REGISTRATION PACKAGE

2025-2026 Season

Hello Riptides families,

We are very excited to announce our registration information for the upcoming season. Registration is open at links below!

- **U10 Full Year and U12/U14/Youth Registration**
- **U8 and U10 Fall Only Registration**

Age Groups

For the 2025-26 season our athlete age groups are as follows:

- Youth Athletes – Born in 2011 - 2007
- U14 Athletes – Born in 2012 & 2013
- U12 Athletes – Born in 2014 & 2015
- U10 Athletes – Born in 2016 & 2017
- U8 Athletes – Born in 2018 - 2019

Coaches

Riptides is ecstatic to have **Emily Riddle** back leading our club this year. Emily brings a wealth of experience to the position including being a former assistant coach at the NCAA Div 1 level and the former head coach of the NCL Tsunami girls program. Emily has also been a part of the Riptides club since its inception and has worked with all of our age groups. Emily will be leading our U12 programs and our U14 girls program.

We are also excited to have Stefan Vidakovic back leading our U14 Boys program and Sabrina Willsey continuing to lead our U10/U8 programs this year!

Please see our website for a full list of our coaching staff.

U12/U14/Youth Water Polo

U12/U14/Youth Training Schedule (Training will start on September 15)

Due to the Kinsmen being closed in September we will start the year with a modified training schedule for all of our U12 and older programs. The September schedule for the U14 and Youth groups will include two water sessions and a dryland ball throwing session each week. For the U12s they will have one water session and one dryland session each week. **The ball throwing clinic days and times have not yet been finalized.** September training will start the week of **September 15th** and run until the end of the month**.** Please see the two schedules below.

September Schedule

U12/U14/Youth Training Schedule September							
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
U12 Girls			Ball Clinic (TBD)			4:30-6:30 PM Hardisty	
U12 Boys			Ball Clinic (TBD)			6:30-8:00 PM UAW	
U14 Girls		6:00-7:00 PM Swim Training Eastglen	Ball Clinic (TBD)			4:30-6:30 PM Hardisty	
U14 Boys		8:00-9:30 PM Swim Training KSC	Ball Clinic (TBD)			8:00-9:30 PM UAW	
Youth Girls		6:00-7:00 PM Swim Training Eastglen	Ball Clinic (TBD)			4:30-6:30 PM Hardisty	
Youth Boys		8:00-9:30 PM Swim Training KSC	Ball Clinic (TBD)			8:00-9:30 PM UAW	

KSC = Kinsmen Sports Center (Edmonton) UAW = University of Alberta West Pool

*The days and times of the ball clinics are yet to be finalized

October-April

U12/U14/Youth Training Schedule October-April							
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
U12 Girls	7:00 - 8:30 PM KSC		6:30-8:00 PM KSC	Optional Swim* 7:30-8:30 TCRC		6:30-7:30 PM UAW	
U12 Boys	7:00 - 8:30 PM KSC		6:30-8:00 PM KSC	Optional Swim* 7:30-8:30 TCRC		7:30-8:30 PM UAW	
U14 Girls		6:00-7:30 PM KSC Or 8:00-9:30 PM KSC Alternating		6:30-8:00 PM KSC		6:30-7:30 PM UAW	
U14 Boys		6:00-7:30 PM KSC Or 8:00-9:30 PM KSC Alternating		6:30-8:00 PM KSC		8:30-9:30 PM UAW	
Youth Girls		6:00-7:30 PM KSC Or 8:00-9:30 PM KSC Alternating		Swim Training** 7:30-8:30 TCRC		6:30-7:30 PM UAW	
Youth Boys		6:00-7:30 PM KSC Or 8:00-9:30 PM KSC Alternating		Swim Training** 7:30-8:30 TCRC		8:30-9:30 PM UAW	

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*The extra swim option will only be available for U12s. The fee for this optional training is $200 for the year.

** TCRC training does not start until November 20.

U12/U14/Youth Tournament & Game Schedule

Below is the tournament schedule released by Alberta water polo for the upcoming year. Game times are typically released one week prior to the tournament.

