



MAVERICKS WATER POLO CLUB
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Before we get to the newsletter content, we'd just like to take a couple of lines to welcome everyone back for the 2017/2018 season. After a fun and successful summer at Sunnyside, we hope everyone will mark WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6th in their calendars. That's the date scheduled for registration night and we look forward to seeing everyone as we prepare for a great season ahead.

1. 2017/18 REGISTRATION NIGHT

Date: Wednesday Sept 6, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Etobicoke Olympium - Olympic Lounge
(to the left at the top of the main lobby staircase)

This season, as the club has grown so significantly in recent years, we will be devoting the full time to registration. There will be no presentation or meeting this year, instead, this comprehensive newsletter will, hopefully, answer all your questions.

You will still have a chance to ask questions, as group meetings will be scheduled ASAP to discuss the coming season with group-specific information and details.

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PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING AT REGISTRATION NIGHT:

To help make the evening run efficiently, please read the following instructions and bring requested documentation.

1. Prior to registration night please go to www.maverickswaterpolo.ca/REGISTRATION
Fill in all the requested information and press the SUBMIT button.
The screen will refresh with a summary of all the information you provided.
PLEASE PRINT AND BRING THIS PAGE TO REGISTRATION NIGHT.
2. FULL payment is required prior to coming to your first practice. (postdated cheques are permitted - more information below.)
Please use the fee and fee schedule information below to prepare your cheque (or postdated cheques) to bring with you to registration night.
 1. Bring cheques filled in to registration night
 2. Make cheques payable to Mavericks Water Polo
 3. If you are using the post-dated cheque option, you must supply all cheques at registration night (or prior to first practice). No athlete may attend practice until full payment has been submitted.

2. FEES & PAYMENT

2017/18 Fees: Please refer to the fee table, below, to understand fees for your group.

Please note, there are 3 components to the fees you pay:

1) **Club Fee** - this is the amount the Mavericks charge to cover coaching, pool rental, equipment, Ontario Water Polo and Water Polo Canada fees, promotion, referee and coach training and administration.

2) **Competition Fees** - This is an ESTIMATED amount and may change throughout the year. We have done our best to consider all competition expenses but not all information is available at this time. Competition fees include LEAGUE and/or INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT fees.

NOTE: Competition fees are not set by The Mavericks. We charge only the amount necessary to cover the cost of participation, including event/league entry fees, coaches' expenses & travel to events, where applicable. Any unspent amounts will be refunded either as a credit towards future fees or by cheque according to your preference.

3) **Volunteer Deposit** - We charge all club members a RE-EARNABLE volunteer deposit. Member families who volunteer at club events, as team managers or in other organizational or administrative roles, can earn back their volunteer deposits. (Only one volunteer deposit per family no matter how many children are members.)

FEE TABLE:

| Group | Season | CLUB FEES | Competition Fee | Volunteer Deposit |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| LikeaFish | 2 x 15 weeks | \$575/ Session | \$30/ tournament | NA |
| 10U/12U Markham | Mid Sept - Mid June | \$1275/ Season | \$300.00 | NA |
| 10U/12U Pre Comp | Mid Sept - Mid June | \$1550/ Season | \$400.00 | \$150.00 |
| 12U Competitive 3 | Mid Sept - Mid June | \$1650/ Season | \$300.00 | \$150.00 |
| 12U Competitive 4 | Mid Sept - Mid June | \$1800/ Season | \$300.00 | \$150.00 |
| 14U Competitive | Mid Sept - Mid June | \$1850/ Season | \$600.00 | \$200.00 |
| 16U Competitive | Mid Sept - Mid June | \$2050/ Season | \$1400.00 | \$200.00 |
| 19U Competitive | Mid Sept - Mid June | \$2050/ Season | \$1300.00 | \$200.00 |
| Major League | Mid Dec - April | TBD | \$1000.00 | NA |

*Please note that the above fees do not include the cost of attending National Championships, should your team qualify. This amount varies depending on where the tournament is held

GET A FREE MAVERICKS T-SHIRT ON REGISTRATION NIGHT WHEN ALL CHEQUES ARE PROVIDED. (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS.)

