



Zone Junior Team 2009

Male Athletes born 1991-1992 Tryouts

Zone Youth Team 2009

Male Athletes born 1993-1994 tryouts

Goals:

- 1) Have fun playing this great game of water polo!**
- 2) Increase the number of athletes involved in zone training and competition.**
- 3) Develop team offensive and defensive philosophies.**

This is the second year of a two-year cycle; all spots will be in competition. Athletes must attend at least one tryout this Fall in order to be on the zone junior team in 2009. Tryouts shall consist of swimming sets, water polo mobility, passing and shooting skills, individual player position evaluations and team tactics during scrimmage play. Athletes must be current members of USWP (registration available online at www.usawaterpolo.com). If you are not registered for 2008, you may register online just before the tryouts and register for the 2009 calendar year. If you have never registered for USWP before, you may register as a trial or seasonal athlete for a lower cost.

Cost for trying out is \$35, made payable to "Midwest Water Polo". You must bring this check along with your proof of USWP registration on the day of the tryouts.

Saturday, November 22	Chesterfield, MO Marquette High School Youth and Juniors together 3:00-6:00 pm (contact Gregg Emde greggemde@sbcglobal.net)
Saturday, December 6	Rockford, MI Rockford High School Youth 9:00 am – 11:30 am Juniors 12:15 – 2:45 pm
Sunday, December 7	Oak Park, IL Fenwick High School Youth 11:30 - 2:00 pm Juniors 2:15 - 4:45 pm

We will select A and B squads. The "A" squads will be invited to zone-participating tournaments (barring misconduct, missed events, or poor playing performance). We will select members from the "B" squad to fill out the roster for each tournament (different "B" members might participate in different zone events) and also be invited to the zone training camps.

If an offer to be on the team is extended to you, you will be then be given two weeks to accept or decline your position on the Midwest Zone Team. We realize the time and financial commitment – athletes and their families are responsible for all expenses, including splitting the cost of coach expenses. After that two week period, we will fill the remaining roster positions.

By the time offers are made (Feb 1 at the earliest – we have to wait until USWP figures some things out on their end), we will try to have the spring and summer schedule outlined, so you would know the schedule to which you are committing. However, as those who have worked with USWP before know, some "flexibility" is important.

Currently, the national zone competitions/national team tryouts are scheduled for May 22-26. Even though The IL state championships are that weekend, we still encourage IL players to try out for the zone teams.

* Final dates and times shall be posted on the zone web site www.midwestwaterpolo.org, click Team Links, MWZ Teams, then Youth or Junior. For further information, please contact Coach Dave McWatters, 616-690-7643 or email at dmcwatters@hsparish.com.