

**PROPOSAL – modified June 17, 2009**  
**WATER – Water polo Association of The Edmonton Region**

**Purpose:**

- Foster growth of water polo in the region (get kids and more kids in the water)
- Organize interclub play within the Edmonton region
- Provide support for programs ranging from recreational community programs through to elite competitive (select) programs
- Ensure that each athlete has the opportunity to play competitively at a level that challenges them.
- Ensure that each athlete has the opportunity to receive the level of training and experience to allow them to reach their potential.
- Foster interclub co-operation
- Encourage enjoyment of and participation in water polo throughout the athlete's life

**Underlying Principles:**

- Clubs retain autonomy (club operations not affected)
- Approach will be consistent with Long Term Athlete Development Model ([http://www.athletics.ca/files//Development/LTAD\\_EN.PDF](http://www.athletics.ca/files//Development/LTAD_EN.PDF))
- Honour the game of water polo; encourage the athletes to learn and exhibit values that will apply, and be an asset throughout life (e.g. good sportsmanship, respect, positive attitude, leadership)
- When possible and appropriate the assets and resources of the clubs will be shared, for the benefit of all athletes (e.g. pool times, athletes, coaches)
- At the elite competitive level, an athlete will be allowed to play on a team outside the region only if there is no viable team available within the region, as determined by the coaches' committee. The coaches' committee will take into consideration the development of the athlete and the integrity of the teams involved on a case by case basis.
- Transparency in processes, including coach and player selection for regional teams.
- Each athlete must register with a club within WATER (Water polo Association of The Edmonton Region)

**Tasks/Structure:**

- WATER will be committee run with equal representation from each club. Each club will designate their representatives.
- The Coaches Committee will consist of the head coaches from all WATER clubs.
- Select teams to be run by coach committee, with decisions regarding coach selection to be ratified by WATER
- Liaise with AWPAA;

- Seek recognition from AWPA
- Assist with the planning and scheduling of events and provincial play
- Facilitate opportunities for the development of officials, minor officials and coaches;
- Organize regional clinics for players, refs, coaches, etc:
- Host competitions, regional social, fundraising events, etc.
- Develop a regional Code of Conduct for Coaches, Player, Parents and Spectators of water polo.