FEE PAYMENT PROCESS:

1) INVOICE

On Sept 1, 2017, returning members will receive TWO invoices from The Mavericks,

- ONE invoice for club fees and,
- ONE invoice for Competition Fees PLUS the re-earnable volunteer deposit.

Any credits that you may have from the previous year will be automatically applied to these invoices.

2) PAYMENT

On registration night, please bring payment for both of these invoices.

NOTE: The fee table (above) is for reference only, please use the invoices you will receive from the Club Treasurer to determine the amounts you owe.

The ONLY choices for the method of payment are as follows:

A) PAYMENT IN FULL OPTIONS:

- Payment in full by CASH (Total of both invoices) – **NOTE: The pay in cash option for is ONLY available on registration night. Otherwise cheques must be provided.**
- Payment in full by e-TRANSFER (Total of both invoices)
- Payment in full by TWO CHEQUES, one cheque for each invoice (these amounts cannot be combined in to one cheque as they go in to different bank accounts.)

B) PAYMENT BY POST-DATED CHEQUE OPTION:

The only option for payment over time is by Post-Dated Cheque.

(No partial cash payments or partial e-Transfer options are allowed.)

All cheques must be provided on registration night (or prior to first practice)

Post-Dated Cheque Method: If you prefer to pay by post-dated cheques you may pay in 4 instalments as follows:

All cheques payable to Mavericks Water Polo

Please include Player's Name in the memo area of all cheques.

Cheque 1: 50% of Club Fees -

DATE: September 6, 2017

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| Cheque 1 | September 6th, 2017 |
| Payable to: <u>Mavericks Water Polo</u> | |
| Amount of: <u>50% of Club Fees</u> | |
| Memo: <u>Athlete's Name</u> | |

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Cheque 2: 50% of Competition Fee + 50% of Volunteer Deposit
DATE: October (any date), 2017

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| Cheque 2 | October, 2017 |
| Payable to: <u>Mavericks Water Polo</u> | |
| Amount of: <u>50% of Competition Fees + 50% of Volunteer Deposit</u> | |
| Memo: <u>Athlete's Name</u> | |

Cheque 3: 50% of Club Fees –
DATE: November (any date), 2017

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| Cheque 3 | November, 2017 |
| Payable to: <u>Mavericks Water Polo</u> | |
| Amount of: <u>Remainder 50% of Club Fees</u> | |
| Memo: <u>Athlete's Name</u> | |

Cheque 4: 50% of Competition Fee + 50% of Volunteer Deposit
DATE: January (any date), 2018

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| Cheque 4 | January, 2018 |
| Payable to: <u>Mavericks Water Polo</u> | |
| Amount of: <u>Remainder 50% of Competition Fees</u> | |
| Memo: <u>Athlete's Name</u> | |

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If you cannot come to registration night and cannot send your cheques with a friend or provide your cheques in advance to Nishant Damani, you may bring your cheques to the Olympium the first week of workouts and submit payment to **Nishant Damani or Kevin Nagowski only**. Please do not give payment to group coaches or team managers.

Please Note:

- Players will not be allowed to attend practices until all cheques have been received.
- If you wish to pay in cash, this can ONLY be done on registration night. Otherwise cheques must be provided.
- If you have not paid using one of the above mentioned methods by Sept 25, you will be sent a Paypal request for payment in full for both invoices. The amount requested will include a late fee of 5%.

NOTE : YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE MAVERICKS T-SHIRT WHEN YOU PROVIDE FULL PAYMENT OR A FULL SET OF POSTDATED CHEQUES ON REGISTRATION NIGHT!

HOW TOURNAMENT ACCOUNTS WORK

The tournament account is a *deposit* that is used to pay tournament expenses throughout the year. This amount is an estimate of either tournament fees or NCL league fees. Please note that tournament accounts for 16U, 19U and Major League groups only consider the NCL expenses. Any additional tournaments that groups attend will be an additional expense that will be charged to the families before or soon after each tournament.

A list of tournaments/NCL events, along with their estimated costs will be shared with each group at their group meetings, and via 'SignupGenius'. (SignupGenius is the online platform we use to confirm tournament commitments.)

