



**2020 MEN'S
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE
WATER POLO
CHAMPIONSHIP**

***PARTICIPANT
2020-21 MANUAL***

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INTRODUCTION

This participant manual is written to assist teams participating in the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship. All information in this manual pertains to the championship at the University of Southern California. Information specific to the opening round games is contained in Appendix D.

CHECKLIST

- _____ Make travel arrangements for the official travel party through the NCAA travel service Short's Travel Management at 866-655-9215.
- _____ Review and complete all aspects of the NCAA Championships COVID-19 Checklist for Participating Schools (Appendix E). Teams will also need to adhere to the Return to Championship Guidelines and model perfect behavior for wearing face coverings/masks and practicing physical distancing.
- _____ Distribute copies of this manual to all staff members who may be assigned specific tournament responsibilities (e.g., coaches, athletic trainer, manager, designated athletics administrator, sports information contact, etc.).
- _____ Review schedule of events with the head coach and staff; news conferences, practice schedule, administrative teleconference, administrative meeting (page 5).
- _____ Make local ground transportation arrangements for team and staff.
- _____ Please review Appendix G, protocols specific to USC.

By 5 p.m. Pacific time, Wednesday, March 10:

- _____ Email the Participant Travel Information Form (Appendix A) to the tournament manager.
- _____ All teams need to make hotel arrangements for the team and staff at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel (page 17). Email the Hotel Rooming List (Appendix C) to Randy L. Buhr (rlbuhr@ncaa.org) and Heather Murri (heather.murri@ihg.com) at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel.

By 5 p.m. Pacific time, Sunday, March 14:

- _____ Email the Official Travel Party Form (Appendix B) to the tournament manager and secretary-rules editor.
- _____ Upload logos, fight songs, rosters, photos, etc. on www.ncaachampionship.info (page 20).
- _____ Email season results and final season statistics to the host media coordinator (page 20).

By 5 p.m. Eastern time (2 p.m. Pacific time), Monday, March 15:

- _____ Submission deadline for Elite 90 award nominee (page 11).

By 5 p.m. Pacific time, Wednesday, March 17:

- _____ Local media and sports information directors desiring credentials to cover the postponed 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship must apply online at www.NCAA.com/media (page 21).

By 8 p.m. Pacific time, Wednesday, March 17:

- _____ Deadline to pre-order official merchandise from Event 1 (page 21).

By 5 p.m. Pacific time, Thursday, March 18:

- _____ If delivering in person, turn in requested publicity materials (media guides and postseason media information) to the host media coordinator (page 20).

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Pacific time) [UPDATED 3/7/2021]

Monday, March 8

11 a.m. Administrative teleconference (2 p.m. Eastern time).

Monday, March 15

Quarantine for any Opening Round Teams arriving in Los Angeles.

Tuesday, March 16

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Quarantine for any remaining teams arriving in Los Angeles.
 Testing for Tier 1 and Tier 2 non-team staff and officials.
 1 – 3 p.m. Testing for the four Opening Round Teams
 1 – 2 p.m. UCLA and California Baptist
 2 – 3 p.m. Southern California and Bucknell

Wednesday, March 17 (CLOSED PRACTICES for Teams Competing in Opening Round Games)

9 – 11 a.m. Testing for the four Opening Round Teams.
 9 – 10 a.m. UCLA and California Baptist
 10 – 11 a.m. Southern California and Bucknell
 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Testing for Tier 1 and Tier 2 non-team staff and officials.
 12 – 1 p.m. Administrative Meeting for the opening round games – virtual on Microsoft Teams or Zoom.
 1 – 2 p.m. Testing for number one and two seeds (Stanford and California).
 3 – 8:45 p.m. Four 75-minute slots for four competing teams. 15-minute gaps between practices.
 Team photo taken upon arrival at your first team practice.
 3 – 4:15 p.m. UCLA
 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. California Baptist
 6 – 7:15 p.m. Southern California
 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. Bucknell

Thursday, March 18 (Testing for All Teams Teams Competing in the Championship)

7 – 8 a.m. Opening Round Game #1 opponents test at hotel (UCLA and California Baptist).
 8 – 9 a.m. Opening Round Game #2 opponents test at hotel (Southern California and Bucknell).
 9 – 10 a.m. No. 1 and No. 2 seeds test at hotel (Stanford and California).
 10 – 11 a.m. Tier 1 and Tier 2 non-team staff and officials testing at hotel.

Thursday, March 18 (Opening Round Games)

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Game #1 opening round teams practicing together (UCLA and California Baptist).
 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Game #2 opening round teams practicing together (Southern California and Bucknell).
 11:45 a.m. Facility Open for teams for Game #1. Team entry will be staggered.
 12:05 p.m. Competition pool available for first game warm-up.
 1 p.m. California Baptist vs. UCLA
 2:45 p.m. Facility Open for teams for Game #2. Team entry will be staggered.
 3:05 p.m. Competition pool available for second game warm-up.
 4 p.m. Bucknell vs. Southern California
 6 – 9:15 p.m. Optional closed team practices. Each team is allotted a 90-minute window for practice.
 Practice times are selected based on seeding, such that the number one seed receives the first time selection and the number two seed receives the other practice time. Team photo taken upon arrival at your first team practice.
 6 – 7:30 p.m. TBD TEAM

7:45 – 9:15 p.m. TBD TEAM

Friday, March 19 (CLOSED PRACTICES)

7 – 8 a.m.	No. 1 seed and opponent test at hotel (Stanford and TBD).
8 – 9 a.m.	No. 2 seed and opponent test at hotel (California and TBD).
9 – 11 a.m.	Tier 1 and Tier 2 non-team staff and officials testing at hotel.
9 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Closed team practices.
9 – 10:30 a.m.	TBD TEAM/TBD TEAM winner – No. 1 seed gets option of preferred practice time (9 or 10:45 a.m.).
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	TBD TEAM
12:30 – 2 p.m.	TBD TEAM/TEAM TBD winner – No. 2 seed gets option of preferred practice time (12:30 or 2:15 p.m.).
2:15 – 3:45 p.m.	TBD TEAM
5:30 p.m.	Administrative Meeting – Virtual on Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

Saturday, March 20 (CLOSED PRACTICES)

