



## Terms of Reference – Community and Sport for Life Committee

### **Purpose**

To advise the Board and Executive Director on issues related to community water polo in BC.

*Community water polo is defined as activities targeted to participants not on the Water Polo Canada “Podium Pathway”. Community water polo would target participants under 12, clubs that do not participate in NCL, and adults who are not currently playing at the National or Professional level.*

### **Scope**

- To reflect the needs of the WPW participants, parents, and coaches,
- To raise urgent issues to the board as they arise, and
- To make recommendations to the Executive Director.

Topics can include, but are not limited to,

- scheduling of events such as community tournaments or development festivals,
- recommending plans for recruitment and certification of referees and coaches, or
- providing feedback on sanctioning requirements.

This committee is not expected to run events but may provide recommendations to event Organizing Committees.

At times, with ED approval, this committee may take on practical projects such as, for example, updating a handbook for the Metro League.

### **Composition and Terms**

The committee will have a maximum of seven members.

Along with at least one WPW board member, the committee should include representation from a variety of community clubs (no more than one representative from any club).

The club representatives can be club executive members, coaches, or managers.

Nominations for the club representatives should come from club presidents. Selection of the Community and Sport for Life Committee members will be the responsibility of the Executive Director and Board. If the nominations do not reflect a balance of genders, or if a nominee was or is involved in a complaint/dispute with WPW, the ED may request that clubs offer alternative options.

The term of club representative on the committee will be one year. Members can be nominated and selected for a maximum of three years in a row.

The committee will be chaired by a WPW board member.



### **Decision Making**

The committee will make recommendations based on consensus whenever possible. Where there are differences, the committee will vote.

The committee does not have the authority to make decisions on behalf of Water Polo West.

### **Expectations of Committee Members**

With the recognition that most members will be volunteers with time limitations, committee members will be expected to attend meetings called by the chairperson, with an average of one per month. Occasional joint meetings (with Performance Committee) may be required.

Upon agreeing to participate in this committee, it is the expectation that, during all committee meetings, interactions, and activities, all members will maintain a professional and respectful demeanour to others. Conversations within the committee will be confidential.

Members who are unable to meet the expectations of the committee will be asked to step down or be removed by the Executive Director, under consultation with WPW directors on this committee.

### **Budget and Resources**

WPW will support the means for the committee to hold necessary meetings. WPW recognizes that some recommendations may require further budgeting considerations to implement.