

Welcome to Next Level Water Polo Club ! We are THRILLED to have you join our thriving Water Polo Community! Our program takes pride in giving each athlete the tools they need to make an impact both In <u>and</u> Out of the pool. Please read through this Packet carefully to understand how our team operates.

All Practices are at <mark>The Long Center</mark> (1501 N Belcher Rd Clearwater, FL 33765)

Zak Kappos	Steve Fetherston	Madelyn Snodgrass	Taylor Bullock
NLWP Director High School & Youth WP Coach	Aquatikids & Splashball Coach	Head Swim & Stroke Technique Coach	High School & Youth WP Coach Assistant Coach

Next Level - Clearwater Coaching Staff:

Questions? Contact Zak at <u>nextlevelwaterpolo@gmail.com</u> or (562) 212 5002



Ages: 6 - 10yrs

Cost: \$70/ Month

Coaches: Steve & Madelyn

Training:

Ages: 8 - 11yrs

Training:

Cost: \$90/ Month

Mondays 7:00 - 8:00pm



Ages: 10 - 14yrs

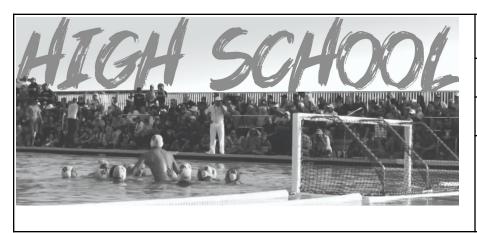
Cost: \$110/ Month

Coaches: Zak, Taylor, & Madelyn

Coaches: Steve, Taylor, & Madelyn

Monday & Wednesday 7 - 8:30pm

Training: Monday & Tuesday 7 - 8:30pm Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:30pm



Ages: 14 - 18yrs

Cost: \$130/ Month

Coaches: Zak, Taylor, & Madelyn

Training:

Mon, Tues, Wed 6:30 - 8:30pm

Thurs: 6:30 - 8pm



<u>Practice Schedule</u>

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Aquatikids	7pm - 8pm	X	X	X
Splashball	7pm-8pm	X	7pm-8pm	X
Youth WP	7pm-8:30pm	7pm-8:30pm	6:30pm-8:30pm	X
HS WP	6:30pm - 8:30pm	6:30pm - 8:30pm	6:30pm - 8:30pm	6:30pm - 8pm

* (Youth WP) Dryland on Wed 6:30 - 7pm & (HS WP) Dryland M-TH 6:30 - 7pm *

<u>Weather Contingency</u>

Because the Long Center is Indoors, we will rarely have any Weather Issues. All practices are guaranteed unless there is a holiday, hurricane, or existing Event Rental!

NEW Athlete Registration: HOW TO JOIN

To Join, New Families MUST do the following:

- 1. Visit **nextlevelwaterpolo.com** and select "Play Now".
- 2. Select your City & Choose your Program.
- 3. Complete the "Athlete Registration Form" and Enter your payment information.
- Your Monthly Club Payment will be deducted each month <u>on the day</u> you Register!
 **<u>Please note:</u> As your athlete develops, you will need to update their registration option to reflect their new program!!

<u> Team Communication: WhatsApp</u>

- 1. After completing a New Athlete Registration Form, Download "**WhatsApp**" onto your phone from the App Store.
- 2. NL Staff will text your Join Link based on the information completed in your Registration Form so make sure it's correct!
- 3. Important Tournament information will be shared via Email.

WhatsApp will be used for Direct Messaging with parents, Team Messaging regarding Critical information, Upcoming Tournaments, a place for parents to share Team Photos, and a great way for our group to stay connected when we are apart! Use this App to stay IN THE KNOW!



<u>Team Gear</u>

<u>All Athletes</u> are **required** to have (2) Team Shirts (Dark & White) during competition. <u>High School Athletes</u> are also **required** to have a Speedo / Team Suit.

T-shirts, Jackets, Suits, Towels, & More are currently available online at <u>www.nlsportco.com</u>. Orders will be shipped directly to your house or available for pickup directly on the pool deck!



