



Zone Junior Team 2008

Male Athletes born 1991-1992

Thanks to all who have participating in the zone junior team 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 and build upon make an impact on the national level.

We have selected a Midwest zone junior "A" team. Later, we will invite additional "B" squad players to weekend training camps, Saturday, May 10, at Rockford High School, Rockford, MI (for those not in high school water polo season) and Sunday, May 18 at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, IL.

If an offer to be on the A team is extended to you, you have until February 12 to accept or decline your position on the Midwest Zone Junior Team. We realize the time and financial commitment – athletes and their families are responsible for all expenses, including splitting the cost of coach expenses for travel trip(s). After February 12, we will fill the remaining roster positions.

We also realize, that due to the coaches and organizational changes on the national level, we are asking for a commitment to a program without a clearly defined timetable and without clearly defined costs. Unfortunately, that's the challenge of water polo. We need to all stay flexible – we'll pass on information as soon as it becomes known to us. If athletes have to decline participation later due to changing national and zone water polo events, we of course will work with the situation as best we can.

All dates are tentative (see above):

- Sat May 10 Zone Junior Training Camp, Rockford High School, Rockford, MI (for those players not in high school season -- A and B teams).
- Sun May 18 Zone Junior Training Camp, Fenwick High School, Oak Park, IL (we realize this is state finals weekend for IL, but this is the only option we have before the National Team Selection Camp Memorial Weekend – A and selected B).
- May 23-26 (or 27) National Team Tryout Tournament, United States Naval Academy, A squad
Cost last year: \$325 plus air fare.
- June-Aug ??? Other tournament opportunities; TBA based upon the developments in national and regional programs

Please respond by email by February 12, 2008: dmewatters@hsparrish.com. Or, feel free to call my cell phone at 616-690-7643.

Once again, thank you all for participating in the tryouts. You are all good players and well-coached. All the best in your future athletics!



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Midwest Zone Junior "A" Team (name, state of residence, playing position):

- 1) Brian Barron, IL, driver
- 2) Danny Barron, IL, driver
- 3) Ben Freidenberg, OH, 2-meter defense
- 4) John Gorine, MI, utility
- 5) Mark Menis, IL, driver
- 6) John Mikuzis, IL, 2-meter offense
- 7) Nathan Nemon, MI, utility
- 8) Robert Nichols, MI, utility
- 9) Dylan O'Connell, IL driver
- 10) William Page, MO, 2-meter defense
- 11) Kyler VanSwol, IL, utility
- 12) Kevin Smith, MI, goalie
- 13) Raymond Viviano, MI, goalie
- 14) Chris Wendt, IL, utility