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## Junior Olympians Medal

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Diablo Water Polo Club's 12U girls' team took home the silver medal at the 2013 USA Water Polo Junior Olympic Championships held in early August in Orange County. The team, coached by Bennett Indart and John Roemer, defeated United Water Polo Club 10-4 in the semi-final on Sunday morning to face Santa Barbara in the championship game. Santa Barbara beat Diablo 7-2 for the gold.

The girls also won the girls U14 division at the Santa Cruz Classic water polo tournament July 12. They breezed by the first two games and won the final match 6-2.

The USA Water Polo Junior Olympic Championships is the largest age group water polo tournament in the country. This year, over 500 teams with over 9,000 athletes competed at the tournament.

Diablo Water Polo was founded by Olympian Maureen O'Toole-Purcell and the program's alumni include Olympians Maggie and Jessica Steffens.

Top row, from left: Coach Bennett Indart, Bella Wentzel (Lafayette), Christina Crum (Moraga), Ali Bamberger, Lauren Indart, Alex Brown, head coach John Roemer; bottom row: Brooke Westphal (Lafayette), Jewel Roemer, Sydney Milham, Apurva Oak (Orinda), Nina Munson (Moraga), Morgan Lewis, Julia Laurland, Jenna Seaman; not pictured: Lexi Rowell (Lafayette). Photo provided

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