

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** Imelda  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:17 PM  
**To:**

**Subject:** Still No Equality in Youth Sports-Reclassification of Water Polo

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**From:** Jamie Gzesh Jobin  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 8:34 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** COVID19 Plans; Terry Reynolds; PressRoom Nevada Health Response; Caleb Cage  
**Subject:** Reclassification of Water Polo

March 21, 2021

Dear Governor Sisolak ,NV Task Force, and Department of Business & Industry,

As both a teacher and parent, I understand the importance of athletics and its impact on today's youth, especially during these times. You recently announced that NIAA full-contact sports can resume with the implementation of a Covid-19 plan. Similar to NIAA sports, water polo also provides players with academic and athletic opportunities/scholarship at the state, national and international level. Water polo is not an NIAA sport; however, water polo should be given the same equity as other NIAA sports. I respectfully request you reconsider your current classification of water polo.

Water polo is played in chlorinated water, both indoors and outdoors, where players are submerged in chlorinated water with their faces either doused with chlorinated or submerged. According to the CDC, "There is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread through the use of pools and hot tubs." [Click here for article.](#) In addition, "The average amount of chlorine in a pool is going to kill the virus," Roberta Lavin, professor of medicine at University of Tennessee's College of Nursing, tells US Masters Swimming. [Click here for article.](#) Water polo players are submerged in chlorinated water, which helps minimize the risk of Covid.

Other states, like Utah and Texas, have hosted water polo tournaments. Mandatory Covid testing prior to travel and on-site testing at the tournament, along with mandatory masks on deck, and spectator limitations have ensured that players can play safely. No reported cases of Covid have occurred at these tournaments.

I understand the need for safety regarding Covid-19 and adherence to Covid-19 protocols; however, both hotel swimming pools and water parks have been open to the public since last year. These facilities do not require Covid-19 testing prior to entry. They require wearing masks and temperature checks (at some locations). As stated before, water polo tournaments require players to test prior to travel and on-site the day of the tournament, playing in an environment that helps minimize the risk of Covid-19.

I implore you to reconsider your classification of water polo in order to allow Nevada athletes to fully pursue the sport they love.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jamie Jobin

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**From:** Jason Krotts  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 2:44 PM  
**To:**

**Cc:**  
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To whom it may concern;

This email is to implore you to reconsider your stance on reclassifying water polo in order to allow Nevada athletes to pursue the sport they love, safely. I am a parent of three youth participants and find the current situation completely baffling. We live in California, pay property taxes on real estate owned in both Nevada and Utah. While I fully understand the challenges and struggles facing government, health departments and hospital systems alike, the mental health and well being of an entire generation (of future voters) is being ignored and mismanaged!

Since early November, numerous families and teams have been traveling to Utah from California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas and Colorado to play in water polo tournaments. These tournaments implemented safe Covid-19 protocols and testing to ensure the health and safety of all who participate – players, staff, referees and spectators. There is a two step testing process, one prior to arrival and a second with-in 24 hours of play. To date, there has not been a known occurrence, outbreak or systemic transfer of the virus as a result of, or linked to any of these tournaments.

Just yesterday, I returned from a tournament held in St. George, Utah. In lieu of driving the entire 6 hours from Orange County, I flew through Las Vegas and drove. This was our 6<sup>th</sup> trip to Utah since November to play. I have never once felt concerned or had any questions about traveling or play. However, I will tell you with 100% certainty – my fears grew yesterday when we returned to Las Vegas! To me, it looked as if there was never a pandemic. I was completely floored by what I saw as further depicted here...[CLICK HERE TO SEE A PACKED HOUSE AT THE POOL!](#) An argument can be made that these pictures were taken outside; however, what I witnessed inside was even more alarming. People openly walking around without masks in very enclosed environments, capacity crowds which resembled a memory of what it used to be like pre-pandemic. I was shocked and rather appalled especially when the well being of so many youth is being completely disregarded and ignored.

Every state leader or taskforce has been discussing how data supports their arguments for opening society and the economy safely. Yet, there is zero common sense being applied when it comes to youth sports. There is **no proof to refute that water polo is unsafe**, but you are allowing other sports in the same classification as polo the ability to play games and host tournaments in Nevada. Youth water polo is only asking for the same consideration and consistency in the decision making process.

Here is a [link](#) to a letter from the CEO of USA Water polo, the national organization governing the sport. This letter and many others have been published on the USA Water polo website to various Governors regarding water polo safety and Covid-19.

Many states are making accommodations and either re-examining their previous decisions or reclassifying the sport as the risk seem to have been mitigated now that more information has been learned. Water polo is no more of a “high risk of transmission” sport as soccer, basketball, hockey, lacrosse or football. One could argue it is less of a safety issue as a result of being played in a chlorinated environment which has been proven to kill the virus.

