

Inside the Club Armada

REGINA



BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS AND ATHLETES AT EVERY LEVEL

Armada is the club name under the Regina Water Polo Association (RWPA), the sole water polo provider in Regina. To find out more about the club's 2025-2026 season, we reached out to Payton Donald, the new RWPA/WPS Communications Liaison and ILWP Coordinator. Payton has been involved with Armada for 10 years, beginning as a player and more recently adding officiating and coaching to her resume.

The club originally ran as the Piranhas and Squids, filling the void left by water polo's dismissal from the Regina High Schools Athletics Association in the late 1990s. In 2014-2015, the



Why ARMADA?

The name ties the naval strength of an armada — a fleet of warships — to the strength, strategy, and unity of a water polo team. This identity is also captured in the club logo: a star that represents the Armada while symbolizing competitiveness, physicality, and the teamwork required to succeed in the sport.

club was rebranded to Armada to distinguish itself from the Piranhas Summer Swimming Club.

The Regina Armada offers a full

pathway of water polo programming for all ages and stages, reflecting the strength and unity that inspired the club's name. At the development level, the I Love Water Polo (ILWP) program combines learn-to-swim skills with fun, game-based activities that introduce kids to water polo, supported by a new Minor



League where young athletes can showcase their progress. While the natural progression of athlete development transitions players from ILWP to Elite as they age, Armada focuses on placing each athlete in the best environment to grow, develop, and most importantly, have fun.



NEW Minor League

New this season, Armada introduced its Minor League for ILWP players, giving them the chance to showcase their skills in game play while enjoying the sport.

From there, players can move into the Semi-Competitive program to continue building their skills, or advance into the Admiral program, designed for athletes who demonstrate strong potential and commitment, with opportunities to be selected for provincial competition. The Battleship program bridges development and competitive play, giving athletes a chance to train with gender-specific competitive groups and learn from older teammates. For those aiming higher, Armada's Elite program focuses on high-performance training and provides athletes with the tools to compete at a

national level with Water Polo Saskatchewan.

Beyond youth programming, Armada also offers opportunities for older athletes. Competitive Adult Polo (CAP) allows university students and adults to train in a competitive environment alongside elite players, while Teen Rec and Adult Rec provide inclusive choices for athletes who want to stay active in the sport without the demands of high-performance training. The club strives to create a safe, fun, and welcoming environment, encouraging athletes to develop not only their skills but also lifelong friendships, with programs designed to meet the needs of all levels.

At the provincial level, Armada competes in all divisions of Water Polo Saskatchewan's Community League events. Many Armada athletes are also

part of the Water Polo Sask talent pool, with several selected each year to represent Team Sask at national competitions.

Club communication is important to keeping families connected. For ILWP or WPS event questions, contact Payton at payton@wpsask.ca. For general inquiries, reach Paula Kashton at rwpa.clubrep@gmail.com, and for registration matters, connect with Registrar Keara Lueke at rwparegistrar@gmail.com.

Why join ARMADA?

Armada strongly promotes community and friendships. It is designed to allow parents to get to know each other while athletes develop lasting relationships with their teammates. The club is always accepting new athletes and encourages players of all different skill levels to join this incredible sport.



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