7 – 8 a.m.	Game #1 semifinal teams test at hotel (Stanford and TBD).
8 – 9 a.m.	Game #2 semifinal teams test at hotel (California and TBD).
9 – 11 a.m.	Tier 1 and Tier 2 non-team staff and officials testing at hotel.
9 – 10 a.m.	Officials meeting at hotel.
9 – 11:05 a.m.	Closed team practices.
9 – 10 a.m.	Game #1 semifinal teams practice together (UCLA/California Baptist winner and Stanford).
10:05 – 11:05 a.m.	Game #2 semifinal teams practice together (Southern California/Bucknell winner and California).
12:45 p.m.	Facility open for Game #1 teams to arrive. Team entry will be staggered.
1:05 p.m.	Competition pool available for first game warm-up.
1:50 p.m.	Clear pool for national anthem and team introductions.
2 p.m.	Semifinal #1 – UCLA/California Baptist winner vs. Stanford.
3:45 p.m.	Facility open for Game #2 teams to arrive. Team entry will be staggered.
4:05 p.m.	Competition pool available for first game warm-up.
4:50 p.m.	Clear pool for team introductions.
5 p.m.	Semifinal #2 – Southern California/Bucknell winner vs. California.

Sunday, March 21 (CLOSED PRACTICES)

7 – 8 a.m.	Championship game teams testing at hotel.
8 – 10 a.m.	Tier 1 and Tier 2 non-team staff and officials testing at hotel.
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Championship game participants practice together.
12:45 p.m.	Facility open for Championship game. Team entry will be staggered.
1:05 p.m.	Competition pool available for championship game warm-up.
1:50 p.m.	Clear pool for national anthem and team introductions.
2 p.m.	Championship game.

PRE-GAME TIMING SCHEDULE

Postponed 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship

First Game of the Day – 2 p.m. start

Time	Actual		
Allotted	Time	Protocol	Game Clock
	1:00	Start Clock	60:00
05:00	1:00	Captains/officials meeting	60:00
45:00	1:05	Competition course and game balls available for warm-up	55:00
4:00	1:50	Clear pool, teams to bench area	10:00
1:00	1:54	Introduce team in white caps	06:00
1:00	1:55	Introduce team in dark caps	05:00
0:15	1:56	Introduce referees	04:00
1:45	1:56:15	National anthem	03:45
2:00	1:58	Final team huddle	02:00
	2:00	Reset clock and begin game	00:00

Second Game of the Day – 5 p.m. start

Time	Actual		
Allotted	Time	Protocol	Game Clock
45:00	4:05	Warm-up pool available*	
	4:15	Start Clock	45:00
05:00	4:15	Captains/officials meeting	45:00
30:00	4:20	Competition course and game balls available for warm-up	40:00
4:00	4:50	Clear pool, teams to bench area	10:00
1:00	4:54	Introduce team in white caps	06:00
1:00	4:55	Introduce team in dark caps	05:00
0:15	4:56	Introduce referees	04:00
2:00	4:58	Final team huddle	02:00
	5:00	Reset clock and begin game	00:00

*Warm-up pool will be set with a water polo course as well as swim lanes.

Pre-Game Introductions

When the first buzzer sounds, both teams are to clear the pool and line up in game cap number order in the staging area. Led by their captains, the teams should then march to the closed end of the pool, with the two officials standing in the center in between the two teams. Student-athletes must be in official uniform (robes or sweats) with caps on. At this time, both teams will have their entire roster announced, in order of cap numbers (starters will be announced once the teams are in the water just prior to the start of the game). The team with white caps will be announced first, followed by the team with dark caps. After the national anthem (or introductions if no anthem), the teams will shake hands and return to their benches. Please note that due to COVID-19, the pregame introductions will need to be modified from what is listed above. As an example, there should not be any hand shakes after team introductions.

ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITIES/MEDICAL INFORMATION

ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITIES

An athletic training area will be set up on site with a treatment table, injury ice, hydroculator packs, and coolers of water and sport drink. A certified athletic trainer will be on deck during competition. Water and injury ice will be set-up for scheduled practices and competition. If your team has additional needs, please contact Sandy Olsen at 213-761-6567.

A full athletic training room is located in the John McKay Center Basement, adjacent to Uytengsu Aquatics Center.

A team physician will be on site for all games and on-call for all practices during the championship. In the event of an emergency, USC Department of Public Safety (USC DPS) will be contacted to coordinate emergency services. USC Athletic Trainer or Event Manager will make the call to USC DPS. A team physician may sit on the bench as long as he/she counts as one of the 20-team bench positions and has a credential. Emergency services will either take the person injured to Good Samaritan Hospital or Keck Hospital of USC.

USC Department of Public Safety

3667 McClintock Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90089
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Directions from Uytengsu Aquatics Center to Good Samaritan Hospital: Head northeast on McClintock Avenue toward W. 34th Street. Continue onto W. 30th Street. Turn left onto S. Hoover Street. Turn right onto S. Union Avenue. Turn right onto Wilshire Boulevard. Turn left at the 2nd cross street onto Witmer Street. Destination will be on your right.

Directions from Uytengsu Aquatics Center to Keck Hospital USC: Head northeast on McClintock Avenue toward W. 34th Street. Continue onto W. 30th Street. Turn left onto S. Hoover Street. Turn right to merge onto I-10 East. Keep right to stay on I-10 East. Use the left two (2) lanes to take the Interstate 5 North/Interstate 10 East exit toward Sacramento/San Bernardino. Keep left and merge onto I-10 E/I-5 N.

Take exit 135C for I-10/San Bernardino Fwy. toward San Bernardino. Keep right, follow signs for Soto Street. Use the left two (2) lanes to turn left onto N. Soto Street. Turn left onto Norfolk Street. Turn right. Destination will be on your left.

CVS

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Hospitals/Urgent Care:

PIH Health Good Samaritan Hospital
1225 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017
213-977-2121

Keck Medicine of USC – Keck Hospital of USC
1500 San Pablo Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033
800-872-2273

COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOLS

Men's water polo is considered a high transmission risk level sport. All members of a team's travel party and game officials are classified in Tier 1. Prior to arrival for those in Tier 1 consists of a continued cadence of testing three times weekly on non-consecutive days (antigen or PCR, confirmed negative), with a negative PCR within two days of arrival.