- Families will review the events lists, and commit to events using SignupGenius by the deadlines provided. These commitments are firm, and athletes are expected to attend all events they signed up for.
- Coaches and managers will use the number of committed/ available athletes to: register the appropriate number of teams, build rosters, and make travel arrangements.
- You're expected to attend the events you've signed up for on SignupGenius. The budget is built based on your attendance, and we will charge your tournament account if you fail to attend an event after signing up for it, unless your absence has no effect on the budget for the group. (The reason for this is that a committed player not attending a tournament usually changes the budgeted costs for everyone else.)

- In the event of illness or injury, please let the coach and team manager know right away and if it is possible to make an adjustment we will inform you. (This is determined on a case-by-case basis.)
- Upon completion of the event, families will be sent an email with the total cost per player that will be deducted from your tournament account.
- In this way, you will be able to keep track of where you stand with your tournament account. Any funds remaining in your tournament account at the end of the season will be credited back to you.
- If your player attends more events than was estimated and the tournament account is depleted, you may be approached for additional funds.

PLEASE NOTE - The club makes no money from tournament accounts. These accounts are used to pay entry fees charged by the host club, travel, coaching expenses and other tournament related expenses only. As noted above, any amounts remaining in tournament accounts are returned to members.

3. VOLUNTEERING & THE VOLUNTEER DEPOSIT

As noted above, the VOLUNTEER DEPOSIT is a re-earnable charge. You can re-earn the amount of your deposit by volunteering for a variety of jobs available in support of club events and administration. A separate email will be sent out prior to registration night with much more information on volunteer possibilities.

A player may perform volunteer tasks (like working as a minor official at club events) and also earn back the volunteer deposit. However, athletes must choose EITHER to apply their volunteer hours to the earn back the volunteer deposit OR they can request that the hours be applied to the community service hours required to graduate from high school - BUT the same hours cannot be used for both purposes.

If athlete members sign on for available volunteer tasks, they should indicate at that time whether they want credits for their family OR for community service hours. If a family has already re-earned its volunteer credits, athletes may be paid for service at the credit rate.

As with funds remaining in the tournament account, any re-earned volunteer credits at the end of the season can be used to cover the costs of the summer program, or can be applied to the next year's fees, or can be repaid to the member by cheque. 2016/17 credits will appear on your 2017/18 fee invoice. This year, we are putting in place a process to report volunteer credits earned throughout the year. (NOTE: it's a good idea to keep a record of any volunteer work you do with dates and activities.)

Volunteer Sign Up Process

As mentioned above, you will receive a detailed explanation of Volunteer opportunities prior to registration. We will also prepare an online sign-up page listing all volunteer roles available allowing members to indicate how they'd like to help!

Some Volunteer roles include:

- Team managers
- Other administrative roles
- Tournament convenors
- Tournament set up/take down/ game minor official positions
- Chaperones
- National Championships coordinator tasks

If you would like more information or want to volunteer for a specific role right away, please email ndamani@maverickswaterpolo.ca

PLEASE NOTE : Volunteer Chaperones (and any volunteer in close contact with players) are required to provide a Vulnerable Sector Check / Criminal Background Check. The club will pay for the certifications and will help with the process as possible.

4. SUMMER UPDATE AND HONOURABLE MENTIONS

The Mavericks are having another fantastic summer at Sunnyside Pool. We have seen many athletes jumping in the pool for fitness, to improve skills, and have a TON of fun.

The inclusion of a league night for both men and women has been a success. We hope to build on this momentum again for next year!

While many Mavericks were in the water on the Toronto Lake Shore, we also had a selection of athletes away with various Provincial and National Teams:

Our Provincial team participated in the first ever NorAm Cup in California. The camp featured coaches from across the province (which included Mavs Fedja Avlijas, Shannon Leonard, Bogdan Dubrovskiy and Adam Klc).

Mavs Women on Team Ontario: Madeleine Bisailon, Abigail Nagowski, Emily Nagowski, Taylor Thurlow, Hana Truchla, Antonija Jakova, Erin Van Rooyen and Ema Truchla.

Mavs Men on Team Ontario: Luke Demczyszyn, Sergije Vrbaski, Matthew Wysocki, Kyril Marinov and Bor Tanasijevic.

