



Water Polo Saskatchewan (WPS)

Athletes' Commitment Agreement to

Team Sask Competition Program

Age Groups: 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, 19U & Senior

Season: 2026–2027

September 1, 2026

Purpose

The Water Polo Saskatchewan (WPS) Team Sask Competition Program is designed for athletes committed to competing at the highest level of national competition. Participation in the program requires a significant commitment to training, competition, travel, and financial responsibilities.

Note that this agreement is for athletes desiring to compete with Team Sask. Athletes can still be part of WPS Provincial Centers (DC, HC and HSE) but decide to not compete with Team Sask.

By signing this Agreement, the athlete (and parent/legal guardian if the athlete is under 18 years of age) agrees to the following terms and conditions.

1. Mandatory Competition Commitment

Athletes accepted into the WPS Team Sask Competition Program agree to participate in **all Water Polo Canada national competitions** scheduled for their age category during the 2026–2027 season.

This commitment includes, but is not limited to:

- All National Championship League (NCL) events;
- The Canadian Championships; and
- Other National event run by other organization than WPC as Alberta Open



This commitment does not include international camp(s) and tournaments(s) that will be optional.

The list of identified mandatory competitions will be communicated no later than October 15th. Eventual change of dates made by the event hosts will be communicated no later than December 1st. Any later change than December 1st, will not be considered as a mandatory competition.

Participation in these events is considered a fundamental requirement of the Team Sask Competitive Program.

Exceptions to this requirement will only be considered in exceptional circumstances, such as serious injury, illness, or other circumstances approved by WPS.

2. Confirmation of Commitment

An athlete's commitment to the Team Sask Competition Program is confirmed only when:

- this Agreement has been signed by the athlete and, where applicable, their parent or legal guardian; and
- the required season deposit has been paid in full.

Completion of both requirements must be done before October 31st. Athletes not completing these two requirements will not be invited to play for Team Sask at any national competition, with the exception of the need to have extra player(s) to be able to engage a team.

3. Season Deposit

The season deposit will be calculated according to the anticipated travel requirements for the season using the following formula:

- **\$100** for each mandatory event requiring ground transportation.
- **\$400** for each mandatory event requiring air travel.
- To a maximum of \$1,000 per season and per family

The total season deposit will be communicated before payment is due.



4. Payment and Use of the Deposit

The full season deposit must be paid no later than **October 31, 2026**.

The deposit will be kept until the end of the season and put toward the fees of the very last event in the calendar, or reimbursed to families.

The season deposit **cannot** be applied toward the balance owed for any competition, except for the last event of the season. Athletes and their families remain responsible for paying all the events' fees by the deadlines established by WPS.

5. Selection Policies

All other athlete selection procedures and criteria remain in effect.

This Agreement is to be read in conjunction with the **WPS Operational Policies** specifically:

- **Policy 5.2 – Athlete Selection**
- **Policy 5.3 – Team Selection**

In the event of any inconsistency, the WPS Operational Policies shall prevail unless otherwise approved by the WPS Board of Directors.

6. Refund of Unused Deposit

Any unused portion of the season deposit will be refunded following the conclusion of the final scheduled national competition of the 2026–2027 season.

Should the athlete have any outstanding financial obligations to WPS, any unused deposit may first be applied toward those outstanding amounts before a refund is issued.



7. Athletes Playing in an Older Age Division

Athletes who request, or are selected, to compete in an older age division (for example, **14U to 16U** or **16U to 18U**) shall be required to pay the **full season deposit applicable to the higher age division**, and up to the maximum of \$1,000 per family and per season.

By accepting a position in the older division, the athlete agrees to all competition, travel, and financial commitments associated with that division.

8. Senior Category

The travel and funding arrangements for the Senior Category differ from those of the age-group Team Sask Competition Program.

Air Travel

Athletes and their families are responsible for booking and paying for their own airfare to all Senior Category competitions.

Accommodation and Local Transportation

WPS will organize and pay for team accommodations and local transportation, including airport transfers and transportation between accommodations and competition venues, where applicable.