Testing upon arrival is required and must quarantine until two consecutive tests are confirmed negative, then daily testing while on-site. This will require two days of testing before any practice/competition.

All Tier 2 individuals must have a negative antigen within one day of arrival, or negative PCR within two days of arrival. Tier 2 personnel will be tested upon arrival and then will not be tested thereafter unless clinical conditions warrant testing.

Tier 3 individuals, regardless of sport, will not be tested but must complete a daily health screening.

Those individuals who have a confirmed positive PCR test within 90 days do not need to undergo testing, and only need to be tested if they have COVID symptoms.

All COVID-19 testing will take place at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel (900 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90017), in the Wilshire Grand 1 Ballroom.

AWARDS

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Please note that due to COVID-19, please review the Return to Championships Guidelines for the sport of water polo. Modifications to what is listed below may need to be implemented.

The following awards will be presented at the championship:

Team Champions. Awards received on deck after the championship game and awarding of the second-place team. Student-athletes will be called by name to receive individual awards. They will stay on deck as a team to receive the team trophy and take photos.

- 1 National Champion Team Trophy
- 20 Team Mini-Trophies
- 20 Watches

Second-Place Team. The team award will be received on deck after the championship game. The individual awards for student-athletes will be provided in the locker room. They will stay on deck as a team to receive the team trophy and take photos.

- 1 Second-Place Team Trophy
- 20 Second-Place Team Mini-Trophies

Teams that wish to order additional awards at their own expense after the championship may do so by visiting <http://www.mtmrecognition.com/ncaa/>.

ELITE 90 AWARD

The Elite 90 award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average competing at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 championships. Each institution that has at least one student-athlete qualify for the finals round/site is eligible to nominate a student-athlete to win the award for that championship. All ties are broken by number of credits completed. All documents, including deadlines and nomination forms can be obtained at the following location – [Elite 90 forms](#). The submission deadline for nomination for the National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship is **5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, March 15**.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

A first and second all-tournament team, consisting of six field players and one goalie on each team, one of whom shall be designated as the most valuable player of the tournament, will be selected by an all-tournament selection committee. Each team participating in the championship will have at least one student-athlete represented on one of the teams.

Coaches must turn in their nominations of their players to Brian Streeter, secretary-rules editor, for the all-tournament teams by the conclusion of competition Saturday.

Final selection ballots must be turned in to Mr. Streeter by the start of the third period of the championship game. Coaches may not vote for their own student-athletes. If a coach wishes to change their MVP designation, Mr. Streeter must be notified immediately after the game.

Plaques for the first team members will be mailed after the championship to the appropriate institution for distribution.

STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATION AWARDS

For 2020-21, an online gift suite will serve as the participation awards provided to members of the official travel party of institutions that advance to the championship finals site. After the championship, MainGate will send the head coach an email providing ordering process details, along with a unique Certificate Code (valid for one participation award per member of your official travel party) that can be redeemed only at www.NCAA-Awards.com. In order to ensure that

each participant receives his or her award, a member of your administration must place your team's order, including size information, at NCAA-Awards.com using your Certificate Code.

Your institution may select different items per participant; men's and women's sizes are available for apparel items. If you would like to purchase additional awards, you will have the opportunity to do so online via personal credit card at the end of the checkout process.

Participation award items will be sent to your institution for distribution to your student-athletes within four to six weeks after your order is placed. If you do not receive information for ordering awards within two weeks of the conclusion of the championship, please contact Erin Hannooy (ehannooy@legends.net, 866-945-7267), Legends Global Merchandise (formally known as MainGate Inc.) or Randy L. Buhr (rlbuhr@ncaa.org).

CREDENTIALS

The following members of the official travel party will be admitted by credential:

1. Sixteen (16) participating student-athletes.
2. Four (4) others – must be affiliated with the institution (e.g., coaches, manager, non-participating student-athlete).

The following persons will also be admitted with credentials only:

1. One (1) sports information contact – apply online at www.NCAA.com/media.
2. One (1) athletic trainer.
3. One (1) administrator (e.g., director of athletics, assistant director of athletics) – to be listed on the official team roster form.

The following persons will be admitted via media credential only:

1. One (1) radio.
2. One (1) photographer/television.
3. Two (2) newspaper.

All individuals must display their credentials to enter the facility. All non-athletes must wear their credentials in the bench area. Any misuse of NCAA credentials by members of the official travel party will result in a \$200 fine. A repeated offense will result in suspension from the current and/or subsequent games.

***Please note that anyone who loses their credential will be charged \$50 to replace the credential.**

SPECIAL CREDENTIALS – available on request at the administrative meeting.

Athletic Trainers. If a team brings an athletic trainer, the athletic trainer must be a member of the official travel party and have an athletic trainer credential to sit in the bench area.

Team Physicians. A team physician may sit on the bench as long as he/she counts as one of the 20-team bench positions and has a credential.

Team Videographers. Two credentials per team may be issued for access to the team videotaping area.

VIPs. VIP passes will not be provided for this year's championship.

DECK DECORUM

In an effort to improve the image, professionalism and growth of the sport of water polo, the Men's Water Polo Committee strongly recommends that coaches and teams adhere to the following guidelines*:

Coaching attire. As the premier event on the NCAA water polo calendar with a substantial viewership on the web, it is important that we present the championship in a professional manner. As such, what a coach wears is a visual representation of the sport. It is strongly encouraged that coaches wear matching team apparel or professional attire.

Swimsuits. As role models to young athletes and fans alike, it is very important that student-athletes be considerate of being modest when out of the water. In addition, deck changing is not appropriate at the national championship. Coaches can, and ought to play an important role in reminding their student-athletes of these expectations.

Inappropriate language. A key responsibility of any coaching staff is to provide a positive culture for student-athletes. In particular, foul or abusive language is inappropriate.

Team presentations. At all ceremonies – opening and awards – it is requested that teams present themselves appropriately in matching apparel.

*Note: Although the committee's jurisdiction is limited to the championship itself, the committee strongly supports the expectation that these guidelines be adhered to throughout the regular season and at conference championships as well.

