



## **Zone Junior Team 2008**

*Male Athletes born 1991-1992 Tryouts*

### **Goals:**

- 1) Have fun playing this great game of water polo!**
- 2) Increase the number of athletes involved in zone training and competition.**
- 3) Develop team offensive and defensive philosophies.**

This is the first year of a two-year cycle; all spots will be in competition. Athletes must attend at least one tryout this Fall in order to be on the zone junior team in 2008. Tryouts shall consist of swimming sets, water polo mobility, passing and shooting skills, individual player position evaluations and team tactics during scrimmage play. Athletes must be current members of USWP (registration available online at [www.usawaterpolo.com](http://www.usawaterpolo.com)). If you are not registered for 2007, you may register online just before the tryouts and register for the 2008 calendar year. If you have never registered for USWP before, you may register as a new, trial athlete for a lower cost.

Cost for trying out is \$35, made payable to "Midwest Water Polo". You must bring this check along with your proof of USWP registration on the day of the tryouts. Any athlete attending more than one tryout need only pay the tryout fee once.

Saturday, November 17 Chicago, ILLINOIS Fenwick High School 11:00 am – 2:30 pm

Signins begin 10:45 am

Saturday, December 1 Rockford, MI Rockford High School 11:00 am – 2:30 pm

Signins begin 10:45 am

Monday, January 28 Selection notifications will be sent through email.

\* We basically need to squeeze the zone tryouts between the Fall Michigan polo season and the winter swim seasons. Then we need to wait until after the national USWP meeting in mid-January in order to proceed with final selections and more detailed scheduling.

We will select A and B squads. The Junior "A" squad will be invited to zone-participating tournaments (barring misconduct, missed events, or poor playing performance). We will select members from the "B" squad to fill out the roster for each tournament (different "B" members might participate in different zone events) and also be invited to the zone training camps.

If an offer to be on the team is extended to you, you will be then be given two weeks to accept or decline your position on the Midwest Zone Junior Team. We realize the time and financial commitment – athletes and their families are responsible for all expenses, including splitting the cost of coach expenses. After that two week period, we will fill the remaining roster positions.

By the time offers are made on January 28, we will try to have the spring and summer schedule outlined, so you would know the schedule to which you are committing. However, as those who have worked with USWP before know, some "flexibility" is important.

### **Events (subject to change based upon site availability and national office scheduling – both of which are always a challenge):**

May 17-18? Zone Training Camp in the Chicago Area (site TBA) A,B plus selected players

\* We realize this is state weekend for Illinois – but we need to get ready for the national tryouts the following weekend with whatever players are available.

May 23-27 ? National Tryout Camp (site TBA) Last year our roster was limited to 13 athletes

June 6-7? Zone Training Camp at Rockford High School (MI) A,B plus selected players

*Other tournaments and opportunities TBA*

\* Final dates and times shall be posted on the zone web site [www.midwestwaterpolo.org](http://www.midwestwaterpolo.org), click MW team link – Junior.. For further information, please contact Coach Dave McWatters, 616-690-7643 or email at [dmcwatters@hsparish.com](mailto:dmcwatters@hsparish.com).