Fundraising

Senior Category athletes are expected to participate in team fundraising initiatives to offset the costs of accommodations and local transportation.

Should fundraising revenues be insufficient to cover these costs, the remaining balance will be divided among participating athletes. Each athlete will be invoiced for their share following the completion of the final scheduled competition of the season.



9. Requirement for Parents to volunteer when hosting events

Parents/guardian agree to volunteer as Minor Officials when WPS will host identified events (as per 1. Mandatory Competition Commitment). Each athlete's family will be assigned a minimum number of shifts for the event for each of their child playing.

Families agree to:

- Have one parent or guardian trained and registered as Minor Official,
 - Complete the minimum # of shifts assigned when hosting in Saskatchewan for which their child will play.
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10. Elite Identification Subsidy Program

The WPS Elite Identification Grant will be allocated only to WPS athletes who are eligible, using the WPS Operation Policy 3.1.

- [WPS Policies & Bylaws](#)
 - To benefit from this grant, athletes and families must:
 - Have signed this agreement
 - Agree to play their own age group AND one age group
 - Pay the required deposit
 - Meet all other eligibility requirements as per WPS Operation Policy 3.1.
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11. Withdrawal Policy

In the case of a withdrawal communicated to WPS office before the deposit deadline, the full refund of the deposit amount will be made to the athlete.

In the case of a withdrawal communicated to WPS office after the deposit deadline, the deposit will not be refunded.



12. Injury/Medical Exception Policy

WPS recognizes that injuries, illnesses, and medical circumstances may prevent an athlete from participating in scheduled Team Sask competitions. In such circumstances, the following policy will apply.

a. Notification and Documentation

An athlete who is unable to participate due to injury or medical reasons must notify WPS as soon as possible.

WPS may require appropriate medical documentation from a qualified health professional confirming the athlete's inability to participate.

b. Refund of Unused Funds

Any portion of the athlete's deposit that has not been used or committed toward competition-related expenses will be refunded to the athlete following the conclusion of the season.

c. Non-Refundable Expenses

The athlete remains responsible for any costs already committed or paid by WPS on their behalf, including but not limited to:

- Competition registration fees;
 - Non-refundable travel deposits;
 - Hotel accommodations;
 - Transportation costs;
 - Other event-related expenses that cannot be recovered by WPS
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Athlete Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this Team Sask Competition Program Athletes' Commitment Agreement.

I understand that participation in the WPS Team Sask Competition Program is contingent upon fulfilling the commitments described herein.

Athlete Name: _____

Team Sask age group(s): _____

Athlete Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian (if athlete is under 18):

Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Water Polo Saskatchewan Representative:

Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Annex Season 2026-2027

List of identified mandatory national competitions:

Team Sask 14U:

<u>Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
Camp Manitoba	TBC	Winnipeg	\$200	\$800 or \$1,000
Northern Cup	Nov 19-22	Edmonton	\$550	
Alberta Open	March 18-21	Calgary	\$550	
Westerns Championships	TBD	TBD	\$550 or \$900 (if flight)	
Canadian Championships 15U (born in 2012 and later)	TBD	Montreal	\$1,200	

Team Sask 16U:

<u>Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
Northern Cup	Nov 19-22	Edmonton	\$550	\$1,000
NCL 16U	Jan 14-17	Edmonton	\$550	
NCL 16U	Feb 18-21	Surrey	\$900	



NCL 16U	Mar 11-14	Saskatoon	\$100	
Alberta Open	March 18-21	Calgary	\$550	
NCL Finals	Apr 22-25	Markham	\$900	
Canadian Championships 15U (born in 2012 and later)	TBD	Montreal	\$1,200	
Canadian Championships 17U (born in 2011)	TBD	Regina	\$300	

Team Sask 18U:

<u>Events</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Deposit</u>
NCL 18U	Nov 6-8	Regina	\$100	\$500
NCL 18U	Jan 21-24	Calgary	\$550	
NCL 18U	Mar 4-7	Edmonton	\$550	
NCL Finals	May 5-9	Calgary	\$550	
Canadian Championships 17U & 19U (born in 2011)	TBD	Regina	\$300	