

2009 Pacific Water Polo National Team Try-Outs

In the past these try-outs were known to Pacific Water Polo as the Zone National Team Try-Outs. The name and program is changing. Moving forward the new name is USA Water Polo's Olympic Development Program (ODP).

You may have heard, the Olympic Development Program (ODP) is changing starting in 2009. The ODP program is the entry point to be considered for our Junior & Youth National Teams and ultimately, to represent the USA at international competitions.

Starting in 2009, the process will be run under the auspices of the ODP program headed by Guy Baker – Director of Olympic Development. The ODP program will oversee zone based training teams that train year round under a consistent protocol developed by the ODP program. There will be an initial tryout for all groups (Men's Junior & Youth, Women's Junior & Youth). After the first weekend a training team of approximately 20-36 athletes will be formed. From the training team, a travel team will be selected to attend the ODP National Championships/Camp (Memorial Day Weekend). The training team will remain intact throughout the year regardless of selection to the ODP National Championships/Camp. In addition, USA Water Polo staff will be scouting at tournaments to invite select players to train with the team.

Pacific Water Polo will hold tryouts as follows:

February 21 & 22 (*attendance on both days is required*)

Junior (born in 1991/1992) 8:00am-12:30pm (both days)

Youth (born in 1993, 1994, etc.) 12:30-5:00pm (both days)

We are working on the specific location for these try-outs. When finalized the location will be posted on the Pacific Water Polo website under the 'Events Schedule' page.

All participants are encouraged to register prior to February 15 so that appropriate plans can be made for the try-outs.

The tryout fee is \$75.00. Beginning January 16, you can register on line at www.pacificwaterpolo.com/registration.html.

If selected to the training team, there will be an additional financial obligation required by USA Water Polo. It is currently anticipated that the training teams will receive somewhere from 20-40 hours of focused training.

For further information, please contact your specific gender/age appropriate coach.

- Men's Junior – James Lathrop - lathrop.james@gmail.com
- Women's Junior – Travis Wyckoff - trawyc@msn.com
- Men's Youth – Corey Dolley - coreydolley@hotmail.com
- Women's Youth – Ted Minnis - ted_minnis@castilleja.org