<u>USAWP Membership:</u>

<u>To compete in any Competition, you will need a **Bronze USAWP Membership**.</u> Certain events will require a Silver / Gold Membership. (Junior Olympics, Sunshine State Games, Battle of the Bay, Beast of the East, International Tournament, etc.) You can register for USAWP on <u>https://usawaterpolo.org/</u>

<u>Competition:</u>

NLWP is very much a travel club team. While we host a handful of tournaments during the year to bring competition to us, it is essential to the development of our team that athletes participate in <u>as many competitions as possible</u>. Competition is integral to our club's ability to play as a team, each individual's development, and gives our athletes the opportunity to use the training we do throughout the year in real time situations.

Our forecasted schedule for the next 12 months to help everyone prepare accordingly. Staff will confirm athlete attendance prior to each tournament roughly 3-4 weeks prior to each competition.



Athlete Membership Comparison			
	Bronze	Silver	Gold
NATER POLO	Expires December 31	Expires December 31	Expires December 31
Member of the Olympic Movement	~	~	~
Online Membership Account & Dashboard	~	~	v .
Premier Insurance Coverage	1	v	V
USA Water Polo Certified Coaches	~	~	~
SafeSport	1	V	v
Positive Coaching Alliance	<i>v</i>	~	V
Mobile Coaching App & Training Videos	v	v	V
Roster Verification System	~	V	V
Skip Shot Magazine	~	~	v .
Monthly Newsletter	~	~	v
Product & Sponsor Discounts	~	V	V
USA Water Polo Skill Clinics	v .	~	v
Local & Regional League Play	~	~	v
All Sanctioned Events		v	v .
Masters National Championship		~	V
Olympic Development Program Camps		~	V
Holiday Camp Eligible			 V
ODP Zone Team Eligible			V
ODP National Championships			V
National Team Selection Camp			V
National Championship Events			V
Junior Olympics			v
Junior Olympics All-American			v
College Coach Meet & Greet			v
Academic All-American Honors			v



Competition Schedule:

Date	Event	Divisions	Location
Sept 27th	NL Combine	ALL ATHLETES	The Long Center
Oct 28, 29th	Halloween Tournament	12u, 14u Coed / 16u Men	Orlando, FL
Nov 11, 12th	Battle of the Bay	10u, 12u 14u Coed / 16u Men	Clearwater/ St Pete
Nov 17, 18th	NL Training Trip (Overnight)	Ages 11 - 18u Only	Anclote Key
Dec 8, 9, 10th	Beast of the East	12u, 14u Coed, 16u Men	Clermont, Fl
Jan 5, 6, 7th	Patriot Invitational	12u, 14u Coed, 16u Men	Orlando, Fl
Jan 13, 14th	Orlando United Invitational	14u Coed, 16u Men	Orlando, Fl
Feb 3, 4th	NL Youth Invitational	10u, 12u, 14u Coed	Clearwater, Fl
Feb 16, 17, 18th	International Tournament	14u Coed, 16u Men	Coral Springs, FL
Feb 24th	NL Golf Fundraiser	Open to the Public!	Tampa, Fl
Mar 15 - 17th	NL Training Trip (Overnight)	Ages 13u - 18u Only	Key West, Fl
Apr 20, 21th	Rise Up Invitational	12u, 14u Coed	Clermont, Fl
May 4, 5th	Atlanta Cup	Ages 14u Coed, 16u Men	Atlanta, GA
June 1st , 2nd	Open Water Championships	12u, 14u Coed, 16u Men	St Petersburg, FL
June 8, 9th	Central FL Championships	12u, 14u Coed, 16U Men	Seminole, FL
June 21 - 23rd	Sunshine State Games	14u Coed, 16u Men	Coral Springs, Fl
July 24 - 28th	Junior Olympics	14u Men, 16u Men	Dallas, TX

* Beach Practices are TBD. At Least 3 weeks notice will be given prior to each training



<u>NL Combine: How We Track Athlete Progression</u>

The NL Combine is a series of baseline tests our club runs during practice **every (2) months** to help track our Athlete's development and understand where we need improvement. New Athletes will be placed in their age appropriate program until a combine is completed and scores can be tracked. These scores are what we use to help determine whether or not an athlete is prepared to move on to the next program.

