide
2.2. Increase	2.2.a. Maintain WPS services such as Community League events and Provincials	WPS Staff
retention of		
current athletes	2.2.b. Identify opportunities for younger athletes to enter and enjoy Community League events and provincials	WPS Staff and clubs

Human Resources

Goal

To maintain human resource allocations that foster long-term, province-wide success

Mission Focus

Capacity

- To maintain continual contract human resource levels for longterm competitive excellence and membership growth
- To develop and support retention of club coaches and volunteers







Human Resources

Strategies	Actions	Responsibility
3.1. Maintain	3.1.a. Maintain coaching and programming in service level agreements with clubs	WPS Staff and clubs
coaching support		
to clubs	3.1.b. Continue to send WPS staff to coach in clubs without service level agreements	WPS Staff and clubs
	3.2.a. Periodically review human resource policies and procedures	WPS Board reviews; WPS Staff reports
	3.2.b. Periodically scan external trends in compensation, risk management, and professional development	WPS Board
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3.2. Ensure long- term sustainability of contract human resources	3.2.c. Develop succession plans for Executive Director and Provincial coaching positions	WPS Board
	3.2.d. Develop professional development plans and job descriptions for any new full-time staff	WPS Board
	3.2.e. Ensure all WPS Board positions are filled	WPS Board

Human Resources

Strategies Actions Responsibility 3.3.a. Develop community coaches in **WPS Staff and** all centres by identifying formal clubs training and mentorship 3.3.b. Develop community officials in all centres through formal and informal **WPS Staff** feedback 3.3. Develop and retain community coaches and 3.3.c. Recognize all participants that volunteers promote membership growth in the **WPS Staff** province 3.3.d. Engage membership in winter and summer social events to increase **WPS Staff** connectivity and to provide recognition opportunities



Stakeholder Interactions

Goal

To foster and have relationships and interactions with stakeholders that advance WPS' priorities

Mission Focus

Capacity & Administration

- To develop, prioritize, and advocate for stakeholder relationships that support competitive excellence and membership growth
- To continue to develop and adapt communication streams with stakeholders that are clear and address their evolving demands







Stakeholder Interactions

Strategies	Actions	Responsibility
	4.1.a. Maintain and respond to knowledge-gathering from member stakeholders	WPS Staff and WPS Board
4.1. Develop and prioritize high quality stakeholder relationships	4.1.b. Prioritize and develop relationships with other stakeholder groups who support competitive excellence	WPS Staff
	4.1.c. Prioritize and develop relationships with other stakeholder groups who support membership growth	WPS Staff
4.2. Advocate through stakeholde	4.2.a. Advocate for facilities, where needed, that support competitive excellence and membership growth	WPS Staff, WPS Board, and Clubs
interactions	4.2.b. Advocate for services and programs from Water Polo Canada that advance WPS' priorities	WPS Staff and WPS Board

Stakeholder Interactions

Strategies Actions Responsibility 4.3.a. Periodically identify member **WPS Staff and** stakeholders' expectations and needs **WPS Board** for communications 4.3.b. Identify novel ways to address member stakeholders' expectations **WPS Staff** 4.3. Establish clear and needs about communications and adaptive communication 4.3.c. Disseminate accessible streams communication strategy, annually, **WPS Staff** that responds to member stakeholders 4.3.d. Provide up-to-date weekly and **WPS Staff** yearly calendars



Evaluation

Goal

To ensure all coaches, staff, and volunteers advance WPS' strategic priorities and adhere to its vision, mission and values

Mission Focus

Administration

- To ensure coaches and staff evaluations are regular, timely, and oriented to WPS' vision, mission, and values
- To evaluate and mitigate risk related to all participants who interact directly with minors



