

2024 Canoe Polo Championship Bulletin 1, March 25, 2024

Hello North American Canoe Polo Fans:

The Edmonton Whitewater Paddlers will host this event in **Edmonton on July 6 and 7, 2024**; with sanction support from Canoe Polo Canada. We would like to invite you all to attend.

This is the first of a series of bulletins to help keep you all informed of progress toward hosting this event. Entry and update info will be through the EWP website much like for our other events.

The Event will be held in the City of Edmonton's new Northeast River Valley Park: 903 153 Avenue NE. It can be easily accessed from highway 216 (Anthony Henday Drive, highway that encircles the entire city). Camping is not allowed at the site, however, there are many hotels and motels and a few campgrounds close to the park.

Division Categories:

There will be 6 possible categories to enter a team into that will play in a total of 4 divisions. What you enter your team into depends on certain criteria that will be defined below. Division 1 will include Open A and Club A. Division 2 will include Open B and Club B. Division 3 will be a women's division. Division 4 will be a youth division.

- 1) Open A**
- 2) Club A**
- 3) Open B**
- 4) Club B**
- 5) Women's**
- 6) Youth (15 & under)**

Division 1:

- 1) Includes Open A and Club A Teams.
- 2) Medals will be offered for both Open and Club A Teams.
- 3) Teams can be mixed gender.
- 4) Open A will include any teams that do not meet criteria to play in Club A. This could include, for example, international teams or Canadian teams not qualifying for Club A. It also may accept Women's Teams if the Women's Category does not have three or more entries by June 1st.
- 5) To enter Club A, **all players must be Canadian citizens and from the same Canadian Club**. They would be allowed to add one Canadian player (only one) from another Canadian Club.

Division 2:

- 1) Includes Open B and Club B Teams.
- 2) Medals will be offered for both Open B and Club Teams.
- 3) Teams can be mixed gender.
- 4) Open B will include any teams that do not meet criteria to play in Club B. This could include, for example, international teams or Canadian teams not qualifying for Club B. It also may accept Women's Teams if the Women's Category does not have three or more entries by June 1st.
- 5) To enter Club B, **all players must be Canadian citizens AND the majority of the Team be from the same Canadian Club** (ie. if the team has seven players, four need to be Canadian citizens and members of the same Canadian Club).

Division 3:

- 1) Women's Division
- 2) Minimum of three teams **MUST** be entered by June 1 or the category will be cancelled.
- 3) Any entered teams will be given the option of moving to Division 1 or 2 or joining other teams as individuals.

Division 4:

- 1) Youth Division
- 2) Maximum age is 15 yrs anytime in 2024 or younger; (ie turning 16 before Dec 31, 2024 makes you not eligible).
- 3) Teams may be formed from any combination of clubs or individuals, Canadian or International.

Other Competition Rules/Scrutineering:

- 1) Players will be allowed to play ONLY on one Team.
- 2) All teams except youth will need members to have color matched rash tops, matching reversible PFDs, and matching helmets with side numbers the same as the PFD worn.
- 3) Youth must have matching PFDs, but are encouraged to dress as above if they are able.
- 4) There no requirements regarding kayak deck color for teams; only that they meet the safety requirements of smooth decks, seams and bottoms and have legal bumpers in good condition.

Registration Deadlines:

When you enter a team, we do need your email as we will be contacting you for more information about your team members.

- 1) **Early Bird Registration**, Deadline is May 15, 2024, **\$50 off the Team rate** if entered prior to May 15.
- 2) **Regular Entry**, Deadline is June 1, 2024
- 3) Rate per Team of up to EIGHT eligible players:

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| Open A / Club A | \$360 |
| Open B / Club B | \$360 |
| Women | \$320 |
| Youth | \$260 |

Additional Purchases through the event website:

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| 1) Commemorative T Shirt | \$20 |
| 2) Post Tournament Awards Banquet Sunday July 7 | \$25 |
| 3) Event Insurance (non-AWA member) | \$15 |

Additional purchases for competition (through e transfer):

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| 1) Boat Pool rental | \$60 |
| 2) Paddle rental | \$30 |
| 3) Team PFD rental | \$60/team |

***if you are interested in any of these competition items, please contact**

EVENT SCHEDULE

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| May 15 | Early Bird Entry Deadline |
| June 1 | Entries Closed |
| July 4 and 5 | Pitch Setup |
| July 6 | Day 1 of Competition, Banquet |
| July 7 | Day 2 of Competition, Post Tournament Awards |
| July 8 | Take Down and move out. |