



**MAVERICKS WATER POLO CLUB  
REGISTRATION PACKAGE  
2023-24**

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# 1. 2023/24 SEASON OVERVIEW

## Welcome!

Building on our success from last season, the Mavericks are excited to hit the ground running this season with a full slate of competitions scheduled for each age group!

We are excited to continue watching our development level athletes grow and are continuing to work on building a robust 11U and 13U program with a focus on female athlete recruitment and development.

We have a variety of other exciting programs in the works, including:

- More local community engagement with our various age groups (toy drive, food drive, etc).
- Mentorship programs between our newer athletes and our seasoned athletes.
- Increased female athlete participation at all age categories.
- Exciting new travel opportunities for our 18U athletes to introduce them to international competition.
- Continued focus on High Performance programming for athletes aspiring to Provincial, National and NCAA teams.

We are aiming to have teams at all levels of competition including:

- 11U COED
- 13U Boys and Girls
- 15U Boys and Girls
- 17U Men's and Women's NCL Teams
- 18U Men's and Women's Travel Teams
- Senior Men's and Women's Teams

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

- Mavericks Cup (Oct 20-22) *Etobicoke Olympium*
- Paul Taylor Memorial Tournament (Nov 24-26) *Etobicoke Olympium*
- 17U NCL Weekend (March 1-3) *Etobicoke Olympium*
- March Madness (March 22-24) *Etobicoke Olympium*
- 11U-15U Provincial Championships (April 5-7) *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. 2023/24 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. The fees listed below represent the **maximum amount each category will pay**.

*Should registration numbers and revenues dramatically exceed projections, competitive level athletes can expect to see a decrease in their variable fees in the New Year. Should this occur, the club will communicate the fee change with all members.*

There are five 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 \$50 off the registration fee. Code expires September 12, 2023.**

**Club Fees – Fixed:** The *fixed* amount is that which the Mavericks Water Polo Club charges to cover non-refundable payments. These include coaching, equipment, 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).

**Club Fees – Variable:** The *variable* amount is that which the Mavericks Water Polo Club charges to cover refundable payments in the case of unforeseen cancellations or closures. These include pool rentals and some coaching costs.

**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				HST	Total Fees
	OWP Fee	WPC Fee	Registration Fee**	Fixed Fee	Variable Fee	Volunteer Deposit		
Swim & Play Ball*	\$13.51	\$11.79	N/A	N/A	\$240/session	N/A	N/A	\$745.30
11U	\$96.62	\$49.71	\$250	\$460.00	\$680.00	\$150	N/A	\$1686.33
13U Boys/Girls	\$96.62	\$49.71	\$250	\$625.00	\$990.00	\$200	N/A	\$2211.33
15U Boys / Girls	\$96.62	\$71.24	\$250	\$840.00	\$1220.00	\$200	\$300.30	\$2978.16
17U Men/Women	\$96.62	\$71.24	\$250	\$950.00	\$1400.00	\$200	\$338.00	\$3305.86
19U/Senior	\$96.62	\$71.24	\$250	\$950.00	\$1400.00	\$200	\$338.00	\$3305.86
19U/Senior HS	\$96.62	\$71.24	\$250	\$540.00	\$640.00	\$200	\$185.90	\$1983.76
High Performance	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$500.00	N/A	N/A	\$65.00	\$565.00

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

\*\* Use code EARLYBIRD before September 12, 2023 for \$50 off the Registration Administration fee.

## Fee Assistance:

### *Sibling Discount*

Families with multiple athletes registered are eligible for a sibling discount on their total club membership fees (fixed and variable). 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](mailto:info@maverickswaterpolo.ca) for information on applying a sibling discount at registration.

### *Water Polo Canada Youth/Junior/Senior National Team Members*

New for the 2023/2024 season, Mavericks Water Polo Club is committed to further assisting members who are currently competing on WPC Youth/Junior/Senior 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 total club membership fees (fixed and variable). Please contact us at [info@maverickswaterpolo.ca](mailto: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](http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca)) or KidsSportCanada ([kidssportcanada.ca](http://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](mailto: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 11U and 13U are typically more local, while competitions for 15U/17U/19U are held both locally and inter-provincially. This season, select 17U 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 15<sup>th</sup> : Total Mavericks Fixed Fee plus Mavericks Variable Fee x 80%
- Up until January 1<sup>st</sup>: Total Mavericks Variable Fee x 80%
- Up until February 15<sup>th</sup>: Total Mavericks Variable Fee x 50%
- February 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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. 2023/24 PROGRAMS

There are eight programs available:

#### Swim & Play Ball (ages 6-11 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 September-December, January-March, April-June

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

**Pools:** Gus Ryder

#### 11U Co-Ed (born 2013/2014)

Building on our swim and play foundation, our 11U 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:** Keele Public School / Gus Ryder

### 13U Boys / 13U Girls (born 2011/2012)

Building on our swim and play foundation, our 13U 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:** Keele Public School / Gus Ryder / Etobicoke Olympium

### 15U Boys / 15U 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:** Etobicoke Olympium

### 17U Men / 17U 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

### 19U Men / 19U Women / 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

### 19U Men / 19U Women / 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 2006-2009)

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 5x weekly (1 dedicated HP practice) plus RDC; 2h-3h each practice

**Pools:** Etobicoke Olympium / University of Toronto

## 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 point values based on several factors including time and effort required, skill level, knowledge, and club membership. Each participation point is worth \$25.00.

