

# 2024 Kraken Junior Olympics Information

*"The [USA Water Polo Junior Olympics Championships](#) is the largest age group water polo tournament in the Nation. Athletes and teams come from across the country to compete on the national stage. The Junior Olympics Tournament consists of three divisions, the Championship Division, Classic Division and Invitational Division dependent upon the number of teams wishing to compete in that age group. Teams compete over a 4-day period within their respective age category."*

Please fill out our [Google Interest Form](#) to be included in our Junior Olympics interest group.  
(Filling out this form is not a commitment.)

Coastal Virginia Water Polo's Kraken Team will be attending Session III of the USA Water Polo 2024 Junior Olympics.  
Session III - August 1 - 4, 2024  
North Texas (Dallas area)  
JO Expo July 31, 2024

## **Player Commitment:**

- Sign the Player Contract and Commit to the team by March 20<sup>th</sup> (late additions will be considered depending on space available)
- Each player will be expected to regularly attend JO team practices (May-July)
- Players must be gold-level USAWP members (USAWP offers a Shieldy Scholarship)
- Submit birthdate verification directly to USAWP, no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Players USAWP membership must be affiliated with our Club by May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Players who will be 18 on or before 8/4/24 must complete SafeSport core training (documented in their USAWP account) and sign our Adult Behaviors and Expectations Document, no exceptions
- Any Roster Changes after June 1<sup>st</sup> will incur a \$100 penalty (USAWP fee) which is payable by the athlete requiring the change – No changes allowed for any reason after July 12<sup>th</sup>

If for any reason we are unable to field an appropriate team for interested players (eg. not enough girls commit), we will assist in trying to find teams for those players to join for JOs. For example, two of our local girls played with the Girls 16U Longhorns team out of Austin, Texas, in the 2023 Session II Junior Olympics.

## **Costs:**

Team fees cover JO tournament entry fee and coaching costs. Kraken dues cover practices May-July. Travel arrangements, food, and souvenirs are up to each family and are not included in these fees. *Need-based financial assistance is available through a generous donor!* To help keep costs reasonable, the Club has budgeted to cover some of the expected costs and we will be fundraising in an effort to further reduce player fees, but final fees will depend on the number of teams formed and the number of athletes committed. A maximum final fee amount will be available prior to the March 20<sup>th</sup> commitment date.

Non-refundable Team Fees payment schedule:

- Deposit 1: \$200 by March 20<sup>th</sup> (players get to select their cap # upon receipt of their initial deposit!)
- Deposit 2: \$200 by April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Final Payment by May 20<sup>th</sup> (final fees will depend on number of players and team expenses, but we expect fees to remain similar to the 2023 level of \$400 total per player)
- Kraken dues (May-July): \$200, due May 20<sup>th</sup> (covers Kraken practices pool time)

*(fees will be refunded only if we are unable to field an appropriate team for the player, eg. no girls team)*

## **Travel Arrangements:**

Recommended travel dates:

- arrive by the morning of July 31<sup>st</sup> for the JO expo and team meeting
- depart the morning of August 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate with the team on the final evening (can depart late August 4<sup>th</sup>, tourney wraps up around 5:30pm)

We suggest fully refundable reservations until teams are confirmed

**Team Hotel\*:**

[Home2Suites - Lewisville, Texas](#)

450 E. Corporate Dr, Lewisville, TX 75057, 469-771-3970

A Kraken team room block will be available, details to come

*(Additional hotels are available through the USAWP hotel block here: <https://usawphotels.com/>)*

**Flights\*:**

We may look into a group rate for flights – stay tuned!

\*Families are free to make their own travel arrangements, there is no team travel requirement. Team meetings will be held at the team hotel.

Coaches will not be able to act as chaperones or drive athletes. Any family planning to send their athlete to JOs in the care of another adult may make private arrangements between those two families. The Chaperone must agree to be responsible for all aspects of the trip, including travel, local transportation, room and board, etc. The Team is not involved in those arrangements and the Team Representatives cannot be responsible for unaccompanied minors. If you plan to send your athlete with another adult, we strongly suggest considering what paperwork may be appropriate to provide to the Adult Chaperone (for example, a Limited Power of Attorney, or other document authorizing medical care). Waivers may be required by the Club for certain travel arrangements and must be completed prior to travel.

**Waivers:**

Coming soon.

**Team GroupMe:**



[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/98706873/JcKeT73r](https://groupme.com/join_group/98706873/JcKeT73r)