California’s Governor recently changed course and allowed water polo to be played. This allowed for a shortened high school season and future club events to resume. As a result, you definitely see a difference in the demeanor of the youth associated this sport.

For those who are able to have a say in the decision, I would strongly urge you to reconsider and allow for youth water polo to resume play in Nevada.

Thank You,

Jason Krotts

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**From:** Jennifer McNatt  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 7:24 AM  
**To:**

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 4:52 PM  
**To:**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:32 AM  
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**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 3:48 PM  
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**Subject:** Equality in Youth Sports-Reclassification of Water Polo

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Thank you,  
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## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** Jorge Duarte  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 2:08 AM  
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**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:46 AM  
**To:** Meagan Werth Ranson

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**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 2:52 PM  
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Karin Wegner

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** KARRI MONTES  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 6:12 PM  
**To:**

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Karri Montes

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** Karri Montes <  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 6:15 PM  
**To:**

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## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 11:41 AM  
**Cc:**

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## Meagan Werth Ranson

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Kathleen Brunton

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 8:21 AM  
**To:**

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## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** Katrina R. Printup  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 6:37 PM  
**To:**

**Subject:** Please HELP Water Polo

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Greetings Governor, NV Task Force, and Business and Industry Director, and news media,

As a parent of a water polo player I am respectfully imploring you to reconsider your stance on reclassifying water polo in order to allow Nevada athletes to pursue the sport they love.

We hear time and again how the pandemic has negatively impacted our kids mental health. I can attest to this fact. My son is a Junior in high school and became severely depressed. The isolation impacting him to the point of requiring medical attention.

Junior year in high school is a critical time for colleges to select their players. My son saw that slipping away and with your denial it will be nearly impossible for him to be competitive and play his beloved sport in college. You are ensuring that he continues down the path of depression. This is sport has been a godsend to our family.

We tried baseball, football, soccer, swimming... you name it ... all to no avail, until water polo. This team has changed everything for us. Amazing coaching, exercise and friendships that will last a lifetime.

When I took my son to his doctor and asked if he should go to practice the answer was a resounding yes! It's safe! There was no concern about contracting covid. In fact, it would be critical to his success in overcoming depression.

I cannot help but feel that we are not prioritized when it comes to youth sports. Why aren't we in high schools? Why can't we host tournaments and get the same support as mainstream sports?

I would argue that the unconventional sports are MORE critical than mainstream because they attract the kids who didn't or don't fit in. They are more welcoming and supportive than the other sports.

I know from experience, if a kid takes longer to show interest in sports or is not coordinated, they are not allowed to play on mainstream teams. Kids have to start at age 3 or 4 or they don't get to play. That is NOT the case with water polo. Mainstream sport kids get trapped into a sport that may not be able to get out of, they don't see an alternative. Water polo is that perfect alternative.

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Sent from my iPhone

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** Katrina R. Printup  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 7:26 AM  
**To:**

**Subject:** Still No Equality in Youth Sports-Reclassification of Water Polo

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Greetings Governor, NV Task Force, and Business and Industry Director, and news media,

As a parent of a water polo player I am respectfully imploring you to reconsider your stance on reclassifying water polo in order to allow Nevada athletes to pursue the sport they love.

We hear time and again how the pandemic has negatively impacted our kids mental health. I can attest to this fact. My son is a Junior in high school and became severely depressed. The isolation impacting him to the point of requiring medical attention.

Junior year in high school is a critical time for colleges to select their players. My son saw that slipping away and with your denial it will be nearly impossible for him to be competitive and play his beloved sport in college. You are ensuring that he continues down the path of depression. This is sport has been a godsend to our family.

We tried baseball, football, soccer, swimming... you name it ... all to no avail, until water polo. This team has changed everything for us. Amazing coaching, exercise and friendships that will last a lifetime.

When I took my son to his doctor and asked if he should go to practice the answer was a resounding yes! It's safe! There was no concern about contracting covid. In fact, it would be critical to his success in overcoming depression.

I cannot help but feel that we are not prioritized when it comes to youth sports. Why aren't we in high schools? Why can't we host tournaments and get the same support as mainstream sports? Our sport does not discriminate; male, female, lgbtq+, tall or short, skinny or heavy are welcome and embraced. Why is our government discriminating against us???

I would argue that the unconventional sports are MORE critical than mainstream because they attract the kids who didn't or don't fit in. They are more welcoming and supportive than the other sports.

