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Nomination Booklet & Package

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Canadian Water Polo Hall of Fame: Nomination Booklet

The Canadian Water Polo Hall of Fame (CWPHOF) recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions of Canadians to the sport of water polo in eight categories:

1. Athletes
2. Coaches
3. Officials
4. Teams
5. Builders
6. Clubs
7. Historical Figures or Historical Teams
8. Distinguished Alumni

General Criteria for Induction

In addition to meeting the criteria for a specific category, as outlined below, a nominee must:

- Possess characteristics and qualities that distinguish them as a good role model and an excellent representative of water polo in Canada.
- Not be a current member of the CWPHOF Committee. The exception is a committee member who belongs to a team that is being inducted.
- If an athlete: have been retired from international play for at least two years.
- If a coach or official: either (a) retired, or (b) if still active, have retired from International coaching or refereeing; those still coaching or refereeing domestically are eligible.

Category Criteria

1. Athletes

To be eligible in this category, the Canadian water polo player must have achieved a degree of excellence, as measured by the following:

- **International achievements as a member of a Canadian team.**

  For each event, include as much of the following as possible: the title of the event, the month and year, the team's final placement, and any individual recognition the athlete received.

- **Significant individual achievements, awards or recognition as a water polo player.**

  For each, include where, when and why it was received. For example: "Named Quebec Athlete of the Year in 1978" or "Received a water polo scholarship from USC from 2002 to 2006."

- **Senior Canadian or senior foreign titles won.**

  For each title, include the year and any additional detail you have, such as the number of saves a goalie made in the gold medal game or the final score.

- **Length of service with the Canadian National Team.**

  List every year the athlete played for the Youth, Junior and Senior National Teams.

2. Coaches

To be eligible in this category, the coach must have achieved a degree of excellence, as measured by the following:

- **International achievements as a member of a Canadian team.**

  For each event, include the title of the event, the month and year, the team's final placement, and any individual recognition the coach received.

- **Significant achievements, awards or recognition as a water polo coach.**

  For each, include where, when and why it was received. For example: "Named Water Polo Coach of the Year by BC Water Polo in 1992".

- **Canadian titles won as a coach (senior, junior or youth).**

  For each title, include the year and any additional detail, such as whether the team was undefeated, whether the coach was named Most Valuable Coach of the event, or the final score of the gold medal game.

- **International medals won as a coach of a foreign team.**

  Include the country in which the coach was working, the name, date and location of the event, the team's final placement, and any individual recognition the coach received.

3. Officials

To be eligible in this category, the official must have achieved a degree of excellence, as measured by the following:

- **International achievements as a referee.**

  For each event, include the title of the event, the month and year, and any individual recognition the official received. For example: "Awarded the gold medal game."

- **Significant achievements, awards or recognition as a Canadian water polo referee.**

  For each, include where, when and why it was received. For example: "Named Water Polo Canada Volunteer of the Year for 1965."

- **Years of officiating at national championships.**

  Include the years and the levels at which the official refereed.

4. Teams

This category recognizes successful Canadian National Teams. Your nomination must clearly identify which team you are nominating and for which specific event. For example, you may nominate a team that attended an Olympic Qualifying Tournament *or* a team that played at the Olympics.

Only the players and coaches who attended the event will be inducted, to a maximum of 13 players and 3 coaches.

Teams that were successful in any of the following events are eligible:

- Olympic Games
- Olympic Qualifying Tournament
- World Aquatics Championships
- FINA Cup (gold, silver or bronze)
- World League Super Final
- World Junior Championships
- World Student Games
- Pan American Games

5. Builders

To be eligible in this category, the individual must have achieved a degree of excellence, as measured by the following:

- **Years of significant contribution to the sport.**

  Include which years, where in Canada, and the nominee's role within the club, provincial or national organization.

- **Scope, impact and significance of the contribution.**

  Include initiatives the nominee was responsible for, their impact on youth in the sport, and an estimate of the hours they regularly volunteered.

- **Significant personal achievements, awards or recognition within the sport.**

  This covers the nominee's entire involvement in water polo, whether as a player, official, board member or sport administrator.

6. Clubs

To be eligible in this category, the organization must have achieved a degree of excellence, as measured by the following:

- **National championships won (senior, junior or youth).**

  State the year or years for which the club is being nominated, and list the championships won in that period. For example: "Nominating Club X for 1986–1990. During that period the club won the Senior Women's Nationals in 1986 and 1987, and the Senior Men's Nationals in 1986, 1988 and 1989."

- **Significant achievements, awards or recognition received by the club.**

A single team that achieved an exceptional level of domestic success may also be recognized in this category.

7. **Historical Figures or Historical Teams**

To be eligible in this category, the individual or organization must have achieved a degree of excellence, as measured by the following:

- **Achievements of a truly historical or significant nature.**

  For example: the very first Goulden Cup winner in 1907.

Note: The achievement must have occurred at least 25 years ago.

8. **Distinguished Alumni**

To be eligible in this category, the individual must have achieved a degree of excellence outside the water polo sphere, as measured by the following:

- **Achievements and awards of distinction in their professional and/or personal life.**

  Include the nominee's role within water polo and the years involved, then describe fully their contributions to their profession, to volunteer organizations, and so on.

Nomination and Induction Procedure

Timeline:

The dedicated Nomination Campaign runs from November 25, 2026, through December 6, 2026, for the 2027 induction ceremony; however, nominations may be submitted at any time for future CWPHOF committee consideration. Additionally, nominations that are not selected in the year they are submitted will be kept on file for consideration in future years.

How to submit:

Complete the nomination package as outlined below and email it to: **CWPHOF.nominations@gmail.com** using the subject line **CWPHOF Nomination**.

Selection:

Each nomination will be assessed against objective criteria established by the CWPHOF Committee. The Committee will choose the final inductees by ranked-choice voting.

Announcement:

Inductees will be honoured at a live event in April or May 2027, to be held in partnership with Water Polo Canada.

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Note: The more complete and comprehensive the nomination package, the better.

1. **Nominator Information (person making the nomination):**
   - First and last name:
   - Email:
   - Phone:
   - Mailing address:

2. **Nominee Information (person being nominated):**
   - First and last name:
   - Induction category:
   - Mailing address:
   - Email:
   - Phone:
   - Date and place of birth (if deceased, please also provide date of death):

3. **Detailed Nomination Write-Up (maximum 3 pages):**

   Discuss how the nominee meets the category criteria and thoroughly address each of the following:

   i. **Chronological sport history (Water polo CV).**

   Provide a point-form chronology of the nominee's involvement in water polo, including all major achievements. For teams and clubs, describe the significance of their achievements.

   ii. **Ambassadorship.**

   How has the nominee served as an ambassador for the sport and helped improve its reputation nationally and/or internationally?

   iii. **Character and role-model qualities.**

   Provide additional information about the nominee's general character and accomplishments that identifies them as a role model for all Canadians.

4. **Additional Required Documents:**
   - For all categories: a high-resolution digital photograph of the nominee.

- For Distinguished Alumni category only: a copy of the nominees Professional Résumé.

5. **Optional supporting documentation:**
    - Letters of support
    - Newspaper clippings
    - Award certificates
    - Other items that will help provide a comprehensive view of the nominee's accomplishments

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