



# U10/U12/U14 REGISTRATION PACKAGE

2021-2022 Season

Hello Riptides families,

We are very excited to announce our registration information for the upcoming season. You will notice that we have some new pools in the mix this season but unfortunately we will not be running programming at the Terwillegar pool this fall. This is due to reduced hours at the facility, but we have been assured that Riptides will return to this facility in January!

Registration will open on August 25th at 8:00 AM. U12 and U14 athletes will have the option of registering for the entire season (September - mid April) or the fall season only (September - December). U10 athletes can only register for the fall season at this time and our winter registration will open in November.

[U12/14 Entire Season Registration Link](#)

[U10/U12/U14 Fall Season Registration Link](#)

Covered in this document will be the following information:

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Riptides will continue to follow all AHS guidelines for COVID-19 to ensure we offer a safe environment for all athletes, coaches and families. Should you have any additional registration questions after reading this document please contact our Head Coach ([headcoach@riptideswaterpolo.ca](mailto:headcoach@riptideswaterpolo.ca) or 780-499-3513).

## Age Groups & Team Coaches

For the 2021-22 season our athlete age groups are as follows:

- U14 Athletes – Born in 2008 & 2009
- U12 Athletes – Born in 2010 & 2011
- U10 Athletes – Born in 2012 & 2013
- U8 Athletes – Born in 2014 - 2017

*\* Athletes new to Riptides looking to join our U8 and U10 programs will need to attend an assessment day prior to the first day of class. More information regarding athlete assessments can be found in the “Rookie Week and Athlete Assessments” portion of this document (page 6).*

Please note that based on coach recommendation athletes may be placed in an age group up or down should it be a better fit for them based on skill level. Riptides is committed to ensuring athletes are in an environment which will set them up for success and growth.

Riptides is excited to announce our coaching team for the 2021-22 season! We are welcoming back six returning coaches this season and have four new coaches joining our club. The coaches are excited to meet our athletes in September and look forward to an exciting season. Get to know your coaches by reading their bios!

Riptides Coaching Team	
<b>Edmonton Riptides Head Coach</b>	Raine Paul
<b>U14 &amp; U12 Girls</b>	Raine Paul & Gabby Vollman
<b>U14 &amp; U12 Boys</b>	Vuki Radosavljevic & Diego Gutierrez*
<b>U10 &amp; U8 Lead Coaches</b>	Raine Paul, Emily Riddle, Diego Gutierrez, Gabby Vollman, Abby Costantino, Darby Haysom
<b>Junior Coaches</b>	Will Ferguson*, Caysi Thorne*, Arabelle Vollman*
<i>* New coaches joining the Riptides team this season!</i>	

## Training Schedule

Riptides will utilize five facilities this fall: the Kinsmen Sports Center (Edmonton), University of Alberta West Pool, Jasper Place Pool, Bonnie Doon Pool and the Sherwood Park Kinsmen Pool. We are excited to offer a Sherwood Park satellite program this season as we work to grow a base for a new club there.

*Riptides encourages our U14 athletes to also participate in the twice a week bridge program with Tsunami. Information on the Tsunami Bridge Program can be found [here](#).*

U12/U14 Training Schedule							
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>U12 Girls</b>	7:00-8:30 PM KSC		6:30-8:00 PM KSC		Optional Swim Training 8:00-9:00 PM JP		11:30-1PM UAW
<b>U12 Boys</b>	7:00-8:30 PM KSC		6:30-8:00 PM KSC		Optional Swim Training 8:00-9:00 PM JP		10-11:30 AM UAW
<b>U14 Girls</b>		6:00-7:30 PM KSC		6:30-8:00 PM KSC	Optional Swim Training 8:00-9:00 PM JP		11:30-1 PM UAW
<b>U14 Boys</b>		6:00-7:30 PM KSC		6:30-8:00 PM KSC	Optional Swim Training 8:00-9:00 PM JP		10-11:30 AM UAW

*\* U12 and U14 athletes have an optional swim training program on Friday nights from 8 - 9 PM at Jasper Place. See additional information regarding this program in our Registration Fees section.*

U10 Training Schedule							
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>U10 Teal</b>				5:30-7:00 PM BD	Optional Swim Training 8:00-9:00 PM JP		6:00 - 7:30 PM BD
<b>U10 Navy</b>					Optional Swim Training 8:00-9:00 PM JP	5:00-6:00 PM JP	6:00 - 7:30 PM BD
<b>U10 White</b>			6:00-7:00 PM SPKin		Optional Swim Training 8:00-9:00 PM JP		6:00 - 7:30 PM BD
<b>U10 Blue</b>	7:00-8:00 SPKin				Optional Swim Training 8:00-9:00 PM JP		6:00 - 7:30 PM BD
<i>* U10 athletes have an optional swim training program on Friday nights from 8 - 9 PM at Jasper Place. See additional information regarding this program in our Registration Fees section.</i>							

KSC = Kinsmen Sports Center (Edmonton)    UAW = University of Alberta West Pool    BD = Bonnie Doon Pool  
 JP = Jasper Place Pool    SPKin = Sherwood Park Kinsmen Sports Center

## Tournament & Game Schedule

Riptides is excited to announce that Alberta Water Polo will be resuming games and tournaments this season! Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic athletes were not able to compete in any games last season and Riptides looks forward to seeing our teams compete again this year.