The coaching and tournament costs for these events are covered by the **tournament fee** charged at registration.

Due to the age of our athletes Riptides does not organize team travel. Families are expected to cover their own travel costs for out of town travel. Often the schedule allows families to drive to the tournament and back on the same day.

Fall Tournaments

Edmonton/Okotoks Local Invitations 12U &14U	October 11	Kinsmen/Okotoks Rec	Edmonton/Okotoks
Edmonton Invitational 12U & 14U	Nov 15-16	Kinsmen	Edmonton
Calgary Invitational 12U & 14U	Dec 13-14	Brookfield	Calgary

Provincial League Schedule

12U & 14U	Jan 24-25 (TBC)	MNP	Calgary
12U & 14U	Feb 7-8	Kinsmen	Edmonton
12U & 14U	Mar 7-8	Kinsmen	Kinsmen
PROVINCIALS 12U & 14U	April 11-12	MNP	Calgary

U12/U14/Youth Registration and Tournament Fees

Our U12/U14 and youth league programs start the week of September 15th. We are excited to say that we are able to maintain our fees at the same rate as last year! The **registration fees** cover coaching costs, pool bookings, as well as the operations of the club. A **tournament fee** will also be charged at registration. For U12/U14 athletes this fee will be $200 and for Youth it is $100. These fees will cover the coaching costs and registration fees associated with tournaments and scrimmages. No refunds or credits are provided on this fee if athletes choose to not attend the events. Athletes who play up an age group will only pay one tournament fee.

We will also continue to offer a monthly payment option (over 8 months) through Teamsnap in order to make the program more affordable. This option can be selected at the end of the registration process. Please note that the monthly payments will automatically be charged to the credit card that you register with.

There will be an **early bird** discount of $50 for this age group if you register before August 15th. Additionally, anyone who registers before this deadline will be entered into two draws: one for a new suit and one for Elks tickets!

All registrations must be completed through our online registration form. We will not be able to accept any registrations over the phone, email or by mail. If you are not able to register and pay by credit card/debit visa/debit mastercard, you will need to contact the treasurer directly.

- Riptides Treasurer - treasurer@riptideswaterpolo.ca

U12/U14/Youth Riptides Registration Fees Full Year				
	Registration Fee	**Early Bird Discount****	**Tournament Fee**	**Approximate Monthly Payment With Early Bird**
U12/U14	$950	$50	$200	$138
Youth League	$950	$50	$100	$125

**Must register before August 15th.

U10/U8 Swim Polo

U10 Swim Polo Program

Our U8 and U10 programs focus on providing swim training and an introduction to water polo skills: Swim Polo. As swimming is a key component in progressing in water polo, learning to swim will be a focus at these age groups. In U10 specifically, the weekday training day will be heavily focused on swimming.

Due to Terwillegar pool closure our U10 West program will start on November 15. Our U10 East program will start on October 4th. On the registration form our U10 West athletes will have the option of adding an early start which will allow them to train at Hardisty with the U10 East group on Saturdays only from October to November 15.

Due to the late start of the U10 West program, there will only be a full year option offered (Nov-April). For the U10 East, they will have the option of signing up for the full year (Oct-April) at a discounted rate or registering for the fall only (Oct-Dec).

During the regular schedule, we will continue to host our own U10 scrimmages once a month at Terwillegar for both the East and West groups. Hardisty practices will be canceled on these days.

U10 Training Schedule							
	MON	**TUES**	**WED**	**THURS**	**FRI**	**SAT**	**SUN**

U10 East Starts October 7th		6:00-7:00 PM EG				4:30-6:00 Hardisty 12:30-2:00 PM TCRC Once a Month	
U10 West Early Start October 7th						4:30-6:00 Hardisty	
U10 West Starts November 15th				6:30-7:30 TCRC		12:30-2:00 PM TCRC	

EG=Eastglen TCRC = Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre

U8 Swim Polo Program

Our U8 age group includes any athletes born 2018-2019 who are comfortable in the water without a parent. **Athletes should be able to stand in the water by themselves and not need to hold on to a coach.** Depending on registration numbers we will offer two options – an introductory group and a more advanced group at both locations.

