



NCAA National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship Executive Summary

Dates

- December 1* – 2, 2028
- November 30* – Dec. 2, 2029
- December 6* – 8, 2030

*The championship provides for a field of eight teams; however, there is potentially one opening round game prior to the championship. The host venue shall be available to host the opening round game the Wednesday prior to the championship, as well as the finals.

Facility Requirements

- The minimum depth of the water shall be 2 meters (6.5 feet) or 2.13 meters (7 feet) in facilities that were built after January 1, 1990.
- Team benches must be on the side opposite the scorer's table, unless permanent structural facility restrictions prevent such location.
- Minimum of two team locker rooms are required (four is preferred) to accommodate at least 16 student-athletes.
- Two locker rooms ideally for the game officials to accommodate four individuals.
 - If all officials are the same gender, then one locker room will suffice.
- Separate meeting spaces for athletic training, media (space for 20), interviews (space for 20), and two separate rooms for drug testing.
- A warm-up pool in close proximity to the competition venue is preferred.
- The facility must be available for practices on Tuesday the week of the championship.

Lodging Requirements

- Separate hotels are needed for the NCAA, officials, and participating teams.
 - Game officials and teams may not stay in the same hotel.
 - It may be permissible for game officials to be assigned to the same property as the NCAA headquarters hotel.
- All hotels shall be in proximity (ideally within walking distance) from the venue.
- The team hotel(s) must be of comparable quality and distance from venue.
- The hotel should provide complimentary meeting space for teams.





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Hotel Room Blocks								
Block	# of Hotels	Service Level	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Teams	2	Full-Service	60	120	120	120	60	60
Headquarters	1	3-4 Star	2	7	14	18	21	21
Officials	1	3-4 Star	0	4	8	8	8	8
TOTAL			62	131	142	146	89	59

Attendance History

- Paid attendance and ticket prices over the past three championships.

Year	Location	Attendance	All-Session Ticket Price
2022	University of California, Berkeley	2,139	\$80
2023	University of Southern California	4,177	\$100
2024	Stanford University	6,078	\$80

Average Expenses

- Average expenses over the past three championships.

Expense Category	Expense 3-Year Average
Promotion	\$1,500
Tickets	\$400
Facility	\$7,000
Personnel	\$26,000
Entertainment	\$15,000
Equipment	\$6,000
Officiating Expenses	\$5,000

