



U8 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. U8 athletes can only register for the fall season at this time and our winter registration will open in November.

[U8 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 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

** New athletes looking to join our U8 and U10 programs will be assessed on the first day of class to ensure they are in a program that best fits their skill level.*

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

Training Schedule

Riptides will utilize two facilities this fall for our U8 programming: Jasper Place Pool and Bonnie Doon Pool.

U8 Training Schedule							
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
U8 Teal						5:00-6:00 PM JP	
U8 Navy							6:00 - 7:00 PM BD
U8 White							7:00 - 8:00 PM BD
U8 Blue				6:00 - 7:00 PM BD			

BD = Bonnie Doon Pool

JP = Jasper Place Pool

For the Fall Riptides will offer two 5 week U8 sessions. Registration for the first session will open at 12:00 noon on August 25, 2021. Registration for the second session will take place at the end of October and current U8 athletes will have early access to this registration. Winter registration will be announced in late November and will likely include two 6 week sessions.

- Session 1 – September 18 - October 24 (no practices Thanksgiving Weekend)
- Session 2 – November 20 - December 19

Registration Fees

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 sibling discount to your U8 registration enter the following code at time of registration.

- U8 Athletes: Sibling8

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

U8 Riptides Registration Fees	
Session 1	\$110
Session 2	\$110

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:

- U8 Athletes – \$13

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).

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

Registration Links

To register for our U8 Fall programs please complete the following registration link:

[U8 Fall Season Registration Link](#)

Rookie Week & New Athlete Assessments

Riptides looks forward to having new athletes join our team this season. 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. U8s ready to move up to our U10 deep water session will be identified by coaches and families and have the option to transition to the U10 programming should they wish.

New U8 athletes will also 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>

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.