



**MAVERICKS WATER POLO CLUB
REGISTRATION PACKAGE
2024-2025**

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1. 2024/2025 SEASON OVERVIEW

Welcome to the herd!

It is always exciting to start the new season following the Olympics where we see a new influx of young and eager athletes looking to try water polo. A warm Mavericks welcome to all newcomers who have joined us over the past few months; we look forward to growing with you! This season follows on the heels of an incredibly successful competitive season for all our age groups. We will be defending our National Championship on the Men's side as well as defending two Provincial Championships.

Please note that the competitive age groups are changing for the 2024/2025 season. They will now be:

- 10U & 12U COED
- 14U Boys and Girls
- 16U Boys and Girls
- 18U Men and Women
- Senior Men and Women

We are excited to continue watching our development level athletes grow and are continuing to work on building a robust program with a focus on female athlete recruitment and development.

The Mavericks club plans to continue building on last season's successes with local community engagement, mentorship programming, exciting new travel opportunities and a continued focus on High Performance programming for athletes aspiring to Provincial, National, and NCAA teams.

The Mavericks are excited to be once again hosting a full slate of competitions, including:

- Mavericks Cup (Oct 25-27) *Etobicoke Olympium*
- Paul Taylor Memorial Tournament (Nov 22-24) *Etobicoke Olympium*
- 18U NCL Weekend (March 21-23) *Etobicoke Olympium*
- March Madness (March 28-30) *Etobicoke Olympium*
- OWP 14U Provincials (April 11-13) *Etobicoke Olympium*
- 16U NCL Eastern Championships (May 2-4) *Etobicoke Olympium*

Good luck this season and we look forward to seeing you back in the pool soon.

Nikolina Mihajlovik
Head Coach, Mavericks Water Polo Club

2. 2024/2025 FEES

The Mavericks Water Polo Club is a not-for-profit organization. As such, we do our best to keep our fees as low as possible for our members. Fees are set based on registration projections.

There are four components to the fees that you will pay:

Club Affiliation Fees – OWP/WPC: These are your Ontario Water Polo and Water Polo Canada membership fees for the entire season. They include all administrative and safe sport costs associated with these governing bodies.

Club Registration Administration Fee – This fee covers all the administrative costs associated with registering the athlete for the season. **Use code *EARLYBIRD* for \$75 off the registration fee. Code expires September 15, 2024.**

Club Fees: That which the Mavericks Water Polo Club charges to cover all our operational costs. These include coaching, equipment, pool rentals and administration. This also includes all the insurance fees the Club is required to pay to Ontario Water Polo (OWP), and Water Polo Canada (WPC). Fees for athletes in 10U-Senior include (1) t-shirt and (1) swimsuit.

Volunteer Deposit: We charge all club members a *re-earnable* volunteer deposit. Member families who volunteer at club events, as team managers or in other organizational or administrative roles can earn back their volunteer deposits. Volunteer deposit is in effect for all age groups except Swim & Play.

	Club Affiliation Fees		Club Membership Fees				Total Fees
	OWP Fee	WPC Fee	Registration Fee**	Club Fees	Volunteer Deposit	HST	
Swim & Play Ball*	\$13.79	\$13.00	\$25	\$252/session	N/A	N/A	\$807.79
10U/12U	\$29.72	\$35.00	\$350	\$1250	\$250	N/A	\$1914.72
14U Boys/Girls	\$29.72	\$35.00	\$350	\$1750	\$400	N/A	\$2564.72
16U Boys / Girls	\$87.00	\$75.00	\$350	\$2195	\$400	\$330.85	\$3437.85
18U Men/Women	\$87.00	\$75.00	\$350	\$2550	\$400	\$377.00	\$3839.00
Senior	\$87.00	\$75.00	\$350	\$2550	\$400	\$377.00	\$3839.00
Senior HS	\$87.00	\$75.00	\$350	\$1300	\$400	\$214.50	\$2426.50
High Performance	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$500	N/A	\$65.00	\$565.00

*Swim and Play Ball is a sessional program, running Octoberr-December, January-March, April-June. Total fees displayed in the chart are yearly fees.

** Registration fee is a yearly fee per athlete. Use code EARLYBIRD before September 15, 2024 for \$75 off for 10U-Senior.

Fee Assistance

Sibling Discount

Families with multiple athletes registered are eligible for a sibling discount on their club fees. 15% given to the first sibling (applied to the athlete with the lowest fees) and 20% given to any subsequent siblings. Please contact us at info@maverickswaterpolo.ca for information on applying a sibling discount at registration.