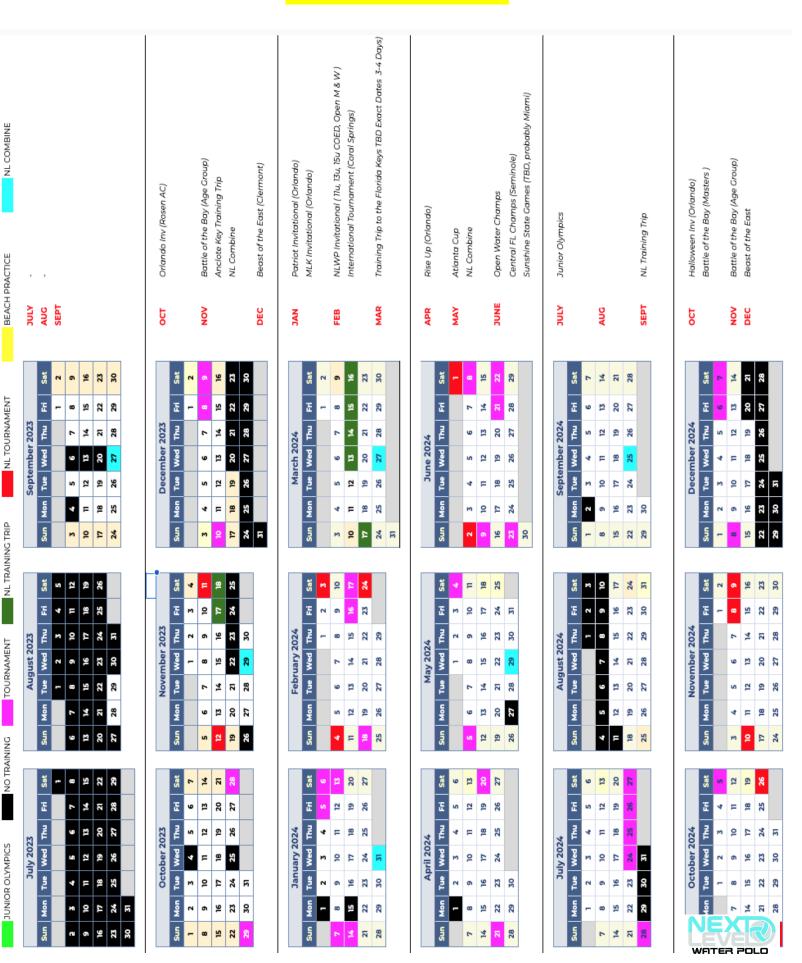
1. Aquatikids --> 2. Splashball --> 3. Youth WP --> 4. HS WP

To progress on to the next program, Athletes <u>must be able to meet or exceed</u> their program's baseline scores below. This ensures that each practice remains competitive and that athletes are training with others at their same level.

We ALWAYS need parent assistance to make the Combine run smoothly, so if you're available to volunteer we'd love your help to track scores at one of the following stations!

	High School WP	Youth WP	Splashball	Aquatikids
12.5M Sprint	:07	:08	:12	:16
25m Sprint	:16	:18	:30	:35
50m Sprint	:33	:38	1:00	1:15
100m Sprint	1:10	1:18	2:10	2:45
Tread Test	PASS	PASS	PASS/FAIL	PASS/FAIL
Gauntlet*	Х	Х	1:00	1:30
Speed Gun	31 mph	25 mph	20 mph	15 mph
High Jump	45 "	35 "	30 "	25 "
Grudge Belt*	:05	:03	Х	Х
Rapid Fire	3/8	2/8	ANY	ANY
Weight Ball / Brick	:45	:10	:05	ANY
	*Required	*Required	*Recommended	*Recommended





NLWP 2023 - 24 Calendar

NL COMBINE

BEACH PRACTICE

NL TRAINING TRIP

TOURNAMENT

NO TRAINING

JUNIOR OLYMPICS