



Water Polo West NCL Transfer Policy

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Policy Statement

Water Polo West (WPW) recognizes that the number of participants in specific age groups is sometimes not sufficient for a club to build out a full roster for National Championship League (NCL) teams. We are fully committed to enabling as many athletes as possible to take part in the NCL if they choose. The priority of WPW is always BC athletes and teams first.

Definitions

The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

- **“Activity”** means all WPW or Member Club business and/or activities;
- **“Board”** means the Board of Directors for WPW
- **“Date of Approval”** means as stated on Page 1 of this Policy;
- **“Eastern Conference”** means clubs and PSOs from Ontario, Quebec or the Atlantic Provinces.
- **“Handbook”** means the most recently published Water Polo Canada NCL Handbook
- **“Including”** means including but not limited to;
- **“Member Clubs or Clubs”** refers to a Club affiliated with WPW that is responsible for the management of water polo within the Province of BC
- **“NCL”** means the National Championship League
- **“Out of Province Transfer”** means a temporary transfer of a participant in a member club to a club outside of BC, for the purpose of playing NCL.
- **“PSO”** means Provincial Sport Organization
- **“Policy”** means this NCL Transfer Policy;
- **“Registrants”** means athletes, coaches, officials, clubs, administrative staff, and volunteers who are registered with WPW
- **“Roster”** means a compliment of athletes as outlined in the most recently published WPC NCL Handbook. Currently the following numbers apply:
 - 9 is the minimum number of athletes on a roster
 - 16 is the maximum number of athletes permitted to be rostered and to sit on the bench
 - 30 is the maximum number of athletes permitted to be on the online roster.



- **“Team”** means a complete roster of athletes from one club within a specific age and gender category.
- **“Transfer”** means temporary transfer of a participant in a member club to another member club in BC
- **“WPC”** means Water Polo Canada
- **“WPW”** means Water Polo West Association
- **“Western Conference”** means clubs and PSOs in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to outline a clear process that must be followed by member clubs who are putting together team rosters for NCL and/or looking for opportunities for athletes from their club to play in the NCL.

Application

This Policy applies to all Member Clubs. Failure to abide by WPW’s NCL Transfer Policy may result in denial of transfers and/or disciplinary action in accordance with WPW’s *Discipline and Complaints Policy*.

Principles

The following principles will apply to member clubs forming team rosters:

1. Within your club first
2. Within BC next
3. Outside of BC ONLY if options 1 and 2 don’t apply
4. No transfers in or out of the Eastern Conference

Process

A minimum of two weeks prior to the deposit deadline, clubs must indicate to WPW if they will need to collaborate outside of the province.

1. Clubs wishing to collaborate with other BC clubs can arrange on their own.
2. Clubs not able to form a team within BC and wishing to collaborate with a Western Conference club, must show proof of the following:
 1. Correspondence reaching out to all other NCL clubs in BC looking for additional players or spots for their players,
 2. And any responses, or lack thereof, from other NCL clubs in the province.

Only if no combination is possible within BC, can clubs look to find opportunities within the Western Conference. No transfers in or out of the Eastern Conference will be approved.