



**Summer Water Polo Through Burnaby Barracudas
Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. What is Burnaby Barracudas?

A. Burnaby Barracudas is a summer aquatics club that provides swimming and water polo programs from May to August. Many of our water polo parents are on the executive of both clubs and as a result their children are also members of the Barracudas. That's why it may appear that it is the same club.

Q. Would we have to join another club?

A. Yes. The Barracudas is sanctioned by the BCSSA which is the British Columbia Summer Swimming Association, while Burnaby Water Polo is sanctioned by BC Water Polo.

Q. Why should we join the Barracudas summer water polo program?

A. Aside from the fact that your children will really enjoy the summer water polo tournaments and playing water polo in outdoor pools, the summer provides your children an ideal opportunity to further develop their water polo and swimming skills which will help them in the fall when Burnaby Water Polo starts again.

Q. When are the water polo practices?

A. The practices are as follows:

May – Practices are twice a week on Saturdays and Sundays at Bonsor Pool. The practices are usually in the morning between 8-10AM.

June – Practices are twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Central Park Pool on Boundary Road. The practice times are usually between 5-7PM.

July – Practices are three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Central Park Pool. The practice times are usually between 10-12PM.

The practice times that are indicated have not been finalized, however they are very close to what they will be. **All practices are typically one and a half hours which consists of a half hour dryland and one hour in the pool.**

Q. What age group does my child play in?

A. There are 5 player age groups in summer water polo.

1. P1 which is like our Atom or U12 group – Born 1999 and later
2. P2 which is like our Bantam or U14 group – Born in 1997-1998
3. P3 which is like our Cadet or U16 group – Born in 1995-1996
4. P4 which is like our Youth or U18 group – Born in 1992-1994
5. P5 is our open age group – Born 1991 and earlier

Q. When are the swimming practices?

A. Depending on the month of the season there are 5-9 swimming practices a week. Practices are usually in the afternoons from 4-6 and in the mornings from 6-8.

Swimming practices are typically one and a half hours which consists of a half hour dryland and one hour in the pool.

Q. When are the games?

A. In summer water polo, the games are played at water polo tournaments which are full day events scheduled throughout the summer. In May and June the tournaments will be on the weekends. In July the tournaments will be during the work week. Most of the tournaments occur in July. They usually start early in the morning and go through to the late afternoon. The length of each tournament depends on the number of teams that are entered into each tournament.

Q. What if I cannot accompany my child to a water polo tournament during the work week?

A. There is a pool chaperone program that allows parents to drop off their child at the pool with a parent or parents that will take responsibility for your child while they are at the tournament. All you need to do to become part of the pool chaperone program is to volunteer to be a pool chaperone for one tournament in July. If the pool chaperone program is not something you are comfortable with, talk to one of the other parents from the club whom you know to keep an eye out for your child. Keep in mind we usually play 3-4 games a day, so while they are not playing they are usually resting or hanging out with the rest of the team. They are not running around all over the place.

Q. Do I have to register my child for swimming as well?

A. No. Barracudas offers swimming only, water polo only and combined swimming and water polo programs. You can choose from any of the programs that suit your needs.

Q. What is the cost to join for water polo only?

A. The registration fee for water polo is only \$235.00 for May-August. The Barracudas are offering a \$70.00 discount for all P1 (1999 and younger) players which makes the registration fee only \$165.00 for the season.

Q. What is the cost to do both swimming and water polo?

A. The cost is \$325.00 for P1 (1999 and younger) aged players and \$395.00 for P2-P4 aged players.

Q. Are there any other fees?

A. As with many sports organizations, the Barracudas have a fundraising requirement for all registrants. The club runs a raffle for a cash prize to raise money to offset the costs of our programs. Each player is required to help us sell \$100.00 worth of tickets.

Q. How can I sign my child up for the Barracudas?

A. The Barracudas will be conducting registration at Bonsor Pool April 17 and 18 at 4:30-6:30. Registration forms will be sent to you prior to the registration day or you can go online at www.burnabybarracudas.com to download the forms. Please bring your child's Care Card number.