Our U8 West group will start on Saturday November 15th from 3-3:30 PM. This first day will be an assessment to determine which group each athlete will grow in the most. If a coach determines that an athlete is not ready to participate a partial refund will be provided. Athletes born in 2020 may be considered but need to meet all of the criteria outlined below.

Our U8 East program will start on October 11th from 4:30-5:15 PM. If numbers warrant the first day will be an assessment day to determine group assignments and then there will be an additional timeslot of 5:15-6:00 added.

U8 Training Schedule	
	SAT
U8 West Intro ● **Should be able to stand in the water themselves** ● **Should be comfortable putting their face in the water**	**2:00-2:45 TCRC**

U8 West Advanced • **Should be able to swim 12m without stopping** • **Very comfortable in the water** • **Comfortable going under the water**	**2:45-3:30** **TCRC**
U8 East Intro • **Should be able to stand in the water themselves** • **Should be comfortable putting their face in the water**	**4:30-5:15** **Hardisty**
U8 East Advanced • **Should be able to swim 12m without stopping** • **Very comfortable in the water** • **Comfortable going under the water**	**5:15-6:00** **Hardisty**

Riptides U8 East Training Session Dates	
	Session 1
U8 East Session1	**Assessment Day October 11** October 18 October 25 November 1 November 8 November 15 November 22 November 29 December 6 December 13

Riptides U8 Training Session Dates	
	Session 1
U8 Session1	**November 15 Assessment Day** November 22 November 29

	December 6 December 13

U10/U8 Registration and Tournament Fees

The **registration fees** cover coaching costs, pool bookings, as well as the operations of the club.
A **tournament fee** will also be charged at registration. For U10 it will be $75 for the full year or $40 for the fall season. These fees will cover the coaching costs and registration fees associated with scrimmages. No refunds or credits are provided on this fee if athletes choose to not attend the events. There is no tournament fee for U8s.

We will also continue to offer a monthly payment option through Teamsnap in order to make the program more affordable. This option can be selected at the end of the registration process. Please note that the monthly payments will automatically be charged to the credit card that you register with.

All registrations must be completed through our online registration form. We will not be able to accept any registrations over the phone, email or by mail. If you are not able to register and pay by credit card/debit visa/debit mastercard, you will need to contact the treasurer directly.

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U10/U8				
	Registration Fee	**Tournament Fee**	**Early Bird Discount****	**Approximate Monthly Payment With Early Bird**
U8 East	$240	$0	$20	$55
U8 West	$120	$0	$10	$33
U10 East Fall (Oct-Dec)	$440	$40	$20	$115
U10 East Full Year (Oct-April)	$750	$75	$25	$100
U10 West Full Year (Nov 15-April)	$590	$75	$25	$80

U10 West Optional Early Training Fee	$90	-	-	-

**Must register before August 15th

Sibling Discount

Riptides will continue to offer **sibling discounts** to our membership. Sibling discounts will be **20% off** the registration fee for **younger siblings** (oldest sibling registration must be paid in full). In order to support water polo in the Edmonton community, Riptides will honour the discount should older siblings be registered with Tsunami. To apply the younger sibling discount to your registration enter one of the following codes at time of registration.

The code you enter should be based on the age group of your youngest athlete.

- U12/14/Youth Athletes: sibling
- U10 East Athletes: east10
- U10 West Athletes: west10
- U8 East Athletes: east8
- U8 West Athletes: west8

Water Polo Canada (WPC)/Alberta Water Polo Association (AWPA) Registration and Fees

In addition to our fees athletes will be responsible for registering through the new Water Polo Canada database and paying their WPC and AWPA fees there. For the 2024-25 season these fees were as follows:

- Youth, U14 & U12 Athletes – $105
- U10 Athletes – $60
- U8 Athletes - $25

We expect the fees to be similar this year. **Riptides will forward the link and instructions for this registration process as soon as they are available.**

Athlete Funding Opportunities & Scholarships

Riptides believes in the importance of youth athletics and aims to support athlete participation. KidSport and the Canadian Tire Jump Start Program are excellent opportunities for families to receive funding to assist with registration and sport fees for their athletes. Additionally, Riptides can further support families through club scholarships. To be eligible for a Riptides scholarship athletes must be KidSport and/or Jump Start recipients. To inquire about our club scholarship opportunities please contact our club president (pres@riptideswaterpolo.ca).

