



UNITED STATES WATER POLO



February 10, 2009

RE: Junior National Team Tryouts

Dear Principal and/or Athletic Director:

On behalf of the United States Olympic Development Committee for the Midwest Zone, which is the regional governing body for United States Water Polo (USWP), I am writing to inform you that the undersigned athlete has been selected to tryout for the USWP Midwest Zone Regional Junior Men's water polo team on March 21 in Lansing, Mi., April 26 in Rockford, Mi., and May 17, at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois. The athlete will be tested on his water polo skill levels and fifteen athletes will be selected to represent the Midwest Zone at the USWP National Junior Team Selection Tryouts on May 22nd –25th, 2009, at J. Sierra High School, San Juan Capistrano, California. From these National Tryouts, the USA National coaches will select approximately 30 athletes from across the United States to represent the USA National Team in national and international competitions during the summer months (June – August, 2009).

USWP conducts these regional and national selection tryouts each year for their Olympic development program. Eleven regions across the United States are responsible for selecting the talented array of players to represent their regional zone teams. The Midwest Zone athletes are selected from 13 states including: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Tryouts are held for the Junior (Born 1991 & 92), Youth (Born 1993 or later), levels. The Zone teams then are invited to participate in the USA National Team Tryouts held during the Spring months. The USA Olympic Team is then selected from these National Team participants.

Because the National Team Development program for these young athletes may take place during their high school water polo seasons, those wishing to participate may need an exemption from their local State Associations and Athletic Departments to allow them to participate in this program. We ask for your support with this important national activity that will help identify prospects for our USA Olympic Teams. If required by your Association, please provide the necessary approval forms and permission slips allowing the undersigned to participate in their Regional and/or National tryouts as organized by the United States Water Polo. The undersigned hereby agrees to make up, according to all school policies and procedures, any schoolwork or homework assignments missed as the results of these activities.

We wish to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dave Perry

Dave Perry
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STATE: _____ DATE: _____

ATHLETE SIGNATURE: _____ PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

ATHLETE NAME (PRINT): _____ ATHLETE PHONE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____