



USA Water Polo National Junior Olympics

Southwest Zone Qualification & Entry Procedures

USA Water National Junior Olympics Dates and Locations:

- Southwest Zone Champs (Qualifier for NJO's), June 5th in Austin, TX at UT Swim Center
- Boys National Junior Olympics, July 30-August 2 in Orange County, CA
- Girls National Junior Olympics, August 4-7 in Orange County, CA

USA Water Polo Eligibility for Athletes, Coaches, & Clubs:

- Athletes **MUST** be Gold Members of USA Water Polo in order to be entered into the National Junior Olympics or the Southwest Zone Championships. Athletes **MUST** be registered with the Club they intend to play with by May 27th (**NO EXCEPTIONS**). There are no Club Waivers in 2011.
- An athlete's age is determined by their age on August 1st for both and girls divisions.
- Coaches **MUST** be registered with USA Water Polo, have current First Aid/CPR on file with the USA Water Polo national office AND have completed the USA Water Polo coach's background check in order to coach and/or enter the National Junior Olympics or the Southwest Zone Championships.
- Clubs must be registered for 2011 in order to compete in either the National Junior Olympics or the Southwest Zone Championships.

National Junior Olympic Entry Information/Deadlines: All clubs in the Southwest Zone that intend to qualify for a zone spot at a National Junior Olympics, **MUST** enter the NJO's online at USA Water Polo. Below are the websites to enter the event for both genders. These websites also include additional information regarding locations, hotels, etc. The entry deadline for both genders is May 27th (**NO EXCEPTIONS**).

Boys NJO: <https://webpoint.usawaterpolo.com/wp/Events/ViewTournament.asp?EventID=3102>

Girls NJO: <https://webpoint.usawaterpolo.com/wp/Events/ViewTournament.asp?EventID=3442>

For 2011, USA Water Polo has expanded the National Junior Olympics for a number of age groups/genders with Silver/Bronze Divisions for 18UB, 16UB, 14UB, 18UG, and 16UG. The Southwest Zone has the following number of allocated spots per age group/gender. Each of the eleven USAWP Zones receives two spots for each age group/gender (except for 21U) and then additional spots are allocated by membership numbers. Spots which are unclaimed by a zone will be reallocated to other zones after June 1st. An athlete's age is determined by their age on August 1st for both boys & girls for the Southwest Zone Champs and NJO's.

SW Zone Allocated Spots for NJO's (NOTE: *Platinum-Gold Division/Silver-Bronze Division Allocations)

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| • 21 & Under Boys: 1 team | • 21 & Under Girls: 1 team |
| • *18 & Under Boys: 3 teams/2 teams | • *18 & Under Girls: 2 teams/2 teams |
| • *16 & Under Boys: 2 teams/2 teams | • *16 & Under Girls: 2 teams/2 teams |
| • *14 & Under Boys: 2 teams/2 teams | • 14 & Under Girls: 3 teams |
| • 12 & Under Boys: 3 teams | • 12 & Under Girls: 2 teams |
| • 10 & under Coed: 2 teams | |

ROSTERS: For teams intending to qualify for NJO's, rosters **MUST** be submitted through the online National Championship Roster verification system by the club administrator for both the Zone Championship (by May 27th) and the NJO's (late June/early July). Rosters **MUST** be submitted separately for Zone Champs and NJO's (roster limit of 15 players for both events). If more than one team qualifies from a single club in a single division, athletes may not switch teams/rosters between Zone Champs and NJO's (athletes who did not play in Zone Champs may be added to any roster for NJO's). Please copy southwestwaterpolo@earthlink.net on all online roster submissions. **For those teams which do not qualify for NJO's on June 5th at the Zone Championships, their NJO entry fee will be refunded by USA Water Polo.**

Southwest Zone Championship Entry Information: After entering the USAWP National Junior Olympics, clubs **MUST** then enter the Southwest Zone Championships for qualification and seeding purposes. Failure to enter the Southwest Zone Championships will disqualify any NJO entry for the respective club's team in a specific age/gender division. **Teams not interested in NJO qualification can still enter the Southwest Zone Championships.** The entry fee for Zone Champs will be \$250/team. Email your intent to play by Monday, May 23rd to southwestwaterpolo@earthlink.net. Please include specific team names and divisions. Rosters **MUST** be received by May 27th. Send entry fee payable to Southwest Water Polo (for Zone Champs ONLY), 7750 N. Macarthur Blvd, #120-275, Irving, TX 75063. For more information, please contact the Zone Chair, Joe Linehan at 713-705-0945 or email to southwestwaterpolo@earthlink.net.