DIRECTIONS/PARKING

DIRECTIONS

Directions from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel:

Head west on W. Century Boulevard toward Vicksburg Avenue. Turn left onto S. Sepulveda Boulevard. Use the right two lanes to take the ramp onto I-105 East. Merge onto I-105 East. Use the right two lanes to take exit 7B to merge onto I-110 North toward Los Angeles. Continue straight to stay on I-110 North. Continue onto CA-110. Use the right lane to take the 4th St./9th St./3rd St./6th St. exit toward Downtown. Keep right to continue on Exit 23A, follow signs for 6th Street. Continue onto W. 6th Street. Turn right onto Flower Street. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Wilshire Boulevard. Hotel will be on the left.

Directions from the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel to Uytengsu Aquatics Center:

Head west on W. 7th Street toward Francisco Street. Turn left onto S. Bixel Street. Merge onto CA-110. Use the right three lanes to take exit 21 for I-10 West. Keep right to continue on Exit 12, follow signs for Hoover Street. Turn right onto W. 20th Street. Turn right onto S. Hoover Street. Turn right onto W. 30th Street. Continue straight onto McClintock Avenue. Go past the parking attendant gate and proceed through the stop sign. Unload area will be on your right side for team buses.

PARKING

Team Parking

Team buses will unload off McClintock Avenue and then exit campus and re-enter off S. Figueroa Street and park on W. 34th Street. (See map). Team vehicles will park in the Jefferson Parking Structure. (See map). Each vehicle will be given a permit to display in the windshield of the vehicle. Parking Reservation number will be shared with the teams to obtain a pass each day. Please contact Garrett D'Angelo for the number of vehicles you plan on bringing.

NOTE: Permits must be displayed on the dashboard at all times while parking in the Jefferson Structure. University of Southern California Athletics will not be responsible for parking tickets as a result of vehicles parked in an unauthorized parking area or not displaying the proper permit.

DRUG TESTING

NCAA championship committees, following a recommendation from the NCAA drug-testing subcommittee, have discontinued the practice of announcing whether drug testing will be conducted at NCAA championship events.

Although knowing prior to competition whether NCAA drug testing was to occur had value for reasons of convenience, it left open the possibility that student-athletes might be tempted to use banned substances if they knew that NCAA testing was not being conducted at the site of competition.

Therefore, all coaches and student-athletes should presume that NCAA drug testing will occur at this championship event. Please inform your student-athletes that in the event they are notified of their selection for drug testing, the student-athlete must inform an official representative of your institution (e.g., coach, athletic trainer) before proceeding to the drug-testing site. Student-athletes will be reminded by the courier to contact their team representative.

ETHICAL BEHAVIOR BY COACHES/MISCONDUCT/SPORTSMANSHIP/SPORTS WAGERING

ETHICAL BEHAVIOR BY COACHES

Members of the coaching profession have certain inherent obligations and responsibilities to the profession, to the student-athletes and to all those with whom they come into contact. Coaches are expected to be role models who conduct themselves with integrity and high ethical standards at all times.

The words and actions of a coach carry tremendous influence, particularly on the young people under his or her direction. It is, thus, imperative that he or she demonstrate and demand high principles of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

MISCONDUCT

Criticism of Officials. Members of the coaching staff or other representatives of participating institutions or conferences shall not make public statements critical of officiating in any NCAA championship event. Failure to comply with this policy may subject the individual, institution or conference to the misconduct provisions of NCAA Bylaw 31.1.10.

Administrative Meeting. Each games committee shall hold an administrative meeting with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct.

Hearing Opportunity. An act of misconduct may be found after an administrative hearing granted to the student-athlete or the institutional representative involved by the governing sport committee or the games committee authorized to act for it.

Misconduct Incident to Competition. If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which he or she is participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other acts of misconduct may be dealt with at the governing sport committee's convenience.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The primary goal of the rules is to maximize the safety and enjoyment of the student-athlete. Sportsmanship is a key part of that goal. Sportsmanship should be a core value in behavior of players and bench personnel, in crowd control by game management and in the officials' proper enforcement of the rules governing related actions.

SPORTS WAGERING POLICY

Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

The current NCAA legislation against sports wagering prohibits NCAA student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and non-athletics staff with athletics responsibilities, and conference office staff from participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics practice or competition in a sport in which the NCAA conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner, etc.) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

STUDENT-ATHLETES

A student-athlete found in violation of the prohibition against knowingly participating in any sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activity that involves intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition shall be ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, subject to appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of eligibility.

POSTSEASON

In championships in which a bracket format is used, student-athletes, coaches and administrators may not participate in bracket competitions when there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules in bracket contests when there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

On May 16, 2018, the Board of Governors voted to suspend the NCAA championships policy related to sports wagering and to allow for championships to be hosted in locations regardless of whether a state is considering, or has legalized, sports wagering. The board's decision provides championship location continuity as states contemplate whether to allow legalized sports betting.

HOSPITALITY/LOCKER ROOMS

HOSPITALITY

A hospitality area will be located off the pool deck. Each team's administrator and working staff on deck will be allowed to access the area with their credentials. Participants and game officials will not be permitted inside the hospitality area.

STUDENT-ATHLETE HOSPITALITY

Snacks, water and sport drink will be available at each team bench area for student-athletes to consume on deck. Food items will be quick grab and go items that will be disposed of immediately after consumed.

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms will not be available to access for any teams during practice times or games. Restrooms next to each bench area will be accessible to teams to use as restrooms only. All changing must be before arrival or quick change on deck. Team members should shower at their hotel after the practice/game, as opposed to at the venue.

HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of 17 rooms has been reserved for each team participating in the semifinals at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel. This consists of 13 double/double rooms; three king size rooms; and a complimentary suite for the head coach. In addition, the four teams playing in an opening round game on March 18 will also be housed at this hotel. The room rate is \$139 plus applicable taxes. Teams must confirm all needed rooms, provide a rooming list, and payment information no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on Friday, March 12. All teams will be placed on separate floors in the hotel from each other, and when possible, with a buffer floor in between.

InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel
900 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90017
213-688-7777

The following concessions will be offered:

- **Wireless internet.** Complimentary wireless internet access will be provided for all guests in their rooms, in the meeting rooms, and in the lobby area.
- **Parking.** Bus parking is a one-time fee of \$21.67 per bus. There is also a 50% discount on any valet parking pricing for the duration of the event.
- **Meeting space.** Hotel to provide a meeting space for each team to use for the duration of the event, to accommodate up to 20 people each with proper six feet of physical distancing.
- **Waived charges.** Hotel will not charge guests for bringing in outside food and beverages, to be consumed in guest rooms only.

Participating institutions are responsible for the rooms reserved by the host institution for the championship. If an institution prefers to stay in another hotel, it must (1) obtain a release of the rooms in writing from the hotel's general manager; or (2) use the rooms for persons accompanying the official travel party. If an institution fails to make satisfactory arrangements for the use of the rooms at the assigned hotel, it will be charged for those rooms.

The Hotel Rooming List (Appendix C) should be emailed to both Randy L. Buhr (ribuhr@naaa.org) and Heather Murri (heather.murri@ihg.com) at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel by 5 p.m. Pacific time on Wednesday, March 10. Mention that you are with the 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship.

MEETINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE TELECONFERENCE

The NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee will conduct a teleconference with the six qualifying teams at 2 p.m. Eastern time (1 p.m. Central time; noon Mountain time; 11 a.m. Pacific time), Monday, March 8. The head coach, an athletics administrator and sports information representative **must participate** on the call. The dial-in-number is 866-590-5055 and the pass code is 8417164.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

The NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee will conduct a meeting of representatives of the participating institutions to review the conduct of the championship. Credentials will be distributed by representatives of USC in advance of the administrative meeting. The meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Friday, March 19
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Virtually on Microsoft Teams or Zoom

The following individuals from each participating institution must attend this meeting:

1. Head Coach (**mandatory**)
2. Director of Athletics or Designee (**mandatory**)
3. Sports Information Contact (highly recommended)
4. Athletic Trainer (highly recommended)

MEDIA INFORMATION

SOUVENIR PROGRAMS

The 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo digital souvenir program will be available at www.ncaa.com/gameprograms on Wednesday, March 17 at 5 p.m.. The program is free to view and download. Using a digital platform allows Learfield IMG College to add extra pages to programs in addition to extending deadlines to allow for the most up-to-date information to be included in the program. The NCAA and Learfield IMG College encourage all participating schools to promote the digital publication link on athletics and school-affiliated websites and social media outlets. Please share with student-athletes, faculty, alumni organizations or any other group that may have interest, as well as local media outlets.

NCAA WEBSITE

As a reminder, NCAA championships and alliances has developed a dedicated website to retain key information from every conference and institution that may participate in an NCAA championship. All sports information administrators, members of the media, the NCAA and our partners (i.e., Turner/CBS, ESPN, IMG College, Van Wagner) will be required to use the site to access logos, fight songs, rosters, photos of student-athletes, teams, coaches, administrators and campus for use on NCAA.com, game programs, banquet videos (if applicable) and video boards at NCAA championships. For this site to be effective, it requires your full cooperation. Please log on to <http://www.ncaachampionship.info> with username: ncaaschools and password: ncaafp to upload the appropriate information.

MATERIALS FOR UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEDIA RELATIONS

In addition to the information provided on the NCAA dedicated website, the media relations office at the University of Southern California requests the following materials:

1. Email – Season Results (including game scores in order played);
2. Email – Final Season Statistics;
3. 2020 Media Guide (Minimum of 20 each) – send via mail or hand deliver to the University of Southern California; and
4. 2020 Postseason Media Information (Minimum of 20 each) – send via mail or hand deliver to the University of Southern California.

These materials should be forwarded to Darcy Couch (dcouch@usc.edu, Heritage Hall; 3501 Watt Way; Los Angeles, CA 90089-0602).

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Individuals desiring media credentials to cover the 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship at the University of Southern California must apply online at www.NCAA.com/media not later than 5 p.m. Pacific time, Wednesday, March 17. Media credentials will be assigned according to the NCAA established guidelines. Working credentials will not be mailed. A government-issued photo ID is required to pick up your credential. Credentials are non-transferable and will only be issued to the person whose name appears on the credential. Credential pickup for others is not allowed. For further information, contact the host media coordinator, Darcy Couch (dcouch@usc.edu).

POSTCOMPETITION INTERVIEWS

Immediately after a 10-minute cooling-off period (i.e., 10 minutes after a competing team proceeds to their team area on deck), an interview area will be available for the coaches/players to sit and conduct a postgame interview via Zoom. Host Sports Information Director will coordinate Zoom link with members of the media requesting access. The non-winning head coach and a minimum of two student-athletes will be interviewed first, and this session will be limited to 10 minutes.

The winning head coach and a minimum of two student-athletes will follow. This session will be limited to 20 minutes. If a team is participating in an awards ceremony, the cooling-off period will begin immediately after the awards presentation. The interview area will be located in the Dance Room on the north end of the pool deck, directly next to the West end team bench area.

RADIO BROADCASTING BY PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Please visit ncaa.com/media for updated information related to radio policies. All stations broadcasting any round of an NCAA championship shall be required to fill out the NCAA Championship Radio/Internet streaming form online. To access the form, log onto ncaa.com/media, then click "Audio Policy (Radio & Internet)." To obtain phone or Internet lines for the event or for additional information, please contact USC IT Services at 213-821-1084.

WEBSTREAM

Each semifinal and the championship game will be streamed live and archived on NCAA.com.

MERCHANDISE

Official NCAA championship merchandise will only be available online through Sunday, April 4 at event1teamstore.com.

Event 1 will also offer the opportunity for the pre-order of merchandise for the participating teams. Each team will receive a memo after selections that includes instructions on how to access the website and place orders. All orders must be received by 8 p.m. Pacific time, Wednesday, March 17. Ordered merchandise will be shipped directly to each institution.

SPIRIT SQUAD/BANDS

There will not be any spirit squads, spirit squad coaches, playing band members, or costumed mascots permitted at this year's championship.

Air horns, artificial noisemakers, and band amplification (including pounding megaphones on the deck) are not allowed.

TEAM BENCH AREA/SQUAD SIZE

TEAM BENCH AREA

Each team is permitted a maximum of 20 persons in the bench area, including the student-athletes in the pool. Chairs for a maximum of 13 people will be available in the bench area. The first violation of the bench area is a warning. A second violation will result in a game exclusion of the head coach.

