

CUP OF THE NORTH (COTN) BULLETIN NO. 1 January 9, 2019

Welcome All Team Registrants to **COTN Canoe Polo Tournament Feb 1, 2 & 3, 2019** sponsored by the **Edmonton Whitewater Paddlers**. The following information and rules will help you prepare and enjoy this event. The event is held at **the Kinsmen Sport Center, 9100 Walterdale Hill; Edmonton**.

1. Registration is now closed with THIRTEEN Teams registered (Six teams in Div A and Seven in B).
2. With the slightly reduced number of Teams it will not be necessary to play any tournament games on Friday evening which will instead be devoted to finalizing setup. There may be **(but this not confirmed yet)** some pool time in the period 8 pm to 10pm.
3. **Access to the Pool Saturday and Sunday will be at 7:30 am with Games on both days to start at 8 am.** Games will finish a 10 pm on Saturday and 4 pm on Sunday followed **at 4:30 pm by the Award Ceremony** and the Banquet at 6 pm (more info to follow).
4. Games will be **two Ten minute halves with a two minute break** between halves.
5. **A Men's size ball** will be utilized for all Games.
6. **All Teams will have referee and line judge assignments.**
7. **The Game Schedule** will be placed on **the Web Site** when available a week or so prior to the event. Teams are required to be ready to go on their scheduled time. The Game will start if **four players are ready within four minutes of their time.** If **later than five minutes** for the game, the late Team is **penalized 2 goals** and the game will be played with a **short first half** and regular second half to keep the event on schedule.
8. **Team Dress Regulations:** These are in place to give a more professional appearance to the event and make it easier for referees and other officials.
Division A – All players must wear the **same color rash tops; the same color PFDs and helmets all the same color.** (pfd, helmets and rash tops can be different colors, just within each category they must be the same color) In addition the **helmet number must match the PFD number of each player.**
Division B – We invite you to improve your Team appearance by all wearing the same rash top or T – shirt but it is not a requirement in this Division. It is **a requirement however,** to have the **same color PFDs and helmets.** (We will endeavor to help Teams with this requirement by having several sets of PFDs and helmets available to use).
9. **Boat rental:** The **cost to rent a polo kayak for the event is \$50 Cdn.** Please **pay** the rental fee **in advance online** so we have an idea how many boats we need for the Rental Program. Naturally some designs are more popular than others. This year we will place all rental boats in **a rental area** and they are selected by an individual for a game and then returned to the area after the game. So there is no exclusive rental; no rental boats may be taken to the area assigned to each Team – **all rental boats stay in the rental area** (we will police this area and process to make sure all rental boats are available on a first come first serve to all players).
10. **The Tournament Banquet** will take place **at 6 pm at Boston Pizza on 82 Ave and 109 Street.** It will be held in the main floor restaurant (not their party room downstairs). Please pay your banquet fee on line in advance **so we know the number attending.** The menu will include salad and pizza and pop included in your banquet fee. Other beverages, including draft beer will be available if YOU want to purchase it.