The 17U National Team: The group earned a bronze medal at Pan Am Championships in Lima, Peru. Representing the Mavs: Mason Archer, Minos Kotzambasis, Kyril Marinov, Bor Tanasijevic, Coach Andrew Muir and Coach Bogdan Dubrovskiy.

20U Men's National Team: An elite group of 16 athletes were selected to represent Team Canada at the upcoming World Championships in Serbia. Mavs coach/ athlete Blake Carnevale were among these athletes.

FISU Games: The FISU Games are the 2nd largest sporting event in the world, second only to the Summer Olympics! Currently in Taipei representing Canada (and the Mavs!) are: Nikita Prokhin, Filip Resanovic, Emma Wright and Coach Nish Damani.

5. COACHING UPDATE

Our coaching Roster next year has grown while we welcome two new coaches and say goodbye to one.

Joining the coaching team next year are:

Shannon Leonard - Shannon Leonard is an NCAA Division 1 All-American and former National Team athlete. She joins the Mavericks with a wealth of international, collegiate and club water polo experience.

Dusan Radojcic - Dusan is a Senior Mavericks player and veteran of Canada's men's National Team returning to Toronto in the fall.

We are thrilled to add Shannon and Dusan to our great team of coaches!

We are equally excited to welcome back:

Fedja Avlijas, Danko Bjelica, Hrvoje Vukic, Bogdan Dubrovskiy, Adam Klc, Blake Carnevale, Farah Daya, Ema Gradasevic, Ada Gravascevic and of course Executive Head Coach Nish Damani! (Also, Zoe Hlady will be helping out when schedules allow.)

Also, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Andrew Muir. After a decade of coaching (though just one year with the Mavericks), Andrew has decided to step away from the pool deck for a time. We wish Andrew all the best.

6. OWP/WPC UPDATE

There are some exciting developments with Ontario Water Polo and Water Polo Canada.

OWP will continue to expand the 14U Ontario Provincial League, and will facilitate the development of a 12U Ontario Provincial League.

Water Polo Canada will pilot a High Performance training centre in Toronto this season. Through a selection criteria, a number of Mavericks may be included in this initiative!

7. LIKEAFISH UPDATE

Due to changes in the availability of pool space, as well as the desire to offer the best possible training environments, we have created a new schedule for the LikeaFish program.

The program will continue to emphasize aquatic skill development through a unique combination of swim training and water polo drills.

Graduates of the program will be well prepared to pursue any aquatic sports interest.

The move to the new facilities includes new program times and revised costs. Please read below for the new schedule and fee structure.

LikeaFish Details:

Wednesdays – 7:00- 8:30 pm at Keele Public School

Sundays – 5:15 - 6:45 pm at Gus Ryder Pool

COST - \$575/ 15 week Session

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD FOR OUR LIKEAFISH PROGRAM!

8. TRAINING SCHEDULE

Below, you'll find a tentative training schedule for the 2017-18 season which includes dryland training times. Please note that with 14U groups and older, the training schedule will have some variance as we try to optimize use of available pool space in the most efficient manner and adjust for events that take place in our training facilities.

A Note on Schedule and Fees

While we set a tentative schedule to give members a guide as to when their practices will be, each year our training schedule is disrupted by events that take place in our training facilities and by the events our teams attend, resulting in the cancellation and/or rescheduling of practices. We have accounted for cancelled practices when setting fees and there will be no refunds issued for practices missed.

When additional pool time becomes available (which happens occasionally), we will provide as much advance warning as possible, but we often get short notice of availabilities and have to ensure coaching can be arranged before informing members.

Please watch your email and check the website schedule on a regular basis as we do our best to keep the online calendar up to date.