Water Polo Canada Youth/Junior/Senior National Team Members

Mavericks Water Polo Club is committed to further assisting members who are currently competing on WPC Canadian National Teams. Members who were selected and completed a National Team program cycle in the previous season are

eligible for a 50% discount on their club fees. Please contact us at info@maverickswaterpolo.ca for information on applying a NT discount at registration.

Fee Assistance Programs

Fee assistance may be available for your family through programs such as Canadian Tire Jumpstart (jumpstart.canadiantire.ca) or KidsSportCanada (kidssportcanada.ca). The Mavericks Water Polo Club is not in any way affiliated with these programs. If you have any further questions about fee assistance, please contact board@maverickswaterpolo.ca.

**Please note: discounts for siblings and NT athletes cannot be combined.*

Competition Fees

Competition fees are charged separately from club membership fees. All competitions are charged through individual tournament packages via the RAMP payment system. Athletes selected to competitive teams must pay for their competition package ahead of the competition date to be permitted to play. ***We charge the amount necessary to cover the cost of participation (entry fees, travel costs, etc.), including the reimbursement of coaches' expenses and travel where appropriate.***

Note: Competition fees vary widely, depending on the age of the athlete and the location of the competition. Competitions for athletes 10U, 12U and 14U are typically more local, while competitions for 16U/18U/Seniors are held both locally and inter-provincially. This season, select 16U and 18U athletes will have the opportunity to travel internationally as well.

Refund Policy

Should you decide to leave the club part way through the season, you may be entitled to a partial refund. **Any player resigning from the club must deliver written notice to the Head Coach and the treasurer.** Refund calculations will be made from the date of receipt of that notification.

NOTE: Ontario Water Polo / Water Polo Canada fees are paid directly to the association by the individual at the time of registration in the RAMP system. The club registration fee covers the administrative costs of initial registration. These fees are non-refundable.

Club fees are refundable based on the following timetable:

- September 1 through to October 15th : Mavericks Club Fee x 90%
- Up until January 1st: Mavericks Club Fee x 50%
- Up until February 15th: Mavericks Club Fee x 20%
- February 15th onwards: NO REFUND
- **There are no refunds on tournament fees unless in exceptional circumstances.**

3. REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Registration takes place on the RAMP platform and can be accessed by visiting maverickswpc.rampregistrations.com. All families must create a family account. Each athlete you are registering must be added under the Family. Clicking "Available Participant Packages" will show you the packages available for the season. Please find the package(s) you wish to register for, select the athlete you are registering and follow the registration prompts.

**Any family eligible for sibling or National Team discounts must contact us at info@maverickswaterpolo.ca for information on applying the discount ahead of registration.*

Payment must be made on RAMP via credit card and can be made as a lump sum payment or split into three separate payments.

4. 2024/2025 PROGRAMS

Swim & Play Ball (ages 6-12 years)

Introduces our youngest athletes to the sport of water polo. Athletes learn the fundamentals of swimming and water polo skills through a game-based approach learning (a) water safety, (b) the four strokes (freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly), and (c) eggbeater while also learning the sport's format and rules through basic drills.

Sessions run October-December, January-March, April-June

Training Volume: 1 practice a week; 45 mins each practice.

Pools: Gus Ryder

10U/12U Co-Ed (born 2013/2014/2015/2016)

Building on our swim and play foundation, our 10U/12U program provides a co-educational environment for young athletes to continue developing the skills crucial to the sport of water polo. These include improved swimming skill and endurance, catching and shooting the ball with increased accuracy, the fundamentals of offense and defense, and the fun of competition at an introductory level. Athletes may compete in regional tournaments.

Training Volume: 2-3 practices a week; 1h:30 mins each practice.

Pools: Gus Ryder / Etobicoke Olympium / Markham Pan Am Centre

14U Boys / 14U Girls (born 2011/2012)

Building on our swim and play foundation, our 14U program provides a co-ed training environment for young athletes to continue developing the skills crucial to the sport of water polo. These include improved swimming skill and endurance, catching and shooting the ball with increased accuracy, the fundamentals of offense and defense, and the fun of competition at an introductory level. Athletes may compete in regional and inter-provincial tournaments.

Training Volume: 3 practices a week; 1h:30 – 2h:30 mins each practice.

Pools: Gus Ryder / Etobicoke Olympium / Markham Pan Am Centre

16U Boys / 16U Girls (born 2009/2010)

Offers co-ed training groups an opportunity to continue improving fitness while learning the more technical fundamentals of the sport. Increasingly competitive environments are sought to develop excellence within the sport as well as leadership skills. Athletes may compete in regional, inter-provincial and national tournaments.

