



## Invitation letter for participation at 2010-11 National Development Center Vancouver ( NDC – Vancouver MEN )

### Goal and objective for opening AN NDC in Vancouver:

To raise the level of training for identified National Team ( NT ) members under the age of 19yrs old ( with some exceptions ), while working on specific NT skills which are aligned with day to day work done with athletes who are centralized in Calgary.

After many years of trying to open an NDC in Vancouver area, we are very happy to advise you that all agreements and necessary logistics are in place now and that as of **Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, NDC Vancouver will start to operate**. This is an elite skill based program, 3 times per week which will be monitored BY Senior Men's NT Staff, by regular communication with the NDC Coaches by mentoring them and educating them throughout Coaching Clinics or visiting the NDC whenever possible and working with the athletes and Coaches.

### Format

The NDC will run enhanced training for the identified athletes three times per week. **It is not intended to replace club training, it is enhanced training in addition to club training**. There will be no travel or games scheduled, it is a training program.

### Training times and location: (please arrive 15 minutes prior to the pool time noted below)

Thursdays: 9:30-11pm @ VAC (Vancouver Aquatic Center )

Saturdays: 8-10pm @ WGCC Langley Pool

Sundays: 4-6pm @ WGCC Langley Pool

NDC Season will be from September (first year we will start little later as stated above ) until the end of June (when various NT's will be starting centralization ). Once the Club season is done and there is no training scheduled at that level, we may increase the number of practices per week in order to give the opportunity to the athletes to come well prepared to NT centralization. This will be communicated to all of you later on, if required.

British Columbia coaches **Kevin Mitchell** (Head Coach) and **Nikola Maric** (Assistant Coach) will be operating the program.

**Dragan Jovanovic**, Senior Men's National Team Head Coach is overseeing the program to ensure proper integration of athlete development at all levels.

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This season, we will be accepting 30 athletes (15 from Pacific Storm and 15 from Fraser Valley Water Polo Clubs ) by invitation only, based on their potential for Senior NT one day. Athletes that will be considered are born in between 1991-96 with some exceptions.

**Fee:** This program is funded by the Senior Men's Program, with additional financial support from the BCWPA, has allowed the player fee for the full season to be \$400.00/player.

## **Rules of NDC:**

- 1. All NDC athletes must be present at 100% of all Club practices**
- 2. The NDC training attendance is MANDATORY. Exceptions include school or doctors note (not on regular basis).**
- 3. Any athlete whose absence persists without notice to coaching staff may be removed from the program without A refund.**

We understand that this is very big commitment from both, athletes and parents but this is a High Elite Program that it isn't for everyone. You have been chosen to participate in this program because of your talent and potential.

If you agree to the terms and conditions of this program, please send your acceptance to Kevin Mitchell at [kevinmitchell\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinmitchell_@hotmail.com) by October 18<sup>th</sup> , 2010.

PLAYER FEES (\$400) ARE TO BE PAID TO WATER POLO CANADA BY OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>, BY CREDIT CARD ONLY. PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO [office@waterpolo.ca](mailto:office@waterpolo.ca) OR FAX TO 613-748-5777. THANK YOU.

Sincerely  
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