



Halifax Wavecutters Aquatic Club Charter

Club Foundation

Halifax Wavecutters Aquatic Club (HWAC) is privately owned. HWAC provides coaching services in swimming, stroke improvement, competitive swimming, recreational and competitive water polo.

Governing Structure

President and Head Coach, Nickolay Shulga.

Executive Members

Vice President

Manager/Secretary

Members of the executive are by invitation from the President and serve a minimum of two(2) years in their position. The executive council is for guidance and administrative support in a volunteer role only. The executive council will consist of, but is not limited to, Vice President and Manager/Secretary. The voluntary members of the executive do not have access or control over the HWAC funds. This is the responsibility of the owner/President. Administrative duties in a limited role for the collection of fees only, can be performed by the manager/secretary.

Focus and Goals

Focus

- The primary focus of HWAC is to promote active lifestyles for its members both youth and adult. HWAC aims to achieve this by fostering the abilities and growth of the athletes involved in our two key areas, water polo and swimming.

Goals

- To have all athletes involved develop in their chosen sport to the highest of their ability and potential.
- To promote the sport of water polo and swimming in Nova Scotia.

- Increase the level of competitiveness in both water polo and swimming at the youth level in Nova Scotia by offering top quality water polo and competitive swimming programs to all members

Membership

1. All individuals requesting membership will be reviewed by the President/Head Coach.
2. All members must maintain a membership in good standing with the Provincial Water Polo Association of Nova Scotia or Swim Nova Scotia in accordance with that governing body's regulations.

Rules and Expectations

- HWAC rents space at aquatic facilities throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality. The members and their families are to obey these rules while in the facility.
- The club does not permit the parents on the pool deck during practice. Parents involved in coaching, filming or refereeing are permitted at the discretion of the Head Coach.
- Swimmers and players are expected to arrive on time and be prepared for practice, ie goggles, long hair tied back, swim cap on.
- If a class or practice is missed for any reason notification should be sent to the head coach ahead of time if possible. Make up classes may be arranged at the discretion of the head coach.
- If there is a swimming or water polo issue or concern, contact the head coach. Administrative concerns and questions can be handled by the other members of the executive.

Fees and Refunds

1. All fees must be paid within one month (30 days) of beginning activities with the HWAC. Participation may be denied if this condition is not fulfilled.
2. A fee instalment plan may be arranged at the discretion of the President.
3. The President has the right to request fees be paid in cash if there is a documented history with the club of any non sufficient fund returned cheques.
4. Refunds will only be issued
 - Within 30 days of the commencement of activities with the club
 - Only if all fees have been paid in full
 - Only significant medical or logistics issues may be considered for refunds outside this time period. The portion of the fee which covers pool space rental, association membership fees and tournament registration fees are non refundable at any time.
 - For members in the competitive programs, no refund of any portion of the fees will be paid if more then 50% of that year's competitive season has passed.
5. Membership can be revoked without any refund if
 - The athlete's behaviour has been documented to be, on more then one occasions, deemed un-sportsmanlike and/or detrimental to the reputation of the sport or the other member of the club.
 - If the athlete has been disciplined by their respective governing body according to that body's rules and regulations.
 - If there are documented displays by the athlete of repeated verbal and or behavioural disrespect to the coach, assistant coaches, referees and any club appointed officials.
Some examples would be refusing to participate, repeatedly not doing the task as requested by the coach, talking back to a coach or referee in an argumentative manor, persistent tardiness without explanation, verbally negative comments directed at the coach or referee, foul language, disruptive behaviour during practice.