

Canadian UWH Nationals 2026 Information Package

May 16-17th at
UBC Aquatic Center



TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW:

- Where: University of British Columbia Aquatic Center
6080 Student Union Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
- Dates: May 16th-17th, 2026
- Cost: TBD (max \$2200 CAD /team)
- Referees: The tournament will be providing referees. Teams will not have to provide referees for the tournament. Select players will be able to referee to work towards a referee certification.
- Pool: Puck will be a Uni2, and the pool is a uniform 2.4m deep.

Per CUGA's ***UWH CUGA Sanctioned Tournament and National Championship Policy***, membership to a club is defined below:

- A club team is a team where all players are members of the same club.
- A player is considered a member of a club if they have declared their membership in that club prior to January 31st in a given year during registration as a CUGA member. (Please see policy for more details about late registration or changing clubs)
- If a player is registered with CUGA and a second national federation, for the purpose of tournaments, the club they're registered with in their country of residence will be considered their home club.
- Teams containing members from multiple clubs or international players will be considered exhibition teams and will be allowed to register if the tournament has space after all club teams have registered.

For the rest of the document, "Club" and "Exhibition" will be used to describe teams that are compliant to the above rules.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. GUARANTEED PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION

(for both Club and Exhibition teams)

In order to maximize the number of participating teams, teams who are interested in coming to Canadian Nationals, regardless of whether or not they are club or exhibition, can send a non-refundable \$500 deposit to NOVA UWH at novauwhvan@gmail.com. Clubs have until **end of day February 28th** to register and place their non-refundable deposit under this category.

Pool time for the tournament will be booked based on registration received during this period.

If during this period 16+ teams register, teams will be accepted based on the below, as laid out in CUGA's *Hosting the Canadian National Club Championship* policy:

1. The first club team from a given club
2. The second club team from a given club
3. Any additional club teams
4. Exhibition teams with 2+ non club players
5. Any additional exhibition teams.

Any teams turned away due to 16+ teams registering will receive their deposit back.

2. Second Wave - Limitedly Available Registration

Pool time was booked and based on the first guaranteed participation period. There will be limited availability for teams registering later. Club teams registering in the second wave will NOT be able to bump exhibition teams who registered in the guaranteed participation window.

- Club teams will be accepted on a first come first served basis, pending receipt of a \$500 non-refundable deposit sent to novauwhvan@gmail.com.
- Exhibition teams will be placed on a waitlist until March 31st, then will be offered spots in the order in which they registered for the waitlist.

FULL PAYMENT DUE on March 31st for all teams. Final tournament cost will be determined after the conclusion of the Guaranteed Participation Registration period in February.

3. LATE REGISTRATION

Teams registering late will be charged \$2500, if full payment is not received by end of day March 31st.

If space is still available during this period, it will be offered to teams on a first come first served basis.

ROSTERS:

- Team rosters are due on the UWH portal on **Friday May 1st for verification.**

FOOD:

- Similar to 2024, a non-perishable snack bag will be given to teams (please send suggestions with your registration)

BANQUET:

There will be no banquet. There will be an awards ceremony immediately following the last game.

FORMAT:

Format will be determined after registration is completed.

The preferred format will be a round robin format with all participating teams. The alternative format will be 2 pods (A and a B; not even).

RR Point System:

Win: 3 Points

Tie: 1 Point

Loss: 0 Points

Forfeit: -3 Points

Tiebreakers:

- Head to head
- Most Wins in the Round Robin
- Least Goals Against
- Best Goal Differential
- Coin Toss

MEDAL GAMES:

Sunday will have full playoffs.

Club teams will be able to compete in all the playoffs.

Exhibition teams will be able to play quarterfinals, but are ineligible for semifinals and finals. They will play in the relegation finals (5-8th place)

Awards will be done at the pool immediately following the Gold Medal Game.