



ONTARIO WATER POLO MID-SEASON PROGRAM UPDATE

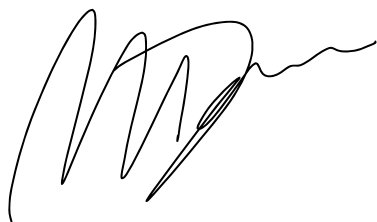
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Executive Summary:

The 2017-18 season is well underway, and we wanted to update our membership on all our exciting developments!

- Over 25 referees were trained as Regional referees so far this season. We're hoping many of the referees who obtained their credentials last year will take the Provincial referee course we've set up in early January.
- The OPL is well underway with two tournaments already completed
- This season we have our largest participation in the National Championship League ever
- A new host has been secured for 14U Provincial Championships
- Water Polo Canada, in collaboration with Ontario Water Polo, has successfully opened the first Regional Development Centre at TPASC

With a number of programs in the planning process, we will ensure to update the membership with our progress in the next few months. For now, we wanted to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday season!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nishant Damani', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nishant Damani
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14U Provincial League Standings

Paul Taylor Memorial Tournament Standings:

14U Girls:

Saskatchewan Girls

Mavericks Girls (6 points)

DDO Girls

KW Girls (5 points)

14U Boys:

Mavericks Black (6 points)

Ottawa Titans (5 points)

Saskatchewan

KW (4 points)

Shadow WPC (3 points)

Mavericks Red (2 points)

South West Boys (1 points)

Toronto Golden Jets (1 points)

14U Girls Division	
Mavericks	12
KW	10
Ottawa Titans	4
Hamilton	3

KW Winter Classic Tournament Standings:

14U Girls:

Mavericks Girls (6 points)

KW Girls (5 points)

Ottawa Titans (4 points)

Hamilton (3 points)

14U Boys:

Mavericks Black (6 points)

Mavericks Red (5 points)

Toronto Golden Jets (4 points)

KW (3 points)

Shadow WPC (2 points)

Mavericks White (1 points)

Ottawa Titans (1 points)

Guelph (1 points)

14U Boys Division	
Mavericks Black	12
Mavericks Red	7
KW	7
Ottawa Titans	6
Toronto GJ	5
Shadow WPC	5
Mavericks White	1
South West	1
Guelph	1

12U and 14U Provincial Championships

We are proud to officially announce our two host clubs for 12U and 14U Provincial Championships.

The 12U event will be a two day event hosted by the Kitchener-Waterloo Water Polo Club. KW is a veteran when it comes to hosting events, and we would like to thank them for accepting to host our 12U athletes.

Location: Wilfred Laurier University

Date: June 9th and 10th, 2018

Format: 6 on 6 game play, plus a goalie

Event Registration Procedures: We will inform the membership when the event has been listed on the database. This event is an open entry event (no qualification needed).

The 14U event will feature first time hosts Shadow Water Polo Club, who will be able to showcase their state of the art training facility. This event will serve as a qualifier for National Championships in May. We hope all eligible teams will participate. Please refer to the OPL Handbook for point allocation and seeding procedures.

Location: Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre Scarborough

Date: April 13th-15th, 2018

Format: 6 on 6 game play, plus a goalie

Event Registration Procedures: Once the third OPL event has ended, 14U Provincial Championships will be added to the database for eligible teams to register.

National Championship League Update

This season has featured the largest number of Ontario teams participating in the NCL. We're excited to continue building the NCL, and would encourage teams that are currently not participating to reach out if they are interested in joining the NCL next season.

Below is a list of Ontario Teams in the NCL (new teams for 2017-18 highlighted in **blue**):

Major League Men: Ottawa United Titans Black, Hammer, Toronto Silver Jets, Toronto Golden Jets, Mavericks Water Polo Club, **Ottawa United Titans Blue**

Major League Women: **Golden Wave**, Mavericks Water Polo Club, Ottawa Titans

19U Men: Ottawa Titans Black, **Ottawa Titans Blue**, Toronto Golden Jets, Mavericks Black, **Mavericks Red**

19U Women: Capital Wave, Mavericks Water Polo Club

16U Boys: Capital Wave, [Hamilton](#), KW Inferno, Mavericks, Ottawa Titans, [Shadow](#), [Toronto Golden Jets](#)

16U Girls: Capital Wave, [KW Inferno](#), Mavericks

For detailed NCL results, please go to: <http://www.waterpolo.ca/NLScheduleResult.aspx#>

OUA Finals Recap

The University of Toronto men's water polo capped its second consecutive perfect season with a 5-3 win over Carleton in the OUA Championship Final in Ottawa. For Toronto, it was also the 11th championship in the last 16 years and 32nd overall.

