



Stay to Play Operational Policy

Water Polo Canada domestic competitions, including but not limited to the National Championships League (NCL) and Canadian Championships (CC), are designated as Stay to Play events. As part of team's eligibility, they must book their accommodation at the indicated host hotel properties.

This policy is in place to benefit teams, event organizers, host cities and Water Polo Canada by ensuring appropriate accommodations for all participants while also offsetting competition costs.

Regulations

Participating Teams must:

- Reserve their stay at the indicated official host hotel properties as identified by Water Polo Canada.
- Reservations must be made in the prescribed manner, which generally includes booking directly via online link or via the sales manager directly.

Teams need to ensure that they are compliant with this policy to maintain their competition eligibility. Water Polo Canada will cross reference team registrations with hotel pickup reports to verify compliance. Non-compliant teams can face any or all of the following sanctions:

- Rendered ineligible for the competition.
- Administrative Fees or Sanctions prescribed as \$750 for Regular Season Events or \$1000 for Finals or Championships events (per team).
- Ineligibility to participate in future events.
- Possible further sanctioning from Water Polo Canada.

Exemptions

Water Polo Canada offers the following exemptions from the Stay-to-Play Policy:

- Local Teams who reside within 100km of the tournament location.
- Team member(s) will be staying with family or friends within 100km of the tournament location (must be pre-approved by the Education and Events Manager).
- Teams may apply for a special exemption request which will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Education and Events Manager.