Evaluation

Strategies	Actions	Responsibility
5.1. Periodically	5.1.a. Formally evaluate Executive Director and Head Provincial Coach	WPS Board
evaluate full-time staff	5.1.b. Formally evaluate other full-time staff and part-time staff	Executive Director
5.2 Support	5.2.a. Identify and address demands for informal evaluation of community coaches	WPS Staff
5.2. Support informal evaluation	5.2.b. Identify and address demands for informal evaluation of community officials	WPS Staff
	5.3.a. Ensure any Safe Sport certification requirements are met, following WPS policy	WPS Board and WPS Staff
5.3. Create and foster a safe and	5.3.b. Annually assess risk and risk mitigation opportunities for minors	WPS Board and WPS Staff
inclusive sport		
environment for all participants	5.3.c. Develop safe sport processes that align with key stakeholders	WPS Board and WPS Staff
	5.3.d. Partner with clubs to implement sport training and mitigation	WPS Board, WPS Staff, and Clubs

Monitoring

Goal

To ensure policies, procedures, and strategic plan are reviewed and progress is monitored

Mission Focus

Administration

- To conduct regular review of policies and operational procedures
- To report and monitor strategic plan implementation

















Monitoring

Strategies	Actions	Responsibility
6.1. Regularly	6.1.a. Periodically report on operational procedures, compliance to policies, and internal/external events that shape operations and compliance	Executive Director
review policies,		
resources, and stakeholder perspectives	6.1.b. Review and revise bylaws, board policies, and organizational policies	WPS Board
	6.1.c. Develop and implement membership survey biennially	WPS Board
6.2. Adhere to Sask Sport's mandate	6.2.a. Ensure WPS adheres to Sask Sport's mandate and any reporting requirements	WPS Board and Executive Director
6.3. Report and monitor strategic	6.3.a. Conduct monitoring and quarterly reporting on strategic plan implementation	Executive Director and WPS Board
plan implementation		
	6.3.b. Prepare and implement strategic planning process for the next planning cycle	WPS Board and Executive Director

Further Guidance and Reporting







Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
Competitive Excellence							
1.1.a. Structure & deliver a competition program that maximises LTD recommendations	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		
1.1.b Identify and develop opportunities for athletes, coaches, and officials to excel, outside LTD recommendations	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		
1.1.c. Assist athletes financially who are entering the excellence stream (e.g., age-group national and senior national teams)	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		
1.2.a. Ensure all programs align with the LTD model (i.e., centres, programs, camps, and leagues)	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		
1.2.b. Encourage opportunities for athletes to access and stay in Team Sask high performance programs	Continue	Review & improve	Continue	Review & improve	Continue		

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
1.3.a. Develop coaches	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
for competitive excellence through formal and informal feedback					
1.3.b. Develop officials	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
for competitive excellence through formal and informal feedback					
1.3.c. Encourage clubs to	Continue	Strategize with clubs	Implement	Review & adjust	Continue
support entry to high performance opportunities within the province					
1.3.d. Facilitate sharing	Review & adjust	Continue	Review & adjust	Continue	Review & adjust
of practices, drills, and videos of skills among contract and volunteer coaches					
1.3.e. Recognize	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
participants (i.e., athletes, coaches, and officials) that promote competitive excellence in the province					

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
Membership Growth							
2.1.a. Maintain and update, where	Continue	Continue	Review & improve	Continue	Continue		
necessary, the Seal Program and its wide-spread use in Saskatchewan							
2.1.b. Identify	Strategize with clubs	Implement	Monitor	Review & broaden	Implement		
2.1.b. Identify opportunities for Indigenous participation							
2.1.c. Identify	Strategize with clubs	Implement	Monitor	Review & broaden	Implement		
opportunities for participation from newcomers							
2.1.d. Identify opportunities for club	N/A	Strategize	Implement	Monitor	Review & adjust		
development in Moose Jaw and Swift Current							
2.1.e. Facilitate Executive Committee for Sport Promotion and Marketing	Continue	Continue	Review & adjust	Continue/ Implement	Continue		

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
2.2.a. Maintain WPS	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
services such as Community League events and Provincials					
2.2.b. Identify opportunities for	Continue	Strategize with clubs	Clubs Implement	Review and adjust	Continue
younger athletes to enter and enjoy Community League events and provincials					
	Hum	an Reso	urces		
3.1.a. Maintain coaching and programming in	Review & adjust agreements, where necessary				
service level agreements with clubs					
3.1.b. Continue to send	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
WPS staff to coach in clubs without service level agreements					
7.2 a Daviadiaally	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
3.2.a. Periodically review human resource policies and procedures					

