



October 14-16, 2022 in Mesa, Arizona

What is Rocktober?

Rocktober is a USA Water Polo 12 & Under Coed National Tournament. 32 teams from all over the country will compete.

Will We Be Competitive?

It's always hard to say at this level, but after the first day of the tournament play it separates out into different divisions in the hopes that most of the games are not blow outs. Keep in mind that since it is a national level tournament, we'll see some very good teams. It's great to open the kid's eyes to what is possible in water polo.

Will My Child Play?

We sure hope so! Our goal at any travel tournament is for the kids to further their passion for water polo by developing their skill sets while also trying to win games. We will make every effort to play kids as much as possible, but please keep in mind that playing time will likely not be equal and is at the sole discretion of the coaching staff. We play games to win, and playing time will be reflective of that.

What Flights Should We Take?

We will let you know when you are good to book your flights. You are free to take any flight you'd like and do not have to travel as a team. Games will be held on Friday morning, so athletes will need to arrive by Thursday evening. We usually have a team dinner and meeting that night as well. Please plan on flying out late on Sunday or on Monday. Games can go into the later afternoon on Sunday.

Where Will We Stay?

We will have a team hotel and I'd encourage you to stay there if possible as half the fun of the tournament is the time in between games hanging out together (for both the kids and the parents). However, you are not required to stay at the team hotel by any means. Athletes will stay with their parents.

What About Downtime?

Downtime is the best time! We try to plan fun activities and meals as a team. None of them are required, but it certainly adds to the experience for the kids. Meals and activities are not included in the tournament fee.

What are the Fees?

The fee for the tournament is \$375. This covers coaching expenses, tournament entry fee, an athlete pizza party, a shirt for each athlete, and hopefully some hardware to bring home.

Do I need a USA Water Polo Membership?

Yes! In addition to the team fee, all athletes will need to have a bronze level (or higher) with USA Water Polo to participate. Bronze memberships are good for a full year and can be used for other camps and events throughout the year. You can join at www.usawaterpolo.org. In the past they have offered a discounted promotion in September for memberships, so you may want to wait on the membership.

Are There Team Suits?

Yes! We will ask each athlete to purchase a team suit prior to the tournament. Information be sent when available.