

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Beth Mundo
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 9:04 AM
To:
Subject: Water Polo

I'm writing to you all today ahead of your 10:00 meeting discussing allowing the sport of water polo continue within the state of Nevada.

We have been members of the water polo community for over 14 years and are very familiar with the sport while recognizing that most outside of California are not that well versed in the sport.

We believe the committee should reconsider not allowing this sport to continue within Nevada for the following reasons.

Water polo is similar to hockey which is allowed under the current plan to continue with practices and games. Water polo follows the same guidelines. There are even less players around each other than football and soccer WHICH ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.

Water polo is played in chlorinated water that has proven to kill covid-19.

The state has allowed pools to open and people to congregate in small groups for months. We are asking for this same fairness.

Water polo players do not congregate in groups and is a fast paced game similar to hockey which is allowed. We are asking for this same fairness.

Water polo has limited players in the pool at a time similar to hockey but NOT similar to football or soccer, which are allowed. We are asking for this same fairness.

All other states have opened up their polo programs except for Nevada which only has one program. We are asking for this same fairness.

The water polo community has taken every precaution necessary to keep our families safe

Water polo should NOT be singled out because of unfamiliarity. Rules should be fair across the board.

Football, soccer and hockey are all allowed. Water polo must be allowed as well based on the descriptions set forth by the SNHD, the committee and other sports aligned organizations.

Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Jerry Weathersby
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:17 AM
To:

Subject: The sport of water polo needs your help!

Our request to re-classify water polo has been denied and we need your help.

As a former player, coach and parent of water polo players, I understand a lot about playing the sport. Our view, based on scientific data, is that water polo has been inaccurately classified as a high risk of transmission sport. In fact, since water polo is played in a highly chlorinated environment (which kills the COVID-19 virus, the players have chlorine all over their bodies, in their hair, in their faces in the mouths, nostrils throughout their games in the pool), when combined with proper on-deck protocols, water polo is safe and represents an extremely low risk of transmission.

Below are some links to Water Polo Associations and their views:

[COVID-19 Guidelines - American Water Polo](#)

https://nfhs.org/media/3812287/2020-nfhs-guidance-for-opening-up-high-school-athletics-and-activities-nfhs-smac-may-15_2020-final.pdf

[Water polo is the team sport with less risk of COVID-19 infection, study finds :: BIWPA](#)



Water polo is the team sport with less risk of COVID-19 infection, study...

According to a study from the Polytechnic University of Turin

<https://usawaterpolo.org/news/2021/3/9/general-usa-water-polo-letter-to-oregon-governor-kate-brown-regarding-water-polo-return-to-play.aspx>

Please take the time to look, read these above additional resources to reconsider, while other sports, in the same classification as water polo are allowed to have the ability to play games and host tournaments.

We are asking for the same consideration and consistency in the decision making process.

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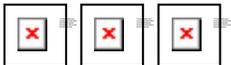
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Thank you for your time.

Thank You,

Jerry Weathersby

The Lord has not confined me, He has helped define me and set me free



Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Joe Ruzic
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:12 AM
To:

Subject: Equality in Youth Sports- Urgent Request to Reclassify Water Polo in Las Vegas
Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern-

Water Polo needs your help! Our request to re-classify water polo has been denied, shocking development.

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Why would you hold kids back after what they have been through? Why do we need to travel to all surrounding states to play? Chlorine has been proven to be a barrier to virus transmission.

LET THEM PLAY! LET THEM PLAY! LET THEM PLAY!

Thank you for your time. Looking forward to next steps.

Joe Ruzic

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From: Laura Cunningham
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Meagan Werth Ranson
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Best,

Marina

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From: Milorad Micha Pavlovic
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Thank You,

Micha Pavlovic
Praetorian WPC

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From: Nick Baba
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In addition, we have stringent protocols in place for double testing (a test prior to the event within 6 days AND ANOTHER ON SITE THE DAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT!). None of the other sports within the same tier for which you are allowing competitions does this!

Youth athletes see professional athletes getting tested and allowed to play, and wonder why not them...?

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Please allow at least a test event for us to show you how we do it safely. We can pay for your monitors' Covid test to be on site to evaluate.

There seems to be no logical reason for you not to allow this, no reason in science and no reason in data. Plus you are allowing other sports who operate with less or no covid protocols to compete. This is simply unequitable to say the least, and can be considered prejudiced!

Thank you for your timely consideration!



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Meagan Werth Ranson

From: Steven Munatones
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:11 AM
To: Meagan Werth Ranson
Subject: Chlorinated environments = physicians' offices, hospitals and pools

I agree 100% with the state's mandated policies that are necessary to get through this COVID-19 pandemic: mask wearing, social distancing, and quarantining.

But the fear of transmitting COVID-19 in outdoor chlorinated pools is not based on facts or science.

I know the State and you cannot grant exceptions to rules. All Americans must be treated equally and fairly.

However, I think the concept of exceptions should be viewed differently.

Every hospital, medical clinic and other establishments open to the public use disinfectants - including bleach - to prevent the spread of COVID-19. So the widely accepted policy is to use liquid bleach - otherwise known as chlorine - to disinfect and clean these areas. That is, a location without bleach needs to be cleaned with liquid chlorine.

A pool, of course, does not fall into that category. Pools are an chlorinated environment. In a pool, our skin, our hair, every orifice is bathed with chlorine. The exception to this rule are football fields, basketball courts, gyms, fitness clubs, restaurants, casinos, and yes, doctors' offices. Those players and individuals are not bathed in liquid bleach.

When it comes to chlorinated environments - the safest possible place to be in a pandemic - the pool is the rule. That is, dryland environments are the exception.

Scientists, physicians, virologists and epidemiologists - when pushed - agree of the following:

1. Chlorinated water kills pathogens.
2. The humidity over a pool's surface makes it hard for airborne pathogens to be disseminated in the same manner as in non-aquatic, low-humidity environments.
3. Chlorine gas traces above the pool water has a disinfectant action.
4. If a virus were in the air above the water and it did land on a swimmer or player's face or arms, as soon as they put their face or arms back in the water, the chlorine would render the virus immediately harmless.

And most importantly, these same well-educated, intelligent professionals use liquid bleach to clean their own offices, clinics and research laboratories.

In summary, I strongly believe that if we honestly follow the science, we will conclude that playing water polo in a chlorinated environment is not only safe, but it is also the safest place to be in a pandemic.

For this reason, I urge the State to reclassify the game of water polo and allow games to be played. It is safe. It is good. It is right. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Steven Munatones, CEO & Co-founder