Training Volume: 3 -5 practices a week; 2h:00 – 2h:30 mins each practice.

Pools: Gus Ryder / Etobicoke Olympium / Markham Pan Am Centre

18U Men / 18U Women (born 2007/2008)

Presents committed and competitive athletes the ability to hone their craft at some of the highest levels of competition in the country. Along the way athletes are encouraged to set goals and are also coached towards attaining them. Athletes may compete in regional, inter-provincial and national tournaments.

Training Volume: 4 - 5 practices a week; 2h:00 – 2h:30 mins each practice.

Pools: Etobicoke Olympium

Seniors (born 2006+)

Offers experienced players born 2006 and older highly competitive game experience that range from local scrimmages to national tournaments.

Training Volume: 4 - 5 practices a week; 2h:00 – 2h:30 mins each practice.

Pools: Etobicoke Olympium

Seniors (born 2006+) – High School

Offers experienced players born 2006 and older a decreased training volume while still having the opportunity to participate in highly competitive game experiences that range from local scrimmages to national tournaments. Please note: Athletes that select this option will not be eligible for provincial or national teams.

Training Volume: Maximum 3 practices a week; 2h:00 – 2h:30 mins each practice.

Pools: Etobicoke Olympium

High Performance Men / Women (born 2007/2008/2009/2010)

Coach invited athletes will be given an opportunity to try out for a spot in this program. This program offers a higher volume of training with focused dryland sessions and a competitive training group for athletes with like-minded goals and who want to achieve National Team and/or NCAA standards.

Training Volume: Dryland 1h:30m 3x weekly; In-water 4-5x weekly (1 dedicated HP practice) plus NDC; 2h-3h each practice

Pools: Etobicoke Olympium / University of Toronto / Markham Pan Am Centre

5. VOLUNTEERING

The Volunteer Deposit

The Mavericks Water Polo Club is a member-run, not-for-profit organization that relies on the participation of the membership to run the Club's activities. The Mavericks' Family Participation Policy is designed to outline clear and fair participation requirements for all members.

The Mavericks encourages its members to *re-earn* their volunteer deposit by participating in activities that contribute to the vitality of the Club. These activities are assigned different credit values based on several factors including time and effort required, skill level, knowledge, and club membership.

Please note that:

- Families in the Swim & Play program are not required to volunteer.
- Athletes playing in the 16U, 18U and Senior NCL will be required to volunteer at Mavericks' run NCL tournament weekends as part of their membership in the NCL and outside of the Mavericks' Family Participation Policy/Volunteer Deposit program.
- Members may collect credits during the official season from mid-September to mid-June.
- Anyone may volunteer on behalf of an athlete. This can include older siblings, grandparents, friends or another Club member. At each designated activity sign-up, the athlete name for which the credits are to be awarded must be specified.
- Athletes are not permitted to carry over credits from one season to the following season.
- Credits cannot be transferred from one athlete to another athlete after an event.
- Credits will be prorated if an athlete joins or leaves the club part way through the season based on number of membership months.
- Participation opportunities are available on a "first come, first served" basis.

Family Participation deposit and penalties:

- A one-time Participation Deposit of \$250 (10U/12U) or \$400 (14U and older) is charged to each athlete upon registration in any of the pre-competitive and competitive programs (not including Swim & Play).
- Families who fail to re-earn their volunteer deposit will forfeit the remaining balance of their deposit. For example, a family with an athlete in U16 is required to submit a \$400 volunteer deposit and can earn this deposit back by accumulating 80 volunteer credits. If this family finishes the season with 40 credits, this family will only be reimbursed \$200 (or 40 x \$5).

Volunteer Committees

To support the growing Mavericks community, we are creating three committees beginning in the 2024-2025. We request competitive families fill out the following form and indicate their preferred committee: <https://bit.ly/MavsCommittees>

The committees are as follows:

1 - Fundraising & Sponsorship

This committee will be focused on organizing short and long-term fundraising and corporate sponsorship goals. It will find and apply for appropriate grant funding. It will liaise with the executive committee and Head Coach on fundraising initiatives, as well as the Treasurer when needed.

2 - Tournaments

This committee will be focused on organizing tournaments, including but not limited to: organizing hospitality suite, organizing concession stand, organizing minor official clinics, organizing minor official and hospitality suite volunteerism, and set up and take down of pool for tournaments. This committee will primarily liaise with the Head Coach, as well as the volunteer coordinator so volunteer credits are properly tracked.