Queens finished in third place courtesy of a 8-3 victory over Western. Queens also earned a rare regular season win over Carleton. McMaster defeated Ottawa 20-6 to claim 5th place.

For his play on championship weekend, Toronto goalie Emirhan Ozdemir was named OUA Peak Performer of the Week, an award given to one athlete out of all OUA sports.

All-Stars:

[Victor Brancus](#), Western
[Alex Cox-Twardowski](#), Queen's
[Julien Allard](#), Carleton
[Yorek Hurrelmann](#), Carleton
[Sukhmun Hare](#), Toronto
[Milos Radojcic](#), Toronto
[Euan Scofield](#), Toronto

Major Awards:

[Most Valuable Player – Dusan Boskovic – Carleton Ravens](#)
[Most Valuable Goalie – Trevor Robinson – Queen's Gaels](#)
[Coach of the Year – Zoltan Csepregi – Carleton Ravens](#)

The University of Toronto women's water polo team capped its fifth consecutive perfect season in Ontario universities play with a 11-2 win over McMaster in the NCWP Championship Final in Ottawa. It was the second year in a row that the two teams faced off for the title.

Carleton finished in third place courtesy of a 8-6 victory over Ottawa. Queens placed fifth courtesy of a 13-2 win over Guelph.

Major Awards

Most Valuable Player – Ana Miroslavic – Toronto Varsity Blues

Most Valuable Goaltender – Rachael Jaffe – Toronto Varsity Blues

Coach of the Year – Andy Duffield – McMaster Marauders

All-Stars

Caitlin Neapole – Queen's University

Danielle Hirsch – University of Ottawa

Rachel Howes – Carleton University

Jordan Brydges – McMaster University

Jillian Stringer – McMaster University

Kassie Fraser – University of Toronto

Alexandra Kraft – University of Toronto

GTA Regional Development Centre Update

October marked the opening of the first Water Polo Canada Regional Development Centre. The initiative was a long-term project taken on by Ontario Water Polo in collaboration with WPC to deliver high performance training to aspiring National Team athletes.

Currently there are 18 GTA based athletes participating in weekly practices at the RDC. Term 1 is coming to a close with term 2 beginning on January 6th.

For more information about the RDC please refer to the RDC document. Any athletes who are interested in being considered for Term 2 are encouraged to email Nish Damani at: ndamani@waterpolo.ca

Provincial Referee Course Announcement

After much anticipation, we will be hosting the Provincial Referee course for all eligible registrants.

Location: Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre Scarborough (Meeting room 3040)

Date: January 13th from 8am – 8 pm

Format: 8am- 2 pm in the classroom, followed by some practical on deck refereeing

Registration Procedures:

- Ontario RIC and ARIC will be contacting all eligible applicants about the course.
- We will be using the new database from Water Polo Canada to compile registrations.

For more information about this course, please email Kathy Torrens at:

kathy.torrens@ontariowaterpolo.ca

As we increase the number of teams participating in various events, it's imperative that we continue to grow our referee pool. For more information on how to get involved in refereeing, please contact Nish Damani at: ndamani@waterpolo.ca

Quest For Gold Update

We do understand that many of you have anxiously been awaiting the information for Quest for Gold program for this season. Unfortunately at this time, we have no information from the Ministry about the program.

The process for us to build our sport specific program for Quest For Gold is the following:

- 1) We receive the criteria and parameters from the Ministry about the program for the year (how many cards we have, what are the requirements, important deadlines, timelines, etc.)
- 2) We build our specific document and process to comply with the needs of the Ministry
- 3) We review at the Board level and publish to our membership
- 4) We published the plan and begin implementation.

At this point, we're still awaiting information regarding step 1. We assure you all that we will have our end of the process completed in a timely manner, however it's impossible to outline our process at this point in time.

12U GTA Game Days

We will be developing a 12U division to the Ontario Provincial League next season. As a pilot project, we will be hosting a number of open game days for teams to register for.

All game days will take place at the Toronto Pan Am Centre in Scarborough.

Date	Time	Registration Deadline
January 13 th , 2018	2- 8 pm	January 6 th , 2018
March 3 rd , 2018	2- 8 pm	February 24 th , 2018
May 5 th , 2018	2- 8 pm	April 28 th , 2018