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
3.2.b. Periodically scan	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
external trends in compensation, risk management, and professional development					
3.2.c. Develop succession	Develop & approve	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor
plans for Executive Director and Provincial coaching positions					
3.2.d. Develop professional	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor
development plans and job descriptions for any new full-time staff					
3.2.e. Ensure all WPS	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
Board positions are filled					
3.3.a. Develop community coaches in all centres by identifying	Continue training & discuss with clubs	Continue training & Implement any actions	Continue training & monitor	Continue training & monitor	Continue training & review and adjust actions
formal training and mentorship					

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
3.3.b. Develop community officials in	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
all centres through formal and informal feedback					
3.3.c. Recognize all	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
participants that promote membership growth in the province					
3.3.d. Engage membership in winter and summer social events to increase	Continue	Continue	Continue	Review approach & improve	Continue
connectivity and to provide recognition opportunities					
	Stakeho	lder Inte	ractions		
4.1.a. Maintain and respond to knowledge-gathering	Continue	Continue	Continue	Review approach & improve	Continue
from member stakeholders (e.g., member meetings, surveys, discussions)					
4.1.b. Prioritize and develop relationships with other stakeholder groups who	Continue	Continue	Continue	Conduct stakeholder analysis	Address & improve
support competitive excellence (e.g., Level 10 Fitness, Martin Colleagiate)					

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
4.1.c. Prioritize and develop relationships with other stakeholder groups who support membership growth	Continue	Continue	Continue	Conduct stakeholder analysis	Address & improve
4.2.a. Advocate for facilities, where needed, that support competitive excellence and membership growth	Identify & participate	Identify & participate	Identify & participate	Identify & participate	Identify & participate
4.2.b. Advocate for services and programs from Water Polo Canada that advance WPS' priorities	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
4.3.a. Periodically identify member stakeholders' expectations and needs for communications	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
4.3.b. Identify novel ways to address member stakeholders' expectations and needs about communications	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
4.3.c. Disseminate accessible	Review, adjust & implement						
communication strategy, annually, that responds to member stakeholders							
	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		
4.4.d. Provide up-to-date weekly and yearly calendars							
Evaluation							
	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		
5.1.a. Formally evaluate Executive Director and Head Provincial Coach							
	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		
5.1.b. Formally evaluate other full-time staff and part-time staff							
5.2.a. Identify and address demands for informal evaluation of community coaches	Strategize with clubs	Implement	Monitor & adjust	Strategize with clubs	Implement		

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
5.2.b. Identify and address demands for informal evaluation of community officials	Strategize with clubs	Implement	Monitor & adjust	Strategize with clubs	Implement
	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
5.3.a. Ensure all Safe Sport certification requirements are met, following WPS policy					
5.3.b. Annually assess risk and risk mitigation opportunities for minors (e.g., criminal record changes, Respect in Sport)	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
5.3.c. Develop safe sport processes that align with key stakeholders	Co-develop & implement	Review & adjust	Review & adjust	Review & adjust	Review & adjust
5.3.d. Partner with clubs to implement safe sport training and mitigation	Co-develop & implement	Review & adjust	Review & adjust	Review & adjust	Review & adjust

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
Monitoring							
6.1.a. Periodically report on operational procedures, compliance to policies, and internal/external events that shape operations and compliance	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		
6.1.b. Review and revise bylaws, board policies, and organizational policies	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		
	Revise survey	Implement	Organize	Implement	Organize		
6.1.c. Develop and implement membership survey biennially							
6.2.a. Ensure WPS adheres to Sask Sport's mandate and any reporting requirements	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue		

Actions	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
6.3.a. Conduct monitoring and quarterly reporting on strategic plan implementation	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue	Continue
6.3.b. Monitor strategic planning effectiveness and revise the plan, when and where necessary	Review & revise, where necessary				
6.3.a. Prepare and implement strategic planning process for the next planning cycle	n/.a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Prepare Strat Plan Developed in Nov.