- **KidSport:** https://kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/edmonton/apply-for-a-grant/
- **Canadian Tire Jump Start:** https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants

Free Trial & Athlete Assessments

Riptides looks forward to having new athletes join our team this season and welcome all new athletes to join us for a free trial. These sessions will allow potential water polo players the chance to attend a practice or two before registering for the season. Please note that the free trial option is only available to athletes who are brand new to the sport and have not previously been registered with Water Polo Canada.

To sign-up for a free trial please complete the following: Free Trial

Free Trial Dates

- **U12 Girls**
    - Saturday September 13: 4:30-6:30 PM (Hardisty)
    - Wednesday September 17: 6:30-7:15 PM (Avonmore School)
    - Saturday September 27: 4:30-6:30 PM (Hardisty)

- **U14/Youth Girls**
    - Saturday September 13: 4:30-6:30 PM (Hardisty)
    - Monday September 15: 6:30-7:15 PM (Avonmore School)
    - Tuesday September 23: 6:00-7:00 PM (Eastglen)

- **U12 Boys**
    - Saturday September 13: 6:30-8:00 PM (UofA West)
    - Wednesday September 17: 7:15-8:30 PM (Avonmore School)
    - Saturday September 27: 6:30-8:00 PM (UofA West)

- **U14/Youth Boys**
    - Saturday September 13: 8:00-9:30 PM (UofA West)
    - Monday September 15: 7:15-8:00 PM (Avonmore School)
    - Tuesday September 23: 8-9:30 PM (Kinsmen)

- **U10 East**
    - Saturday October 4: 4:30 - 6:00 PM (Hardisty)
    - Tuesday October 7: 6:00-7:00 PM (Eastglen)

- **U10 West**
    - Saturday November 15: 12:30 - 2:00 PM (Terwillegar)
    - Thursday November 20: 6:30-7:30 PM (Terwillegar)

- **U8: There is no rookie week for U8. All U8 athletes will attend an assessment session. They will then be placed into one of the two U8 groups for the remainder of the fall session.**

Fundraising Policy

The Edmonton Riptides Water Polo Club will engage in two to three fundraising activities throughout the season in an attempt to keep fees down. Members may choose to participate in as many of these fundraisers as they would like. The two main fundraisers will be Purdys Chocolates and our big year end 50/50 raffle. There will be prizes for the top sellers of each event.

Below are the fundraising opportunities for the 2025-26 season:

- Purdys Chocolates (December)
- 50/50 Raffle (March)

Respect in Sport Online Training

Alberta Water Polo requires that **all families** have at least one parent take the Respect in Sport online training. This online certification costs $12.00 (valid for five years). Please ensure that you complete this course prior to registration going live as you will need to upload your certification number in order to complete your online registration with Riptides. If you have taken this training for another sport you can upload that certification number and do not need to redo the course if it was completed in the last 5 years.

Please follow this link to complete the certification: Respect in Sport for Parents - Getting Started

Apparel

This season Riptides will be collecting all apparel orders online at the start of season. Please be on the lookout for an email with more information. Each athlete will receive a t-shirt and a practice cap (male athletes upon request) with their registration. Each U12/U14 athlete will also need to have a suit for the competition season.

Refund Policy

Anyone registering for the full season can be refunded a prorated amount if they choose to leave the program before November 30th, 2025. Athletes wanting to join later in the season can also register for a prorated amount if spaces are available.

Any questions about registration can be directed to Natasja at gm@riptideswaterpolo.ca