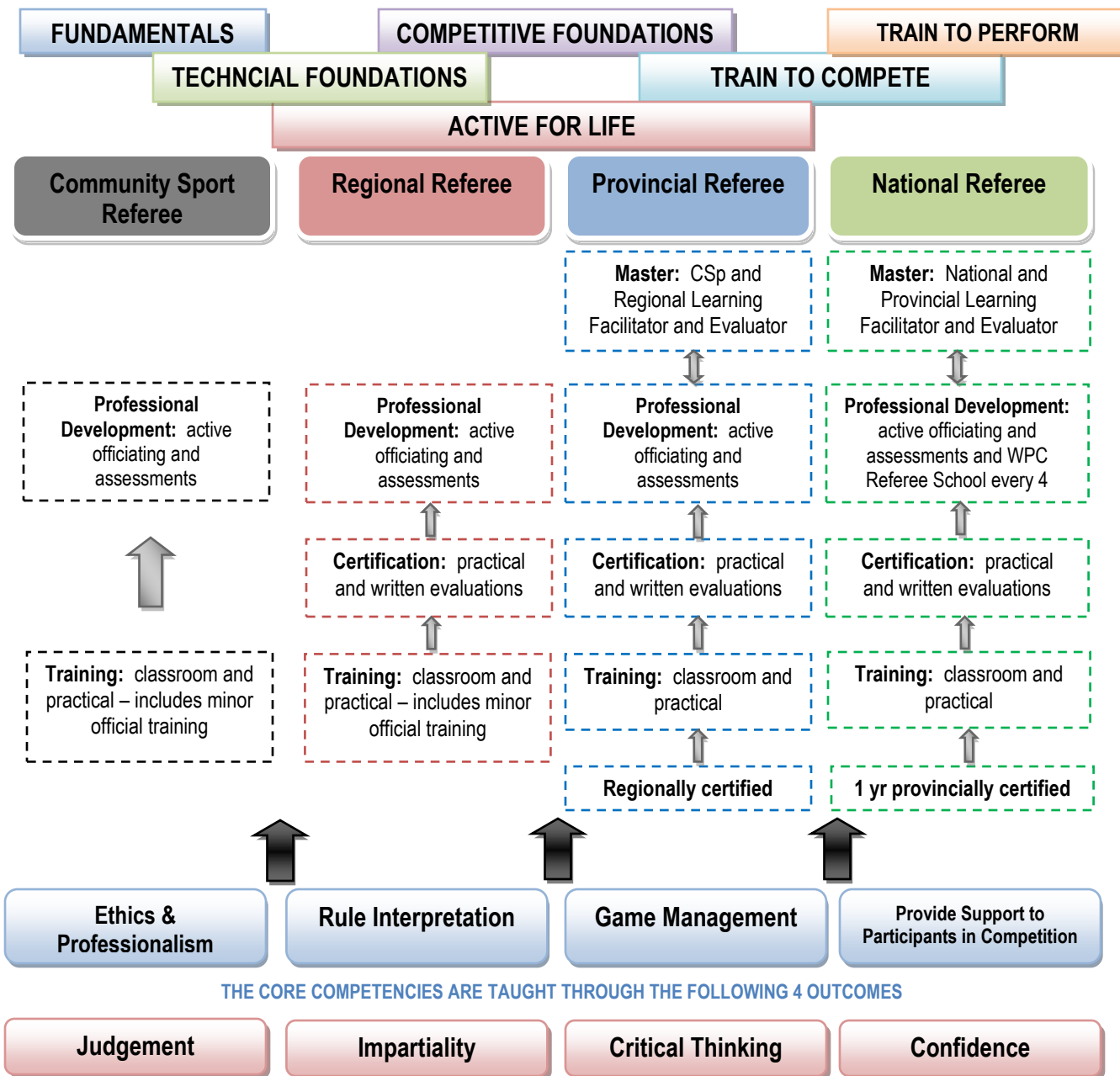


# WATER POLO CANADA OFFICIALS TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (OTCP)

**Mission:** To identify, recruit, train, and promote the development of consistent competent Canadian water polo officials.  
**Vision:** To maintain a leadership role in the education, development, and performance of world class Canadian water polo officials.



THERE ARE 4 OTCP CORE COMPETENCIES

The Community Sport Referee course targets officials with little to no water polo experience. The basics of refereeing and minor officiating are taught specifically for children's water polo.

The Region Referee course targets officials with a basic knowledge of the rules of water polo. This course targets referees and athletes who are being introduced to competition at the regional and provincial levels.

The Provincial Referee course targets officials with knowledge of the rules of water polo. This course targets referees and athletes who are refining their competitive skills at the provincial and national levels.

The National Referee course targets officials with prior water polo experience. This course targets referees and athletes who are perfecting and maintaining their competitive skills at the national level.

Referees can be "in training", "trained", or "certified" in any of the OTCP levels. Referees may challenge their certification at the Regional and Provincial levels by demonstrating their competency by achieving the desired outcomes through evaluation.

