

Dear Water Polo Players and Parents,

Welcome to Foothill Club Waterpolo (FCWP). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the policies, expectations and the responsibilities that each player and parent are to follow.

REGISTRATION

How do I register?

There are two important requirements for FCWP Registration. When you are registered with both entities you will be "completely registered".

Step 1:

Sign-up with USA Water Polo as a Gold athlete (as we compete in national tournaments) (annual membership)

This is done online at the USAWP site: <https://webpoint.usawaterpolo.com/wp/memberships/join.asp>

Step 2:

Sign-up with FCWP (seasonal membership)

This must be done online. The Club does not accept cash or checks. Please see our Registration page <http://www.foothillwaterpolo.com/> for more information.

Only players who have completed both steps of registration will be allowed to practice and participate in tournaments.

How much does it cost?

- The yearly fee for USAWP Gold membership is \$75.
- Seasonal FCWP Registration Fees:
 - 10U Fee: \$200
 - 12U Fee: \$400
 - 14U / 16U / 18U Fee: \$450
- There is an additional third party processing fee of \$16 that is collected each session with registration. This fee is collected and passed on to the party providing the service, Active Network.
- Players with siblings receive a \$25 discount on one registration fee for the session in which they both sign up.
- Please note that there are additional tournaments scheduled throughout the sessions that are offered at an additional cost. There is also a credit card processing fee that is collected with each tournament fee paid for the credit card companies handling the transactions.

What are the sessions for Water Polo?

- Fall: (September - November)
- Winter: (November – February)
- Spring: (February – May)
- Summer: (May – August)

AGE GROUPS

How do I know what Age Group my player is in?

- USA Water Polo determines age group eligibility based on the athlete's age as of August 1st each year. For example, if someone turns 19 on August 2, they will be eligible to play with our 18U age group for Junior Olympics
- Certain tournaments will be grade, rather than year-based. In this case, the USAWP age rules will not apply. The coach will communicate which rosters athletes are placed on.

COMMUNICATION

How will I be informed about what's going on with the club and my player's team?

- All team information is communicated by way of each team's Team Parent and/or the Team Coach via email. Please make sure that your email addresses are up to date when you register. Any changes, must be made using the online registration system.
- Club information, announcements, changes in schedules is also available on the club website <http://www.foothillwaterpolo.com/>

PRACTICES

Where can I find out about practice schedules?

The practice schedules for each age group may change each season. Age group schedules are posted on our website and will be provided via email from the Team Coach. Any changes to practice schedules will be communicated by the coach and posted on the website.

Where does the club hold practices?

Practices are generally held at the following locations:

- Pomona Pitzer College
- Claremont High School
- Upland High School
- Las Flores Park
- Damien High School
- Los Osos High School

Does my player have to attend all practices?

Players are expected to attend all practices as listed. If you have a conflict, please contact your Team Coach.

APPAREL

Is there a team uniform?

Yes, all players are required to purchase the team uniform (gear) if they plan to participate in any games/tournaments. Those players who are only practicing with the club, and do not wish to participate in games or tournaments are not required to purchase club gear. However, if they decide to participate they will be required to have at minimum a suit.

Which team gear items are required?

Girls- all age groups

- Female Suit
- T-shirt

Boys – all age groups

- Male Suit
- T-shirt

Is there any optional gear?

Optional gear may be purchased but is not required.

How do I order team gear?

- All club apparel is purchased through the online Foothill Store at <http://www.foothillwaterpolo.com>

GAMES / TOURNAMENTS

Does it cost extra to participate in a tournament?

- Tournament fees are not covered by the registration fees paid at the beginning of each session.
- Fees must be paid 1 week prior to the tournament date
- Fees are to be paid online
- Costs specific to any tournament will be announced closer to the date of the tournament by the coach via email

Where are the games located?

- Most games are located within an hour from the area.
- Some tournaments do take place as far as San Diego and Santa Barbara.
- We also have some tournaments that include overnight travel.
- Certain teams may also be asked to travel out of state or out of the country for a tournament or training trip.

Fundraising

FCWP will provide one mandatory fundraising event annually to raise money for the Club. It is important for athletes to participate and support this effort.