- The team listed on the higher line of the bracket in each game will wear dark caps. If teams do not want the option to flip a coin for ends, dark caps will sit on the right end of the pool (as determined if you were sitting at the score table facing the pool).
- A coin toss requested for any game will be conducted at the captains/officials meeting one hour before the start of the game.
- A committee member will also be assigned to each team/bench area; they should be used as a resource and are not there to interpret rules. The committee member will be masked and remain physically distanced from the team/bench area.
- Non-athletes should wear their credentials at all times in the bench area.
- A coach receiving a red card during a game may not be replaced by another member from that institution on the team bench.

SQUAD SIZE

Participating teams are limited to a maximum of 16 players in uniform. The 16 players must be designated at the mandatory administrative meeting Friday evening. Player changes can be made up to 60 minutes before the start of the first game of the tournament. No substitutions are permitted to the squad list after this time.

PRACTICE SQUAD

Only the 16 players listed on the Official Travel Party Form may participate in official practice and warm-up sessions conducted at the championship.

For the closed practices Thursday and Friday, teams may not enter the pool deck until the current team has cleared the deck of the competition pool. Teams will check in at the team entrance before entering the facility for their scheduled practice time.

TICKET INFORMATION

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Due to a health and safety perspective and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Guidelines, there will not be any tickets sold or made available for this year's championship. Fans will not be allowed to attend.

Only essential personnel will be allowed within the competition venue. Essential personnel are defined as individuals that have a working function within the venue that are essential to the management and execution of competition, venue, broadcast/media, communications and safety operations. Individuals that do not have an active working function related to the competition will not be permitted in the competition venue during the event.

PARTICIPANT SEATING

When a team is not participating in a game, team members are not allowed to be in the facility watching the other game in the stands as the stands is considered Tier 2/3 area. Team members must return to their hotel after the conclusion of competition.

UNIFORMS

Each team shall supply white and dark water polo caps, complete with protective ear guards as specified in the NCAA Water Polo Rules.

An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., water polo caps, swim caps, robes and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2-1/4 square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-side geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram).

VIDEOTAPING

Institutions are permitted to videotape championship competition for archival, coaching or instructional purposes. Each institution is permitted to use one camera and may videotape all games during the championship. Each institution may have two people in the videotaping area. Team representatives in the videotaping area will be given credentials which grant access to the videotaping area ONLY. The videotaping area is the designated space located on the upper level above the seating area at mid-pool on the north side.

APPENDIX A – PARTICIPANT TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM

Institution: _____

Head Coach: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Athletics Administrator: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Assistant Coach: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Athletic Trainer: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

On Site Responsibilities:

1. Designated person to contact regarding forms or other concerns in advance of the competition.

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

2. Designated person to receive officials' assignments.

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

3. Designated on-site drug-testing representative (if applicable).

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

4. Designated Team Health Officer (THO).

Name: _____ Email: _____ Cell Phone:: _____

TRAVEL INFORMATION FROM INSTITUTION TO CHAMPIONSHIP

Arrival Date: _____

Mode of Travel: Air Travel ☐ Driving ☐

Flight Information (last leg of flight only):

Departure Airport:	
Departure Time:	
Airline and Flight Number:	
Arrival Airport:	
Arrival Time:	
Departure Date:	

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Please indicate means of travel from hotel to venue. Include number of vehicles which will be used:

☐ Buses ☐ Vans ☐ Cars

Please email this completed form by 5 p.m. Pacific time on Wednesday, March 10 to:
Garrett D'Angelo, email: garrett.dangelo@usc.edu

APPENDIX B – OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY FORM

Institution: _____

Individual Completing the Form (please print): _____

Head Coach:		Cell Phone #:	
Assistant Coach:		Cell Phone #:	
Team Administrator:		Cell Phone #:	
Athletic Trainer:		Cell Phone #:	

TEAM PARTICIPANTS

- Each team may designate a maximum of 20 individuals to receive bench passes and one team administrator to receive a pass. (Credential requests for the sports information director must go through the local media coordinator).
- Of this 20, a maximum of 16 may be designated for men's water polo student-athletes.
- A maximum of four credentials may be designated at the institution's discretion for non-participants. Non-participants must have a specific affiliation with the team and institution.

Water Polo Players Only – (Maximum 16) Please list players in cap number order.			
Player Name	Cap #	Player Name	Cap #
1.		9.	
2.		10.	
3.		11.	
4.		12.	
5.		13.	
6.		14.	
7.		15.	
8.		16.	
Credentialed Non-Participants – [Maximum of four (4); e.g., coaches, managers, non-competing student-athletes]			
Name	Title	Name	Title
1.		3.	
2.		4.	
Team Administrator Pass			
Name:		Title:	
Athletic Trainer Pass			
Name:		Title:	

Please email this completed form by 5 p.m. Pacific time on Sunday, March 14 to:
Garrett D'Angelo, email: garrett.dangelo@usc.edu AND Randy L. Buhr, email: rlbuhr@ncaa.org

Please send any changes of this completed form before the administrative meeting that will be virtual,
ONLY if changes are made after the original submission of the form!

APPENDIX C – HOTEL ROOMING LIST¹

Institution: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Room #	First Name	Last Name	Arrival Date	Departure Date	Billing Method 1. Pay own bill 2. Room & tax on master 3. All charges to master
1					
2					
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Please email this completed form by 5 p.m. Pacific time on Wednesday, March 10 to:

Randy L. Buhr, email: rlbuhr@ncaa.org **AND**
Heather Murri, email: heather.murri@ihg.com

¹ Each team has access to 13 double/double rooms, three kings and one complimentary suite for the head coach.

APPENDIX D – OPENING ROUND GAMES

Championship Format

The 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship is a four-team, single elimination tournament. Six conferences were originally granted qualification into the bracket or preliminary structure and zero teams were to have been selected at large. Please note that the Golden Coast Conference, Northeast Water Polo Conference, and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference withdrew their automatic qualification into the championship. As such, there will only be three conferences granted automatic qualification into the bracket or preliminary structure and three teams will still be selected at large. Two teams will qualify directly to the national championship; the remaining four teams will compete for the last two championship berths via two opening round games, with the winners earning the remaining berths in the championship bracket.

