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## Afghanistan Water Polo team coming to the US in November 2011 for first international training trip.

*Bonsall, California – July 18, 2011* – Afghanistan Water Polo is proud to announce that the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team is finally scheduled for a critical training trip to the United States in November 2011. This trip will help the athletes of the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team experience the high-level of training and competition necessary to prepare the team to compete internationally. This level of training is unavailable in their home country.

This was made possible through the aid of pilots and flight attendants at Delta Airlines. This is an exciting time for the team and a major milestone.

The team will travel throughout Southern California and train with college teams and USA Water Polo youth and master's club teams. The team will also attend speaking engagements and interviews with local community and professional organizations, and participate in volunteer and outreach programs.

While in the United States, these athletes will experience what the Western World has to offer, and the team will be able to better understand why the United States and other Western countries are eager to assist their nation. By providing Afghans with the opportunity to experience other nations and cultures, we provide them with hope that their country's re-emergence into the international community is a step closer.

**About Afghanistan Water Polo:** Afghanistan Water Polo was established to develop and promote sport and peace in a country where sports take a distant place to the realities of war, and supports the Afghanistan National Water Polo team. Sanctioned by the Afghanistan National Olympic Committee, Afghanistan National Water Polo is dedicated to developing local, provincial and national team programs, while providing opportunities for the people of Afghanistan to learn, grow, and compete.

By providing Afghans with the opportunity to experience other nations and cultures, we provide them with hope that their country's re-emergence into the international community is a step closer. Together, our efforts can help stabilize a volatile region of the world, bring hope to the nation, and promote "Peace through sport".

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