

2015 USA Water Polo Trial Athlete Membership Form

USA Water Polo, 2124 Main Street, Ste. 240, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Phone: (714) 500-5445; Fax: (714) 500-505; Email: membership@usawaterpolo.org

TRIAL MEMBERSHIP TERMS

- The Trial Membership is for **first-time athletes only**. Previous USAWP members are not eligible for this membership.
- This is a one-time, 14-day membership that **will activate the date you enter into the club information section.** (If date is not listed, then the start date will be the date the application was signed. In the case no date is listed on application, USAWP use the date the application was received.)
- All trial memberships are intended for practices and development purposes, such as club clinics and practices.
- Trial memberships are not meant for ANY type of USAWP competition.
- Form must be complete. Takes 2-3 days to process application.
- Trial membership is free.

Fill out entire application and mail or fax to:

USAWP Membership
2124 Main St., Ste. #240
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Fax: 714-500-5052
Email: membership@usawaterpolo.org

ATHLETE INFORMATION (required)

First Name (legal): _____ M.I.: _____ Last Name: _____
Preferred Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email: _____
Primary Phone #: (_____) _____ Cell Phone #: (_____) _____
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): ____/____/____
Expected High School Graduation Year (if applicable): _____ Gender: Male Female
Father/Guardian Name (if applicable): _____
Mother/Guardian Name (if applicable): _____
Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above): _____

CLUB INFORMATION (required)

Club Name: _____ Club ID: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Trial Membership Start Date: _____
(If date is not listed, then the start date will be the date the application was signed. In the case no date is listed on application, USAWP use the date the application was received.)

ALL ATHLETES and/or GUARDIANS MUST SIGN & DATE THE WAIVER BELOW:

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the USA Water Polo, Inc. athletics/sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

- I. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential permanent paralysis & death, and while particular rules, equipment and personal discipline may reduce risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and
- II. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or other, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
- III. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest officer immediately; and,
- IV. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA WATER POLO, INC., its officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releases"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHT BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Trial Athlete Signature: _____

Date: _____

For Participants of Minority Age (Under 18 at Time of Registration):

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for the participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above all Releases, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin. I release and agree to indemnify the Releases from any and all liabilities incidental to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

Parent's (Guardian's) Signature: _____

Date: _____

USA WATER POLO, INC.
RULES GOVERNING MEMBER CONDUCT

Participation is a Privilege

Membership in USA Water Polo and participation in USA Water Polo sanctioned events are privileges, not rights. Those privileges may be withdrawn, either for a period of time or permanently, in the event that an athlete violates these Rules.

Sportsmanship

Members of USA Water Polo are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship. This includes, but is not limited to, avoiding the following conduct:

- Hazing or taunting an athlete, coach, referee or any person participating in, or conducting, USA Water Polo sanctioned events;
- Physically or verbally abusing an athlete, coach, referee or any person participating in, or conducting, USA Water Polo sanctioned events including, but not limited to, making derogatory comments about such person's race, sex, religion, age, disability, national origin or sexual orientation;
- Using obscene gestures, or profane or unduly provocative language toward an athlete, coach, referee or any person participating in, or conducting, USA Water Polo sanctioned events;
- Publicly and unduly criticizing an athlete, coach, referee or any person participating in, or conducting, USA Water Polo sanctioned events including, but not limited to, inciting others to engage in conduct in violation of these Rules;
- Negative recruiting by making unduly derogatory statements about the members or coaches of another team.
- In addition to not engaging in the foregoing types of conduct themselves, USA Water Polo athlete members are expected to disassociate themselves from others who may be engaged in such conduct.

Violent Behavior

Although water polo is a physical sport, athlete members of USA Water Polo are expected to refrain from engaging in any act with the intent of causing injury to another athlete.

Drugs and Alcohol

Athlete members of USA Water Polo shall not: (a) commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee, the World Anti-Doping Agency, The United States Anti-Doping Agency, the United States Olympic Committee or the Federation International de Natation or (b) use or provide alcohol or drugs in violation of local, state, or national laws.

Reporting Rules Violations

Any person who believes that a violation of USA Water Polo's Rules Governing Athletes' Conduct has occurred may report such violation by submitting a written grievance to USA Water Polo at the following address:

USA Water Polo
Attn: Grievances
2124 Main St. Suite 240
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
E-Mail: mlam@usawaterpolo.org

All grievances must: (a) identify the athlete against whom the grievance is being filed, (b) provide the details of the complained of conduct, (c) request the imposition of a specific sanction, such as the suspension of the athlete member's membership in USA Water Polo and (d) either a filing fee in the sum of \$100.00 or a request that the filing fee be waived for reasons of financial hardship. Any request for a waiver of the filing fee will be acted upon by the Judicial Committee of the Board of Directors and, if the requested waiver is not approved, the filing fee must be paid prior to the time that the Hearing Panel appointed to hear the grievance acts with respect to the grievance.

Enforcement

Alleged violations of these Rules may be brought to the attention of USA Water Polo as provided in Article 15 of the Bylaws of USA Water Polo, Inc. and shall be addressed by a Hearing Panel appointed as provided therein. That Hearing Panel may impose such sanctions as the Hearing Panel deems appropriate including, but not limited to, placing the offending athlete member on probation, suspending the athlete member's membership in USA Water Polo for a period of time, or permanently barring the athlete member from membership in USA Water Polo, depending upon the severity of the violation and the history, if any, of any previous violations of these Rules by the athlete member.

Please sign and agree to the Members Code of Conduct.

This must be included with your membership application to be a member of USA Water Polo.

Athlete's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For participants of Minority Age (Under 18 at time of registration)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____