Teams shall be selected by the NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee March 7. The teams selected to participate will be posted online at www.NCAA.com.

Opening Round Games

During the selection process, the Men's Water Polo Committee will select six teams. The lowest-ranked teams (regardless of conference Rating Percentage Index) will participate in opening round games. The following parameters will be applied for the opening round games:

- Based on rankings, geographic proximity and missed class time, the committee will determine the teams which will participate in the opening round games, and which teams will serve as hosts. Please note that this year both opening round games will be contested at the University of Southern California.
- The opening round games will be contested Thursday, March 18. The game times will be determined by the University of Southern California. These are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Pacific time.
- A 75-minute closed practice time will be reserved for each team the day before competition.
- Host teams will receive reimbursement, including but not limited to, officials' fees, score table personnel fees, security, ticketing operations (if applicable), venue staffing costs, and site representative and officials' hotel rooms.
- Host teams will assist in procuring hotel rooms for the visiting teams (visiting team will pay for rooms), officials and site representatives (host will pay for rooms and get reimbursed through the host reporting system).
- Visiting teams will receive per diem for the travel/practice day before the opening round game, the day of the opening round game and the travel day after the opening round game. The NCAA will pay for travel expenses as long as arrangements are made through the official NCAA travel provider (Short's Travel Management). File requests for per diem and travel expense reimbursement electronically at travel.ncaa.org within 30 days following the opening round game(s).
- A site representative will be appointed by the NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee to oversee the conduct of the opening round games. The site representative will meet with the head coach, team administrator and athletic trainer at a time to be determined ideally the day before competition.
- Officials for the opening round games will be recommended by the national coordinator of officials and approved by the Men's Water Polo Committee. Teams will be notified of the game officials by 8 p.m. Eastern time the evening prior to competition.
- Official NCAA signage will be sent to the host site. Additionally, the opening round teams will be included in the official championship souvenir program and non-advancing teams will receive participant medallions.
- Non-competing teams in the opening round games will not be allowed to videotape the opening round games.

CHECKLIST FOR OPENING ROUND TEAMS

March 18 - Opening Round Game Participating Teams

TBD Teams

_____ Participate in administrative teleconference Monday, March 8 (page 19).

_____ University of Southern California to distribute copies of this manual, and the *Opening Round Game Participant Manual* (to be produced by the host) to all staff members who may be assigned specific tournament responsibilities (e.g., coaches, athletic trainer, manager, designated athletics administrator, sports information contact, etc.).

By 5 p.m. Pacific time, Wednesday, March 10:

_____ All four teams playing in the opening round games at the University of Southern California should make hotel arrangements for the team and staff at the InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown Hotel (page 17). Email the Hotel Rooming List (Appendix C) to Randy L. Buhr (rlbuhr@ncaa.org) and Heather Murri (heather.murri@ihg.com).

_____ Email the Participant Travel Information Form (Appendix A) to the tournament manager. This form should be submitted by this date and time.

By 5 p.m. Pacific time, Sunday, March 14:

_____ Email the Official Travel Party Form (Appendix B) to the tournament manager and the NCAA championship manager.

_____ Upload logos, fight songs, rosters, photos, etc. on www.ncaachampionship.info (page 20).

_____ Email season results and final season statistics to the host media coordinator (page 20).

By 2 p.m. Pacific time Monday, March 15:

_____ Submission deadline for Elite 90 award nominee (5 p.m. Eastern time) (page 11).

By 5 p.m. Pacific time, Wednesday, March 17:

_____ Local media and sports information directors desiring credentials to cover the 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship must apply online at www.ncaa.com/media (page 20).

By 8 p.m. Pacific time, Wednesday, March 17:

_____ Deadline to pre-order official merchandise from Event 1 (page 21).

By 5 p.m. Pacific time, Thursday, March 18:

_____ If delivering in person, turn in requested publicity materials (media guides and postseason media information) to the host media coordinator (page 20).

APPENDIX E – RETURN TO CHAMPIONSHIPS COVID-19 CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS COVID-19 CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> SUBMISSION OF TEAM ROSTER/TRAVEL PARTY
All member schools that plan to have teams/individuals participate in any round of NCAA championships must provide requested information for all members of the travel party. Instructions on how to submit rosters/travel party members were provided in memos that can be found HERE. Changes to rosters and travel parties can be made prior to teams departing campus. Each team will be assigned an account manager that can help with updates. FAQ</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPIONSHIP TESTING PROTOCOLS
The categorization of sport by transmission risk, which was previously noted in the original Resocialization of Collegiate Sport, is based on consensus from the NCAA COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group. Sport transmission risk is based on the projected probability of respiratory droplet and/or aerosolized spread during vigorous exercise when physical distancing and masking are not applied or not possible.
Testing Protocols</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> KONGIQ APP
The KONGiQ App will be used for test scheduling, status notifications, and daily health screening. However, the app is only effective after team roster and travel party information has been submitted. To manage the entire process effectively it is extremely important to get team information loaded in advance. Each travel party member should download the KONGiQ app (grey version) available on IOS and Android platforms. The THO should also download the black admin version. The THO will receive usernames and passwords for each travel party member. Upon initial login the username and password can be updated.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> TEAM HEALTH OFFICER (THO)
Each team is required to designate an individual as the “Team Health Officer” (THO), responsible for ensuring that all members of the travel party adhere to all testing and safety protocols. Provide the name, email address, and mobile phone number of the THO as part of the registration process. The THO does not need to be a health care professional nor a member of the school or athletic department medical staff. The THO must be familiar with the established protocols, available as a member of the school’s travel party to address questions or concerns of travel party members, testing staff, and NCAA staff.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RETURN TO CHAMPIONSHIPS GUIDELINES - CODE OF CONDUCT
Upon selections to participate in a NCAA Championship, all travel party members are required to follow the code of conduct. Failure to comply with COVID-19 requirements may result in the imposition of sanctions, including but not limited to elimination from competition or participation in the championship in the case of reckless or egregious conduct that places others at increased exposure to COVID-19.
Informational Video
Return to Championship Guidelines</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TRAVEL
<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Follow all airport and airline guidance.(2) Wear masks/face coverings.(3) Travel via scheduled team bus or van.(4) Refrain from eating while traveling.(5) Practice safe physical distancing.(6) Avoid public, private, or rideshare transportation.NCAA Travel Policies</p> |
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APPENDIX F – PARTICIPATION AWARDS



NCAA-Awards.com

HOW TO GET YOUR **Student-Athlete Participation Awards**

For 2020-2021, an online gift-suite will serve as the participation awards provided to members of the official travel party of institutions that advance to the championship final sites.



