

# Water Polo Canada

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Mayor Darrell Mussatto  
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Dear Mayor Mussatto,

Our member partner, the BC Water Polo Association, has informed us that the City of North Vancouver is planning on building a new aquatic facility. Men's was first introduced to the Olympic Games in 1900 in Paris and is credited as the first ever Olympic team sporting event. The women's game made its Olympic debut at the 2000 Games in Sydney. Due to the longevity of the sport the level of competitiveness internationally is at an all-time high. In order for Canada to be competitive at the Olympic level it is imperative that we have a strong domestic system, which in effect relies on physical infrastructure. Furthermore, BC has produced numerous Olympic level water polo athletes since the 1970s and a new Olympic sized facility will allow this proud Olympic tradition to continue to thrive and grow exponentially.

Having an Olympic sized venue will allow the BC Water Polo Association and the City of North Vancouver to host prestigious international events such as the FINA World League, the FINA Olympic Qualification Tournament, the FINA Junior World Water Polo Championships and of course our top level domestic events in the National Club Championships and National Development Premier League. In order for these events to be hosted the pool requirements are for a field of play of 30 meters in length by 20 meters in width in addition to the goals, which brings the length of the field of play to 33 meters for men. On the women's side, the field of play is 25 meters in length by 20 meters in width in addition to the goals, which brings the length of the field of play to 28 meters.

On behalf of the Canadian Water Polo Association, I would like to thank you for your time in reading this letter and your consideration for building an Olympic sized aquatic venue. I look forward to building a partnership and relationship with you and the City of North Vancouver. Should you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards,



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