The OTCP certifies officials who have demonstrated their ability to apply critically important competencies in referee situations relevant to the athletes they officiate. This means that referees must not only know about officiating but be able to demonstrate their ability to apply this knowledge in the game situations. Certification is valid for no longer than 2 years and professional development is required to maintain certification.

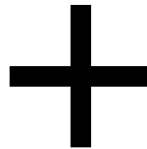
# WATER POLO CANADA COMMUNITY SPORT REFEREE PATHWAY

Point of entry  
through Club

## ***3 hours of classroom training***

1. Ethics and Professionalism
2. Rule Interpretation
3. Game Management
4. Provide Support to Participants in Competition

*Includes training as a minor official*



## ***2 hours of practical training***

1. Ethics and Professionalism
2. Rule Interpretation
3. Game Management
4. Provide Support to Participants in Competition

*Includes 1 game as a referee and 1 game as a minor official*



**TRAINED AS A  
COMMUNITY SPORT  
REFEREE**

# WATER POLO CANADA REGIONAL REFEREE PATHWAY

Point of entry  
through PSO

## **6 hours of classroom training**

1. Ethics and Professionalism
2. Rule Interpretation
3. Game Management
4. Provide Support to Participants in Competition

*Includes training as a minor official*



## **3.5 hours of practical training**

1. Ethics and Professionalism
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3. Game Management
4. Provide Support to Participants in Competition

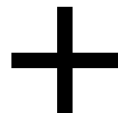
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**TRAINED  
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REGIONAL  
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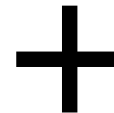
Point of entry  
through PSO

Completion of  
online exam at  
[www.waterpolo.ca](http://www.waterpolo.ca)



## **20 hours of refereeing**

Scrimmages; joint  
trainings; games



## **3 evaluations**

Regional  
invitational events

**12U and older  
mixed or gender  
specific**



**CERTIFIED  
AS A  
REGIONAL  
REFEREE**

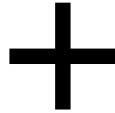
**Online Regional exam must be completed prior to practical evaluations. Certification as a Regional Referee will last for a period of 2 years. To maintain and renew certification a referee must be active. A Regional Referee must complete 20 hours of officiating to be considered active.**

# WATER POLO CANADA PROVINCIAL REFEREE PATHWAY

Point of entry  
through PSO

## **6 hours of classroom training**

1. Ethics and Professionalism
2. Rule Interpretation
3. Game Management
4. Provide Support to Participants in Competition



## **5.5 hours of practical training**

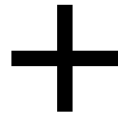
1. Ethics and Professionalism
  2. Rule Interpretation
  3. Game Management
  4. Provide Support to Participants in Competition
- Includes 3 games as a referee and 2 games as a peer assessor*



**TRAINED  
AS A  
PROVINCIAL  
REFEREE**

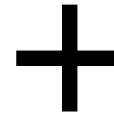
Point of entry  
through PSO

Completion of  
online exam at  
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## **30 hours of refereeing**

Scrimmages; joint  
trainings; games



## **6 evaluations**

Invitational/open  
events; Provincial  
Championships/  
Playdowns;  
National Events

**16U and older  
gender specific**



**CERTIFIED  
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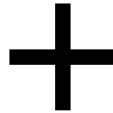
**Online Provincial exam must be completed prior to practical evaluations. At least 50% of evaluated games must be deemed as "Difficult" by the evaluator. Certification as a Provincial Referee will last for a period of 2 years. To maintain and renew certification a referee must be active. A Provincial Referee must complete 30 hours of officiating to be considered active.**

# WATER POLO CANADA NATIONAL REFEREE PATHWAY

Point of entry  
through WPC

## 6.5 hours of classroom training

1. Ethics and Professionalism
2. Rule Interpretation
3. Game Management
4. Provide Support to Participants in Competition



## 6.5 hours of practical training

1. Ethics and Professionalism
2. Rule Interpretation
3. Game Management
4. Provide Support to Participants in Competition

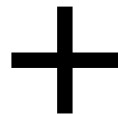
*Includes 4 games as a referee and 2 games as a peer assessor*



**TRAINED  
AS A  
NATIONAL  
REFEREE**

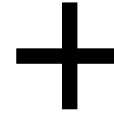
Point of entry  
through WPC

Completion of  
online exam at  
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## 40 hours of refereeing

Scrimmages; joint  
trainings; games



## 6 evaluations

2 x Invitational/Open  
or Provincial  
Championships/  
Playdowns  
4 x National Events

18U and older  
gender specific



**CERTIFIED  
AS A  
NATIONAL  
REFEREE**

Online National exam must be completed prior to practical evaluations. At least 50% of evaluated games must be deemed as "Difficult" by the evaluator. Certification as a National Referee will last for a period of 2 years. To maintain and renew certification a referee must be active. A National Referee must complete 40 hours of officiating to be considered active.