



2019 Water Polo Canada (WPC) Age Group National Team (AGNT) programs (April 30th, 2019)

IMPORTANT: *Changes or adjustments to specific programming details as listed in this document may still be required (dependent on exact travel dates, UANA or FINA changes, etc.). Further updates to this document will occur and WPC will communicate them via email to the WPC membership. They will also be posted on the WPC website.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The goal of this document is to provide guidance to all WPC stakeholders with regards to AGNT programs for 2018-19 selection processes and timelines. A preliminary assessment of the fees for participation has been completed and shall later be finalized once exact travel dates and team selection is completed.

2. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

In order to better identify, test, and evaluate athletes for team selection, WPC has established RDC programs across the country that are **mandatory** for any athlete who wishes to be eligible for an AGNT in the summer of 2019. Athletes living in regions without an RDC program will have the opportunity to participate in Regional Development Camp(s). See section 7.

An athlete living within the region of an RDC who was unable to participate in the program can request from WPC a special exemption providing detailed information regarding their inability to attend an RDC program. Any athlete not attending an RDC program or Regional Development Camp(s) who has not requested a special exemption will be ineligible for an AGNT.

3. ATHLETE EVALUATION & IDENTIFICATION TOOLS

WPC will be delivering tools to guide and enhance the selection process of the age group national teams to all NCL Clubs, Regional Development Centres (RDCs) and Provincial Associations. All athlete and team evaluations are to be completed using the WPC document, and **other forms of evaluations will not be accepted**. RDCs are required to submit this tool for any athlete to be evaluated as part of the AGNT program. Note that Clubs and PSOs can submit evaluation forms in support of athletes requesting a special exemption for their inability to attend an RDC program.

4. STAFF STRUCTURE AGE GROUP PROGRAMS

All AGNT programs will be centrally managed by WPC. Overall program direction and oversight will come from the WPC High Performance Director (HPD), the NextGen Gen Lead Coach (NGLC) and coming from select Senior National Team Coaches.

Coordination and management of the AGNT programs will be the responsibility of the WPC HPD and NGLC or designates in coordination with the Senior National Team Manager whereas technical coordination, including the preparation of the Age Group YTP and technical preparation program will be assigned to the NGLC.

The daily implementation of these programs will then be assigned to an age group staffing structure comprised of part time age group National Team Head Coach (HC), Assistant Coach (AC) and Team Manager (TM) appointed by WPC. These contracts will be part time contracts.

WPC may name additional resources in the roles of Head Scout, Mentor Coach or medical personnel. The main objectives associated to these positions are to support the overall identification, evaluation and performance of WPC's AGNT Programs. In the spirit of Professional Development and aligned with its CTL development strategy supported by WPC high performance partners, WPC has assigned key positions for its current Senior National Team Staff.

5. 2019 NATIONAL TEAM AGE GROUP – WOMEN

a. 17U evaluation, selection, preparation and Pan Am Championships (Born in 2002 & after):

- Location: San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Competition Dates: August 29-September 8th, 2019
- Selection: See Section 7
- Age Groups involved: 2002-2003-2004 (exceptional 2005s).
- Staff:
 - a. Head Coach: Andrew Robinson (QC)
 - b. Assistant Coach: Raine Paul (AB)
 - c. Assistant / Manager: Emily Riddle (AB)

b. 20U evaluation, selection, preparation and World Championships (born in 1999 and after):

- Location: Funchal, Portugal
- Competition Dates: September 9-15, 2019
- Selection: See Section 7
- Age Groups involved: 1999-2000-2001 (exceptional 2002s).
- Staff:
 - a. Head Coach: Cyril Dorgigné (SK)
 - b. Assistant Coach: Michel Roy (BC)
 - c. Manager: Sandra Lizé (QC)

c. FISU evaluation, selection, preparation and FISU Games

- Location: Naples, Italy
- Competition Dates: July 2-14, 2019
- Selection: See Section 7
- Age Groups involved: must be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31st December of the year of the event (age range specified in the FISU regulations and entry forms of the concerned Event);
- Staff:
 - a. Head Coach: Cyril Dorgigné (SK)
 - b. Assistant Coach: Michel Roy (BC)
 - c. Manager: Angela Linardic (BC)

6. 2019 NATIONAL TEAM AGE GROUP – MEN

a. 17U evaluation, selection, preparation and Pan Am Championships (Born in 2002 & after):

- Location: San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Competition Dates: August 29-September 8th, 2019
- Selection: See Section 7
- Age Groups involved: 2002-2003-2004 (exceptional 2005s).
- Staff:
 - d. Head Coach: Gyula Toth (AB)
 - e. Assistant Coach: Bogdan Dubrovskiy (ON)
 - f. Assistant / Manager: Rodrigo Rojas (ON)

b. 20U evaluation, selection, preparation and World Championships (born in 1999 and after):