Please note that:

- Families in the Swim & Play program are not required to volunteer.
- Athletes playing in the 17U 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 points during the official season from mid-September to mid- June.
- Anyone may volunteer on behalf of a family. This can include older siblings, grandparent, friends or another Club member. At each designated activity sign-up, the family name for which the points are to be awarded must be specified.
- Families are not permitted to carry over points from one season to the following season.
- Points cannot be transferred from one family to another family after an event.



- Points will be prorated if an athlete joins or leaves the club part way through the season based on number of membership months.
- Family Participation opportunities are available on a “first come, first served” basis.

Family Participation deposit and penalties:

- A one-time Participation Deposit of \$150 (11U) or \$200 (13U and older) is charged to each athlete upon registration in any of the programs other than Swim & Play.
- Families who fail to re-earn their volunteer deposit by accumulating 8 volunteer points will forfeit the remaining balance of their deposit. For example, a family with an athlete in U15 is required to submit a \$200 volunteer deposit and can earn this deposit back by accumulating 8 volunteer points. If this family finishes the season with 4 points, this family will only be reimbursed \$100 (or 4x \$25).

## 6. TEAMS NAP

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 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](https://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](mailto: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 (11U & 13U), 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. 15U athletes are expected to travel with their families to and from tournaments. 17U and older athletes are expected to travel with their teams and stay with their teams at away tournaments. Typically for 17U 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](mailto: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 20-22	Mavericks Cup	19U & Senior	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium
Nov 17-19	17U NCL	17U	Montréal, QC	Claude-Robillard
Nov 24-26	Paul Taylor Memorial Tournament	11U, 13U, 15U	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium
Dec 1-3	Senior NCL	Senior	Toronto, ON	University of Toronto
Dec 8-10	17U NCL	17U	Ottawa, ON	Nepean Sportsplex
Jan 12-14	Senior NCL	Senior	Montréal, QC	Claude-Robillard
Feb 2-4	17U NCL	17U	Markham, ON	Markham Pan Am Centre
Feb 9-11	Forest City Invitational	11U, 13U	London, ON	Canada Games Aquatic Centre
Feb 9-11	17U NCL	17U	Markham, ON	Markham Pan Am Centre
Feb 16-18	South Florida International	18U	Coral Springs, FL	Coral Springs Aquatic Complex
March 1-3	17U NCL	17U	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium
March 22-24	Mavericks March Madness	11U, 13U, 15U	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium

April 5-7	11U/15U Provincial Championships	11U, 15U	Etobicoke, ON	Etobicoke Olympium
April 5-7	Senior NCL	Senior	Gatineau, QC	Gatineau Sports Centre
April 12-14	17U Eastern Finals	17U	Montréal, QC	Claude-Robillard
May 3-5	15U Eastern National Championships	15U	Markham, ON	Markham Pan Am Centre
May 10-12	Senior National Championships	Senior	Calgary, AB	TBC
May 24-26	17U NCL Finals	17U	Montreal, QC	Claude-Robillard

## 9. TENTATIVE TRAINING SCHEDULES

Group	Location(s)	Schedule
Swim and Play (Sessional)	Gus Ryder Pool (Sun)	Sunday 5:30-6:15 pm / 6:15-7 pm Session 1: Oct 1- Dec 17 Session 2: Jan 14-March 24 Session 3: April 7 – June 16
11U COED	Keele Public School (Thurs) Gus Ryder (Sun)	Thursday 8:00-9:30 pm (Keele) Sunday 5:30-7:00 pm (Gus Ryder)
13U Boys & Girls	Keele Public School (Tues) Etobicoke Olympium (Thurs) Gus Ryder (Sun)	Tuesday 8:00-9:30 pm (Keele) Thursday 7:30-9:00 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 7:00–8:30 pm (Gus Ryder)
15U Competitive Boys & Girls	Etobicoke Olympium	Monday 7:30-9:00 pm (Etobicoke) Tuesday 7:30-9:00 pm (Etobicoke) Thursday 9:00-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 5:00-7:00 pm (Etobicoke)
17U/19U/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 7:00-9:00pm (Etobicoke)
Markham	Markham Pan Am Centre	Wed 6:45- 9 pm (11U-15U Game Night, dates TBC)
High Performance	Etobicoke Olympium	Pool: Wednesday 8:00-9:00pm (Etobicoke) 3x/wk Lift: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (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](http://youwears.ca/MAV). An email will be sent out when the store opens.

Spirit wear for families is always available here: [maverickswaterpoloclub.entripyshops.com](http://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	11U	13U	15U	17U	18U Travel	19U / Senior
Bathing Cap (Girls) (White/Black/Competition)	X	X	X	X	X	X
2023 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
Mavericks Pants or Sweatpants				X	X	X
Mavericks Robe				Optional		
Mavericks Hoodie	Optional					

\*(1) x 2023 Uniform t-shirt per athlete included in competitive registration (11U and up)

## 11. CONTACT INFORMATION

**Club Website:** [maverickswaterpolo.ca](http://maverickswaterpolo.ca)

**Club Registration Site:** [maverickswpc.rampregistrations.com](http://maverickswpc.rampregistrations.com)

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