

## REFEREE DEVELOPMENT FUND POLICY

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### **Rationale:**

The purpose of the Referee Development Fund is to enhance the quality and sustainability of officials for water polo in Manitoba by providing financial support for the recruitment, training, certification and ongoing professional development of referees.

### **Eligibility:**

Any member in good standing who has shown a commitment to water polo may apply. Preference will be given to those who are already certified as a Community Sport Referee.

### **Source of Funds:**

The Referee Development Fund will be supported by a \$5 surcharge on all MWPA membership fees<sup>1</sup>.

### **Process of Submission:**

Eligible members may submit a formal request for funding from the Referee Development Fund addressed to the MWPA Executive Director at any time during the membership year. Please note that the submission of a funding request does not guarantee approval.

The MWPA Executive Director, in collaboration with the Technical Committee Chairperson, will review and determine eligibility for funding.

A formal response from the MWPA office will be sent within two weeks of receiving the application.

### **Disbursement of Funds**

Expenditures from the Referee Development Fund require the pre-approval of the Executive Director as noted above.

All claims must be based on and follow the Financial Policy.

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<sup>1</sup> As approved at the 2017/18 AGM of the MWPA.