



It is with great pleasure that the Manitoba Water Polo Association announces that Kelsey Johansen, (MWPA High Performance Director) has accepted a short term contract with Water Polo Canada as a part of the NextGen Athlete Identification Project for the 2024 National Team. From February through April 2018, this project will support talent identification, team selection for future Age Group National Teams, and is part of Water Polo Canada's overall High Performance Development Strategy.

In this role, Kelsey joins other Regional Coaches from across Canada to support WPC's identification of NextGen Athletes including supporting the delivery of the Western Regional High Performance Camp (Surrey BC, April 2018), delivery of a Gold Medal Profile (GMP) Workshop for Manitoba Coaches, physical testing of all WPC identified NextGen athletes in Manitoba, delivering and monitoring training plans of all WPC identified athletes in Manitoba until National Team programs begin (including developing enhanced training, monitoring and long-term competition plans and assessments of their Daily Training Environment), and conducting monthly training camps for identified NextGen athletes and their coaches in Manitoba to assess GMP progression.

The NextGen Athlete Identification Project is an initiative that is supported and approved jointly by Own the Podium, Sport Canada and the Canadian Olympic Foundation who are a few of Water Polo Canada's great partners and supporters within the Canadian Sport System.

If you are a Club coach in Manitoba, and are interested in the Gold Medal Profile (GMP) Workshop or coach Manitoba athletes interested in the NextGen Athlete Identification process, please contact National Team NextGen Regional Coach, Kelsey Johansen (KelseyMJohansen@gmail.com).

For additional information about the NextGen Athlete Identification Project or to field project-specific questions please contact Water Polo Canada's High Performance Direction, Justin Oliveira (joliveira@waterpolo.ca).

