

NCAA[®] SITE SELECTION PROCESS





WELCOME

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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WHAT IS A NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP?

- Championships that are made up of teams from multiple divisions
- 2025-26 sport sponsorship

Women's Teams	Men's Teams
Division I: 37	Division I: 29
Division II: 9	Division II: 7
Division III: 18	Division III: 17
TOTAL: 64	TOTAL: 53



PROCESS AND COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

- NCAA staff will research and analyze bids according to priorities
- Champs staff will present recommendations to sport committee
- Site Selection Priorities
 - Quality student-athlete experience
 - Facilities and amenities paired with host experience and staffing
 - Economies of scale, efficiencies for budget and attendance potential
 - Opportunities for new revenue streams
 - Geography
 - Availability to host opening round game (if applicable)



KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL BID

- Ease of travel
- Hotels
- Facilities
- Community support
- Unique banquet location
- Athlete enhancements
- Budget/financial support
- Unique student-athlete experience
- Volunteers



CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Men's Water Polo

- Dec. 1-3, 2028
- Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2029
- Dec. 6-8, 2030

Women's Water Polo

- April 25, 27-29, 2029
- April 24, 26-28, 2030
- April 23, 25-27, 2031



CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Bracket sizes:
 - Men's = 9 teams (7 AQs and 2 at-large)
 - Women's = 10 teams (7 AQs and 3 at-large)
 - Opening round game held at final site, if needed
- Championships broadcast by ESPNU
- All other matches streamed on ncaa.com
- Travel party = 20 (squad size = 16 student-athletes)
- Average attendance
 - Men's - 3,616
 - Women's - 1,955





FACILITY NEEDS

- Facility availability: Monday preceding the championship through the championship final on Sunday night
- Minimum seating capacity of 500
- Facility must conform with the NCAA Water Polo Rules
 - Pool depth, water temperature, pool markings, course set up
 - Multiple locker rooms
 - Extra water space
 - Team benches
 - Head table
- Equipment
 - Shot clocks, game clock, PA system, exclusion and timeout boards, exclusion flags, goals
- Updated videoboard (strongly encouraged)
- Complimentary parking for teams, NCAA committee & officials

FACILITY NEEDS

- Space requirements
 - Committee room
 - Storage
 - Media workroom
 - Officials workroom
 - Multiple locker rooms
 - Hospitality
 - Head table seating
 - Merchandise
 - Drug testing space
 - Athletic training room
 - Concessions and ticket sales areas
 - Banquet facility with capacity for ~300





THANK YOU!

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