



Alberta Water Polo Association
Presents The
39th John Csikos Alberta Open Tournament
May 14-17, 2026

Alberta Water Polo is excited to announce that we will be hosting the 39th annual John Csikos Alberta Open Tournament May 14-17th 2026 at the Calgary MNP Centre.

The event will start on Thursday, May 14th at 5pm and end by Sunday, May 17th by 5pm. This year we will not be doing an awards ceremony and will be handing out the awards after each medal game.

Location: MNP Centre, Calgary Alberta 2225 Macleod Tr. S.

Tournament Entry Fee: \$950.00. Fees and registration deadline are due by **March 27, 2026**. Canadian based teams will be required to pay at the time of registration with RAMP. For USA based teams we will send a payment request through Square.

Refund Policy: No refunds will be issued if a team withdraws. If the facility cancels pool time or government regulations limit competition, a refund will be issued minus an administration fee.

Accommodations/ Travel:

Please contact the AWPAA office if you would like the Enterprise/National Car Rental Water Polo Canada discount code.

Host hotel [LINK](#)

Team Packages:

- There will be a tournament representative at the pool; throughout the event should you have any questions. A friendly reminder that the tournament organizers and representatives have worked very hard to make this event a success. Please approach with professionalism and respect as they will do their best to accommodate concerns brought forward.
- Clubs are expected to check in on Thursday May 14th at MNP Centre to pick up your package at the back gate. We will be announcing if we are able to have a technical meeting or send all of the rules and interpretations. It is difficult to find a time that works for all coaches to attend.
- Packages will include the following:
 - Tournament programs
 - A copy of the technical sheet
 - Access passes for athletes, coaches and chaperone (who are listed on the travel permits)

Technical Information: FINA rules will be followed with some exceptions that will be sent out to registered clubs by May 10th 2026

- Once all the teams are registered, we will send out the game minute times per age group
- Please ensure that there is a minimum of seven players in each age category to field a team. There must be 7 players at the start of the game, no delays will be accepted. If you do not have enough to start the game, your team will be forced to forfeit and as a result, will not be eligible for the medal round.
*****Teams must be able to fulfill their schedule in the event of a conflict.*****

Registration for the Tournament: All teams and players must be a 'member in good standing' with their National organization and proof will need to be provided. This year all registrations/entries/rosters of Canadian based teams will be done through the Water Polo Canada approved database RAMP. Registering your team & roster serves as proof of good standing with WPC. All athletes must be registered in the 'competitive' category in order to be listed



on a roster. When entering the rosters, please make sure that the athletes are entered with the correct cap numbers, all registered in the '**competitive**' category and that you include your coaches (up to 3) who will be on deck with the team.

[LINK](#) to registration page

-this will bring you to the 'Alberta Water Polo Club'

-login or create a personal account to log into with

-main page click 'Tournament Registration'

-choose season, tournament and then that will take you to the detailed registration page

note: you may need to make a new team and ensure that the cap numbers are correct, as that is what game sheets are made from

Protest Format: \$200.00 cash is required for any protest. The deposit will be reimbursed if the decision is in favor of your protest. All protests must be made in writing and within 30 minutes from the time of the end of the game. A protest must be signed by the head coach. The protest committee shall be composed of 3 senior representatives, a referee, the tournament pool coordinator and another selection.

Awards: We will be passing out the medals after each medal game.

Age Groups:

-14U male/ female born 2012-2014

-16U male/female born 2012-2010

Alberta Water Polo has created an [ATHLETE ADVANCEMENT WAIVER](#) for only the 14U and 16U division
NEW DIVISION FOR 2026

-OPEN male/female -Open (Masters 30+ Masters 60+) Male / Female, **no co-ed**

Things to note for MASTERS 30+ and 60+ DIVISIONS:

Allowance of 2 'under aged' athletes onto a roster per team

30+ age division is gender specific and is born in 1996 and older but 2 athletes can be allowed between the ages of 2008-1997

60+ age division is gender specific and is born in 1966 and older but 2 athletes can be allowed between 1967-1970

Important Reminders

- Warm up for the first game of the day begins 15 minutes prior to the start of the day. Warm up for the subsequent games begin immediately following the end of the previous game. You will not be allowed to use any other pools at the MNP Center, only those that have scheduled games.
- Before each game, coaches must sign the game sheet (ensure the cap numbers/names listed on the score sheet are correct for accurate stat collection).

Important Dates

Registration start date: January. 4th, 2026

Registration end date: March 27st, 2026

Roster deadline: May 7, 2026

Event start date: May 14, 2026

Event end date: May 17, 2026

Limited Team Entry

14U male/female (born 2012-2014)

-max 8 teams per 14U division then waiting list

16U male/female (born 2012-2010)

-max 8 teams per 16U division then waiting list

OPEN Male/ Female

-at least 2 divisions Masters 30+ & 50+ male/female

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