3 - Social & Outreach

This committee will organize social events throughout the season for teams, with a large focus on female athlete recruitment and retention initiatives. Portfolio will also include yearly end of year banquet organizing as needed. Outreach initiatives will include handing out fliers to local organizations, members posting to local community social networks, and starting to create relationships with other aquatic organizations/clubs in the region. This committee will liaise with the executive committee and Head Coach.

Volunteer Credits

Members in the 10U/12U competitive program have 250 credits to earn and members in the 14U, 16U, 18U categories have 400 credits to earn. Credits can be earned by doing any of the following, but other earning opportunities may also be added throughout the season:

Volunteer Opportunity:	Hours Required:	Credits Earned:
Tournament Minor Official	1 hour	5 credits
Hospitality Suite: Attendant	1 hour	5 credits
Hospitality Suite: Donated Meal (for approx. 30)	Various	10 credits
Committee Project Volunteerism	1 hour	5 credits
Team Manager	Entire Season	Full Credit
Board Member	Entire Season	Full Credit

6. TEAMSNAAP

Mavericks Water Polo Club primarily uses the TeamSnap platform to communicate directly with athletes and families throughout the season. Shortly after registration members will have their athletes automatically added to their respective training groups. You will receive an invitation email to the team. If you are new to the system, you will have to create an account. For returning athletes and families you may use the same login(s) as last season. The invitation will be sent to the primary email on file for your athlete.

TeamSnap allows multiple family members to hold accounts linked to their athletes. It is highly encouraged that athletes themselves download the application to their device and ensure they have access to their team once the invitations are sent out.

Competitive Teams will be formed later in the season, sometimes for individual events. You will receive separate invitations to these teams on TeamSnap once the rosters are selected and you will need to add them to your TeamSnap at that time. Your athlete can be on multiple teams at the same time.

For more information on the TeamSnap application, please see their website at: teamsnap.com.

7. COMMUNICATION

Mavericks' communications will come primarily through e-mail and TeamSnap. Families are encouraged to ensure all accounts on RAMP and on TeamSnap have the most up-to-date contact information.

All competitive teams will have a designated parent volunteer in the role of Team Manager. Basic questions and concerns should be brought to the Team Manager so they can assist you immediately. Coaches are extremely busy throughout the season so communications with the coaching staff should be kept for important items only.

To ensure coaches have the space they need to do a professional job we kindly request that if you have any concerns or questions about tournament or coaching related decisions, please try to set a time ahead of the tournament to discuss these with your coach. If you are already at the tournament, please allow 24 hours until after the end of the tournament before contacting your coach. **Please never approach the coaching staff on deck or during games.**

Families are invited to write to club administrators for any questions or concerns at info@maverickswaterpolo.ca.

8. COMPETITIONS

Athletes in our competitive stream will have the opportunity to play in tournaments throughout the season. **All athletes must pay for the tournament package by the deadline given to be eligible to play in the tournament.** For our younger athletes (10U, 12U & 14U), rosters will be announced *after* athlete tournament registration has been completed. Late registrants will not always be able to be accommodated on a team, so please register by the deadline.

For our older athletes, teams will be announced as early as possible. 10U, 12U, and 14U athletes are expected to travel with their families to and from tournaments unless otherwise indicated. 16U, 18U and older athletes are expected to travel with

their teams and stay with their teams at away tournaments. Typically for 16U, 18U and older athletes, families should also plan to budget for spending money for food and activities not covered under the tournament package.

There are no refunds for tournament fees unless in exceptional circumstances. Please contact info@maverickswaterpolo.ca should you have any questions about tournaments.

Below is an example competition calendar. Please note that the calendar below is not yet finalized. The Mavericks, Ontario Water Polo, and Water Polo Canada calendars will be updated by their respective administrators. Please always refer to them to get the most up to date information.

Dates	Event	Category	City	Facility
Oct 25-27	Mavericks Cup	18U & Senior	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium
Nov 8-10	16U and Senior NCL WPC	16U and Senior	Markham, ON	Markham Pan Am Centre
Nov 15-17	Shadow Cup	TBD	Toronto, ON	Toronto Pan Am Centre
Nov 22-24	Paul Taylor Memorial Tournament	10U, 12U, 14U, 16U	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium
Dec 13-14	18U NCL WPC	18U	Pointe-Claire, QC	Centre Aquatique
2025				
Jan 10-12	18U NCL WPC	18U	Ottawa, ON	Nepean Sportsplex
Jan 24-27	16U and Senior NCL WPC	16U and Senior	Pointe-Claire, QC	Centre Aquatique
Feb 7-10	Forest City Invitational	10U, 12U, 14U	London, ON	Canada Games Aquatic Centre
Feb 7-10	18U NCL WPC	18U	Markham, ON	Markham Pan Am Centre
Feb 21-23	16U NCL WPC	16U	Ottawa, ON	Nepean Sportsplex
Mar 7-9	Senior NCL WPC	Senior	Pointe-Claire, QC	Centre Aquatique
Mar 21-23	Shadow Invitational	TBD	Toronto, ON	Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre
Mar 21-23	18U NCL WPC	18U	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium
Mar 28-30	March Madness	10U, 12U, 14U, 16U	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium
Apr 4-6	Senior NCL WPC	Senior	Gatineau, QC	Gatineau Sports Centre
Apr 11-13	14U Provincials	14U	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium

May 2-4	16U NCL WPC	16U	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium
May 9-11	12U Provincials	12U	Brantford, ON	Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre
May 22-25	18U NCL WPC Finals	18U	Calgary, AB	TBC

9. TENTATIVE TRAINING SCHEDULES

Group	Location(s)	Schedule
Swim and Play (Sessional)	Gus Ryder Pool	Sunday 5:30-6:15 pm / 6:15-7 pm Fall: Oct 6-Dec 15 (Oct 13 off, 10 practices) Winter: Jan 12-Mar 30 (Feb 16, Mar 16 off, 10 practices) Spring: April 6-June 15 (Apr 20 off, 10 practices)
10U/12U COED	Gus Ryder Etobicoke Olympium Markham Pan Am Centre	Wednesday 7:00-9:00 pm (Markham Game Days TBA) Thursday 7:30-9:00 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 5:30-7:00 pm (Gus Ryder)
14U Boys & Girls	Gus Ryder Etobicoke Olympium Markham Pan Am Centre	Wednesday 7:00-9:00 pm (Markham Game Days) Wednesday 9:00-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Thursday 9:00-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 5:00-7:00 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 7:00-8:30 pm (Gus Ryder)
16U Competitive Boys & Girls	Gus Ryder Etobicoke Olympium Markham Pan Am Centre	Monday 7:30-9:00 pm (Etobicoke) Tuesday 7:30-9:00 pm (Etobicoke) Wednesday 7:00-9:00 pm (Markham Game Days) Wednesday 9:00-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Thursday 9:00-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 5:00-7:00 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 7:00-8:30 pm (Gus Ryder)
18U/Senior Men & Women	Etobicoke Olympium	Monday 7:30-9:00 pm (Etobicoke) Tuesday 9:00-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Wednesday 9:00-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Thursday 9:00-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 7:00-9:00 pm (Etobicoke)
Markham	Markham Pan Am Centre	Wed 7:00- 9 pm (10U-16U Game Night, dates TBC) * When not in Markham, 14U and 16U go to Etobicoke
High Performance	Etobicoke Olympium	Pool: Wednesday 8:00-9:00pm (Etobicoke) 3x/wk Lift: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, (Etobicoke)

10. UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Uniform items will be ordered both through the club and through a team online shop. Ordering of uniforms will take place at youwears.ca/MAV. An email will be sent out when the store opens.

Spirit wear for families is always available here: maverickswaterpoloclub.entripyshops.com

We want to ensure our athletes have all the necessary uniform items for practices, games and tournaments. We encourage athletes to keep items (bags, jackets) for many years. We only change the t-shirt design each season, and all other items can be used for several years before needing to be replaced. We do our best to source cost effective, high-quality merchandise.

Mavericks travel apparel and team uniforms will be further reinforced this season.

- The items below are items that all athletes are expected to have in their age category.
- Traveling uniform is necessary.
- Provincial and National organizations require teams to have specific uniforms.
- During all Mavericks practices and dryland practices, uniform requirements will be reinforced.

Below are the required items each athlete must have:

Item	12U	14U	16U	18U	Travel	Senior
Bathing Cap (Girls) (White/Black/Competition)	X	X	X	X	X	X
2024 Uniform T-Shirt	X	X	X	X	X	X
Men’s Swim Brief	X	X	X	X	X	X
Women’s Water Polo Suit	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mavericks Backpack			X	X	X	X
Mavericks Deck Jacket or Zip			X	X	X	X
Mavericks Pants or Sweatpants			X	X	X	X
Mavericks Robe				Optional		
Mavericks Hoodie	Optional					

*(1) x 2024 Uniform t-shirt and (1) x swimsuit per athlete included in competitive registration (10U and up)

11. CONTACT INFORMATION

Club Website: maverickswaterpolo.ca

Club Registration Site: maverickswpc.rampregistrations.com

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