I know from experience, if a kid takes longer to show interest in sports or is not coordinated, they are not allowed to play on mainstream teams. Kids have to start at age 3 or 4 or they don't get to play. That is NOT the case with water polo. Mainstream sport kids get trapped into a sport that may not be able to get out of, they don't see an alternative. Water polo is that perfect alternative.

Maybe you don't know this but our kids are the only team that represents Nevada. Some of our kids participate in the Olympic development programs, some have traveled to other countries to play. We host international players. We bring money into Las Vegas when we host tournaments. Your decision to block our ability to play, takes money away from Las Vegas.

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## **Meagan Werth Ranson**

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**From:** Kelly Dubs  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 6:21 PM  
**To:**

**Subject:** Equality in Youth Sports-Reclassification of Water Polo

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**Thank you for your time.**

**Thank You,**

Sent from Kelly Dubs iPhone

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** Kevin Frost  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 9:56 AM  
**To:**

**Subject:** Water polo needs your help! Our request to re-classify water polo has been denied.

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Thank You,

Kevin Frost

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** Christine M  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 2:50 PM  
**To:**

**Subject:** Still No Equality in Youth Sports-Reclassification of Water Polo

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Please reclassify the tier water polo falls under and allow them to play!

Respectfully,

Chris & Kevin McCracken

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** bnknsd  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 4:22 PM  
**To:**

**Subject:** Bring back Water Polo

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Tp Whom it May Concern:

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Thank You,

Kim Hightower

PS ...This sport is played in chlorine...a huge component in BLEACH which as we know kills viruses and bacteria.

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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**From:** Kim Krotts  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:16 PM  
**To:**

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 4:29 PM  
**To:**

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Thank You,

Kim Washburn

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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Governor, NV Task Force, Department of Business & Industry,

This email is to implore you to reconsider your stance on reclassifying water polo in order to allow Nevada athletes to pursue the sport they love, safely. You and taskforce leaders have been shown our argument and supporting data for a safe return to play.

We cannot help but feel that we are not prioritized when it comes to youth sports. Is it because we aren't a casino? Maybe we don't know the right "people" or political figure? Perhaps we don't have a strong lobby or money to get noticed. We are, afterall, just a non-profit sports team. However, we are water polo players with passion and love for this sport. We pride ourselves in coaching and teaching all levels of play from beginners in splash ball to sending our high school players to division one collegiate teams.

Sadly, your denial in today's meeting with the Coronavirus Response Director gave us no path to return to play. **No proof to refute that our sport is unsafe has been provided** and you are allowing other sports, in the same classification as water polo, the ability to play games and host tournaments. We are asking for the same consideration and consistency in the decision making process.

**HOW CAN THIS BE APPROVED AND NOT WATER POLO!?! THIS IS HAPPENING NOW IN OUR TOWN. [CLICK HERE TO SEE A PACKED HOUSE AT THE POOL!](#)**

Fact - Hockey is having games weekly and it even says on [their website](#) (scroll down to 2021 Schedule). I have seen these games and can send you videos to support my claim. Look at the first sentence on that page. It says MORE GAMES! Was their approval supposed to be a secret?

Fact - Department of Business and Industry has approved an application to [host a hockey tournament March 19-22](#). **How is a sport that is classified as prohibited under [current guidelines](#) able to acquire such an approval? [They are even noted here as being classified as high contact sport \(second paragraph\)](#).** Dept of B&I claims the tournament will not allow "checking" and that is how they were approved. Is that the only contact in hockey? What about faceoffs? Defense on the puck? Fighting for the puck on the boards? Can they guarantee all that will not happen at this tournament? And if it does happen, will the event be canceled. Doesn't sound like hockey if they can't do those things. Rest assured they will.

Fact - You mentioned you can't make an exception for a single sport. This statement is false. You just reclassified Lacrosse and you are allowing hockey games events without reclassification.

Fact - While I am happy for Lacrosse and Hockey, I have the same passion for my sport as they do. I hope to join them in their path to return to play.

Please explain to me why you can't approve our request to be able to have contact in our practices and the ability to have games while others in the Battle Born State of Nevada are?. We are soccer, basketball, football, lacrosse, and hockey (all approved) DIPPED IN CHLORINE! Chlorine is a disinfectant that kills the virus!

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), when combined with proper on-deck protocols, water polo is safe and represents an extremely low risk of transmission.

When playing water polo, faces and bodies are frequently submerged, immediately killing the virus. The positive effects of chlorine are not just limited to the water. Chlorine gas hovers above the water's surface acting as an additional disinfectant. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that there is NO evidence of COVID-19 transmission through swimming pools, while the World Health Organization (WHO) has also identified only a limited risk of contamination and illness at well-managed facilities.

Please reach out to us so we can work this out together. We need your leadership on this Governor.

Thank You,

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