SEE TRAINING SCHEDULE NEXT PAGE:

| Group | Location | Schedule |
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| LikeaFish | Keele Public School (Wednesday) Gus Ryder Pool (Sundays) | Wednesday 7-8:30 pm Sunday 5:15-6:45 pm |
| 10U/12U Pre-Comp Coed | Centennial Recreation Centre (Tues & Thurs) Gus Ryder (Sunday) | Tuesday/ Thursday 7:15 pm -8:45 pm Sunday 5:15-6:45 pm (Gus Ryder) |
| 12U Competitive 3 | Etobicoke Olympium (Tues & Thurs) Gus Ryder (Sunday) | Tuesday/ Thursday 7-9:00 pm (Etob.) Sunday 5:15-6:45 pm (Gus Ryder) |
| 12U Competitive 4 | Etobicoke Olympium (Mon, Tues & Thurs) Gus Ryder (Sunday) | Monday 6:30-9:00 pm (Etobicoke) Tuesday/ Thursday 7-9:00 pm (Etob.) Sunday 5:15-6:45 pm (Gus Ryder) |
| 14U Competitive Boys | Etobicoke Olympium Keele Public School | Monday 6:45- 9:30 pm (Etobicoke) Wednesday 7:30-9:30 pm (Etobicoke) Thurs 6:45- 9 pm (Keele Public School) Sunday 6:30-8:30 pm (Etobicoke) |
| 14U Competitive Girls | Etobicoke Olympium Keele Public School | Monday 6:45- 9:30 pm (Etobicoke) Tuesday 6:45- 9 pm (Keele Pub. Schl) Wednesday 7:30-9:30 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 6:30-8:30 pm (Etobicoke) |
| 16U Competitive Boys | Etobicoke Olympium | Tuesday 8-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Wednesday 8:45- 10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Thursday 8-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Friday 7:30-9:30 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 8-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) |
| 16U Competitive Girls | Etobicoke Olympium Keele Public School | Monday 6:45- 9:30 pm (Etobicoke) Tuesday 6:45- 9 pm (Keele Public School) Wednesday 7:30-9:30 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 6:30-8:30 pm (Etobicoke) |
| 19U Competitive Men | Etobicoke Olympium | Tuesday 8-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Wednesday 8:45- 10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Thursday 8-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Friday 7:30-9:30 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 7:00-10:00 pm (Etobicoke) |
| 19U Competitive Women | Etobicoke Olympium Keele Public School | Monday 6:30- 9:30 pm (Etobicoke) Tues 7:30- 9:30 pm (Keele Pubic School)) Wednesday 8:30-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Thursday 8-10:30 pm (Etobicoke) Sunday 6:00-8:30 pm (Etobicoke) |

9. UNIFORM/TEAM EQUIPMENT

With the best looking apparel in the country, we want to make sure our athletes have all the necessary uniform items for practices, games and travel tournaments.

We encourage athletes to keep items (bags, jackets) for many years. We only change the t-shirt colour each season, and all other items can be used for a number of years before needing to be replaced. We do our best to source cost-effective, high-quality merchandise.

As a reminder, Mavericks Uniform/Equipment List includes:

| Item | Colour | Price | 10U | 12U | 14U | 16U | 19U |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Bathing Cap (Girls) | Black/White | \$10 | x | x | x | x | x |
| T-Shirt | Red | \$15 | x | x | x | x | x |
| Men's Turbo | Mavs Design | \$50 | | x | x | x | x |
| Women's Water Polo Suit | Mavs Design | \$85 | | x | x | x | x |
| Backpack | Black | \$90 | | x | x | x | |
| Soft-Shell Jacket | Black | \$95 | | | | x | x |
| Tech Hoodie | Black | \$45 | | | | | |
| Tech Long Sleeve | Black | \$25 | | | | | |
| Winter Toque | Black | \$15 | | | | | |

More information on ordering team uniforms will be provided at individual group meetings in September.

10. DRYLAND NEWS

The last two years our strength and conditioning programs got a big boost with the addition of dedicated dryland training space in the Olympium basement. This year, we will be adding additional strength and conditioning room.

11. COMPETITION UPDATE/NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE

With the schedule of Mavericks-hosted game days, National Championship League (NCL) games, invitational tournaments, and two National Championships, Toronto's premiere club will continue to have a strong competition hosting presence this season!

We will also be well represented in all categories offered by Water Polo Canada: 14U (Provincial League and National Championships), 16U, 19U and Senior.

Our goal when entering the National League is to have the best possible showing as a club, while gaining experience for all players involved. When attending or hosting invitational tournaments, we hope to improve game skills, build a team environment, and gain experience.

MARKHAM UPDATE

This season, our Markham program will continue to grow and we will feature our first ever 12U team at the Markham pool! We're excited to watch the first ever Markham competitive team at upcoming events!