- Dates: December 12 – 20, 2019
- Location: Kuwait, Kuwait
- Selection: See Section 7
- Age Groups involved: 1999-2000-2001 (exceptional 2002s).
- Staff:
 - a. Head Coach: Brian Parillo (QC)
 - b. Assistant Coach: Ethan D'Souza (BC)
 - c. Manager: Rodrigo Rojas (ON)

7. ATHLETE SELECTION PROCESS

Athlete selection timeline

- a. NCL scouting – according to full NCL calendar.
- b. RDC identifies long list of athletes by February 1st
- c. RDC depth charts to be submitted to PSOs no later than April 1st annually.
- d. PSO's depth charts to be submitted NGLC (dparadelo@waterpolo.ca) and HPD (joliveira@waterpolo.ca) no later than April 15th annually.
- e. **NCAA athletes** are responsible to coordinate with their PSO's, or designate clubs for British Columbia only, to ensure they are present on a depth chart and their willingness to participate in the AGNTs
- f. Player Nomination time lines are as follows:

	17U National Teams	20U Men's National Team	20U Women's National Team
RDCs identifies long list of athletes	February 1 st , 2019		
RDCs submits depth chart to WPC's	April 1 st , 2019		
Scouting Evaluations Finalized	May 10 th , 2019		
Player list named	May 15 th , 2019		
	16 Player – List	16 Players + 3 alternates	16 Players + 3 alternates
Athletes Report to Pre-event Training	August 22 nd , 2019 Montreal, QC	July 18 th , 2019 Montreal, QC	August 19 th Montreal, QC
	13 Players + 3 alternates	16 Players	16 Players
Final 13 members team named with alternates	June 1 st , 2019	December 10 th , 2019	August 31 st , 2019
Event	Youth Pan Am Championship (San Juan, Puerto Rico) August 29 th -September 8 th , 2019	Junior World Championships (Kuwait, Kuwait) December 12-20, 2019	Junior World Championships (Funchal, Portugal) September 9-15, 2019

Athlete Selection guidelines

In order to be eligible for AGNT programs, an athlete must:

- a. Be an active member in good standing with Water Polo Canada.
- b. Be a Canadian citizen.
- c. Hold a valid Canadian passport valid for a minimum of 6 months beyond the international competitive dates for each AGNT program.
- d. Sign the WPC Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct.
- e. Participate with their local Regional Development Centre, participated in all Regional Development Camp(s) in their local region or has an approved exemption from WPC.

Scouting and depth charts

The primary source of scouting information will be from the Regional Development Centres, Regional Development Camps and the National Championship League (NCL). Depth charts will be required according to the submission deadline as explained in section 6. All depth charts must be submitted to the NGLSC (dparadelo@waterpolo.ca) AND MUST BE IN THE WPC FORMAT.

NCAA scouting reports or video highlight reels will also be considered where applicable and must be provided by the NCAA athlete, RDC Coach or Canadian Club Head Coach.

Athlete Evaluation Process by Region

Province/ Region	British Columbia	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario West	Ontario East	Quebec
Camp/ Centre	Regional Development Camp	Calgary NLDC Edmonton RDC	Regina RDC	Regional Development Camp	Toronto RDC	Eastern ON/QC Regional Development Camp	
Dates	March 15-17 th			April 5-7 th		March 23-24 th ; April 13-14 th ; May 11-12 th	
Location							

Final selection of teams

The final selection of the team will remain the responsibility of WPC. The appointed NT age group head coach will submit final nomination to WPC for final approval on the basis of:

- Athlete's previous and current performance
- Technical Ability
- Tactical Ability
- Physical Ability
- Mental Ability
- Demonstrated commitment to a lifestyle conducive to the training and preparation for, and playing of, international water polo
- Demonstrated ability to play within a team environment,
- Positional requirements (both starters and reserves),
- Competition requirements (i.e. opponents, location, etc.),
- Team dynamics, team cohesiveness
- Attitude

8. AGNT SUPPORT STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Each AGNT staff will be composed of a head coach, assistant coach and a team manager. WPC intends to enter into a contractual relationship with each of the selected staff members on the basis of the following time assessment for each position over the course of a calendar year running from April 1st to October 31st annually.

The intent of WPC will be to ensure continuity on a minimum 2-year window aligned with the international requirements. Two-year contracts will be issued for the men and women's 17U AGNT. Furthermore, WPC will consider continuity over a full 4-year period commencing with the 17U staff but will issue contracts

on a 2-year basis. Contracts will be subject to OTP and partner funding and will require annual confirmation of funds.

9. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TEAM	CENTRALIZATION COST	CHAMPIONSHIP	TOTAL COST
YOUTH NT Men & Women	None	\$3,900	\$3,900
JUNIOR Women ¹	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$5,500
JUNIOR Men ²	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,500
FISU Women	None	\$3,200	\$3,200

¹Projected until final summons have been received.

²Accommodations covered by Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for World Championships