Below is a draft game schedule for the season. Please keep in mind that these events are tentative and subject to change. Once dates/locations are confirmed we will send a final competition schedule to all families. Riptides encourages athletes to attend as many events as possible and will communicate with families in September additional information regarding games schedule and fees.

Games & Tournaments (Draft Schedule)		
U10 Teams	U12 Teams	U14 Teams
Local Games and Club Scrimmages Bi-Weekly	Local Games and Club Scrimmages Bi-Weekly	Local Games and Club Scrimmages Bi-Weekly
	October 16 (Innisfail) October 23 (Calgary) November 13( Edmonton) January 29 (Edmonton) February 12 (Calgary) March 5 (Okotoks) April 9 (Edmonton)	October 24 (Calgary) November 14 (Edmonton) December 11-12 (Okotoks) January 30 (Edmonton) February 13 (Calgary) March 6 (Okotoks) April 10 (Edmonton)

## Registration Fees

We hope this will be a more normalized season and as such our fees are also returning to a more normalized level. In order to make the program more affordable, we will now be offering all U10 and older registrations a monthly payment option through teamsnap. 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.

We have also changed how we incorporate bingos into our fee structure. We are now charging a full fee based on the cost of programming and offering families the option to decrease those fees with bingo shifts. During the registration process you will have the option to select working one bingo shift to decrease your athlete fees. There may also be the opportunity to work additional shifts throughout the year to add more credit to your athlete account. Riptides is no longer distinguishing between long and short bingo shifts so make sure to sign up early if you would like to work the shorter shifts.

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). As sister clubs, Riptides will honour the discount should older siblings be registered at 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.

- U10 Athletes: Sibling10
- U12/14 Athletes: Sibling

All registrations must be completed through our online registration form. We will not 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

<b>U12/U14 Riptides Registration Fees</b>			
	<b>Full Fee</b>	<b>Fee with 1 Bingo Shift Credit</b>	<b>Monthly Payment Option</b>
<b>Entire Year</b>	\$980	\$880	\$110/month
<b>Fall Season Only</b>	\$580	\$480	\$120/month

<b>U10 Riptides Registration Fees</b>			
	<b>Full Fee</b>	<b>Fee with 1 Bingo Shift Credit</b>	<b>Monthly Payment Option</b>
<b>Fall Season</b>	\$440	\$340	\$85/month

This fall Riptides will also be offering an optional swim training opportunity for U10, U12 and U14 athletes. These practices will take place on Friday nights from 8 - 9 PM at the Jasper Place pool with designated swim coaches who will work with athletes to improve stroke technique and efficiency. Athletes will have the option to add this \$120 optional program at the time of registration.

### **WPC/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 2021-22 season these fees are as follows:

- U14 & U12 Athletes – \$90
- U10 Athletes – \$53

Riptides will forward the link and instructions for this registration process during the first week of September. This process includes uploading your Respect in Sport certification (details below) so please complete that ASAP.

### **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 ([president@riptideswaterpolo.ca](mailto:president@riptideswaterpolo.ca)).

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

## Rookie Week & Athlete Assessments

Riptides looks forward to having new athletes join our team this season and welcome all new athletes to join us for our Rookie Week and Athlete Assessments. These sessions will allow potential water polo players the chance to attend a practice or two before registering for the season.

Rookie Week for U14 and U12 athletes will take place on September 14-15:

- Tuesday, September 14th from 6-7:30 PM (Edmonton Kinsmen)
- Wednesday, September 15th from 6:30-8 PM (Edmonton Kinsmen)

U10 athletes will be assessed by their coaches at the first practice of the session to ensure they are placed in the best program to fit their skill set. U10s ready to move up to our U12 program will be identified by coaches and families and have the option to transition to the U12 programming should they wish.

New athletes will have the option to sign-up for a trial class prior to registration. To sign-up for a free trial please complete the following: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/284373>

## Fundraising Policy

The Edmonton Riptides Water Polo Club will engage in fundraising activities throughout the season in an attempt to keep fees down and will require participation from our membership to reach our fundraising targets. Members may choose to participate in as many of these fundraisers as they would like or may buy out their fundraising commitment. Additionally, members have the ability to raise funds for their own athlete account through Flipgive once all fundraising requirements are met.

Below are the fundraising opportunities for the 2021-22 season:

- Wine Raffle (November)
- Purdys Chocolates (December)
- Mom's Pantry (February)
- 50/50 Raffle (March)
- FlipGive (year round)

Fundraising for each age group is outlined below. For siblings the commitment will be for the oldest age group only. Please note that the amounts below are fundraising profit, not fundraising sales.

**U12 & U14**

Fall: \$125

Winter: \$125

Full year: \$250

**U10**

Fall: \$75

Winter: \$75

Full Year: \$150

## 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 Orders

This season Riptides will be collecting all apparel orders online prior to the start of season. Each athlete will receive a t-shirt and a practice cap (male athletes upon request) with their registration.

- Riptides Apparel Co-ordinator: Carrie Marissink (vp@riptideswaterpolo.ca)

## Refund Policy

As we approach the upcoming season the club recognizes that there are many unknowns regarding COVID. Our goal is to be as fair as possible to families while ensuring the club does not face financial hardships as a result of a constantly changing landscape. In the event facilities shut down again or we are unable to run programming refunds will be calculated for families.