After the championship, MainGate will send the head coach an email providing ordering process details, along with a unique Certificate Code (valid for one participation award per member of your official travel party) that can be redeemed only at www.NCAA-Awards.com. In order to ensure that each participant receives an award, a member of your administration must place your team's order, including size information, at NCAA-Awards.com using your Certificate Code.

Your institution may select different items per participant; men's and women's sizes are available for apparel items. If you would like to purchase additional awards, you will have the opportunity to do so online via personal credit card at the end of the checkout process.

Participation award items will be sent to your institution for distribution to your student-athletes within four to six weeks after your order is placed. If you do not receive information for ordering awards within two weeks of the conclusion of the championship please contact Erin Hannoy ehannoy@legends.net, Legends Global Merchandise (formally known as MainGate Inc.) (866-945-7267) or the NCAA championship manager.

Please add ehannoy@legends.net to your address book to allow us to send you emails.



Place your order at NCAA-Awards.com



APPENDIX G – USC EVENT PROTOCOLS

Prior to Arrival

- If you have any questions about the NCAA COVID-19 testing that will be conducted by Diamond Health/Vivature, please email NCAAchamp@vivature.com.
- Teams must submit Travel Rosters to the Event Manager, Garrett D'Angelo garrett.dangelo@usc.edu, at least the night prior to arrival. Travel Roster must include name, email address, and phone number for contact tracing protocols. It will be sent via a Google sheet link for each team to complete.
- Before arriving on campus for the day, all student-athletes, coaches, and support staff within the travel party must complete the Wellness Assessment Tool at trojancheck.usc.edu. Click "Continue as Guest Button" and enter the required fields: first name, last name, phone number, email address. You will receive a Wellness Assessment Daily Badge once you complete the form. Please print out or take a screenshot on your mobile device. (See Conditions of Entry at end of document)

Team Arrival/ Team Area/ Restrooms

- Upon Arrival at the Team Entrance, all individuals will need to show the completed Wellness Assessment Daily Badge and have their temperature taken. The Wellness Assessment must be taken both via the KONGIQ app and the Trojan Check QR. Coaches and Team support staff on the Travel Party Roster will be issued a screened wristband for the day. Student-athletes will not receive wristbands. Wristbands will be required for entry and exit from the facility for Coaches and Team Support staff. Location of the Team entrance will be the northwest doors closest to McClintock Avenue. (See Event Map for Team entrance location)
- With all teams entering and exiting the facility. Entry times will need to be staggered and coordinated with Water Polo Tournament Manager, Garrett D'Angelo, garrett.dangelo@usc.edu.
- Teams will enter the facility and proceed to their assigned team area.
 - Each team area will have sanitization stations for teams to disinfect their equipment. Sanitizations will include towels, masks, gloves, and disinfectant spray.
 - Each team area will have hand sanitizer stands.
 - Teams must maintain six (6) feet separation and practice physical distancing at all times while in their team area.
- Restrooms will be available for both teams on the north end of the pool. Both restrooms are next to the respective team benches on the west and east ends of the competition pool. (See Event Map at the end)
- Locker Rooms and showers will not be accessible for teams prior to or after the game.
- Water Polo Student-Athletes must arrive with their competition suits on. Suits can be under warm up clothing. Changing in restrooms will not be allowed.

Team Area Locations

- Team listed on the higher line of the bracket in each game (dark caps) will be at the West Bench to start the game.
- Team listed on the lower line of the bracket in each game (light caps) will be at the East Bench to start the game.

Team Parking

- Teams will need to coordinate with the Event Manager with their means of transportation, i.e. bus or vehicles. Parking Passes and maps for buses and vans will be sent to teams prior to their arrival.
- Event staff will assist buses with parking in their designated spots.

Hydration/Fueling

- Each team will be issued a PowerAde squeeze bottle to use during competition. There will be a cooler with water available to fill and for refills as needed in each bench area. Please hand sanitize prior to using the cooler.
- A dishwasher is available for use post-game if you would like to clean your bottles prior to your next game.

- Each bench area will have 20 oz. bottles of PowerAde for the teams to use. Bottles should be single person use and not shared. Please dispose in the proper receptacle when empty.
- Food items should be limited to pre-game/in-game snack/fueling needs only and consumed in team or bench area in a physically distanced manner.

Officials Arrival

- Officials communication and arrival will be coordinated with Event Management.
- Officials will arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of competition to perform the nail check for each team.
- Officials will enter and exit from the northwest stairwell that is adjacent to the Jefferson Structure.
- Officials must show completed KONGIQ Wellness Assessment and Trojan Check Wellness Assessment and be temperature screened prior to entering facility. (See Conditions of Entry at the end of document)
- Officials will have a designated place on the pool deck for them to place their items.
- Officials headsets will be disinfected and ready for use at the scorer's table when they arrive.

Match Protocols

- Student-Athletes, Coaches, Officials will follow all NCAA Return to Championships Guidelines for Water Polo during the game.
- Game Balls will be separate from warm up balls. Game Balls will be wiped down prior to the start of the game, at halftime, and at the conclusion of the game.
 - Total of six (6) game balls will be utilized
 - Two (2) per team bench area
 - One (1) at the scorer's table
 - One (1) in play
- Face coverings must be worn at all times unless actively in the water during competition.
- Teams will change sides at halftime during each game. Event Management staff will disinfect team bench areas while teams are in the process of transitioning to the other team bench. (See Event Map for route)
 - The team sitting in the bench area on the east end will walk around the pool on the south side and cross the scorer's table as they head to the bench area on the west end of the pool.
 - The team sitting in the bench area on the west end will walk straight across on the north side of the pool to the bench area on the east end of the pool.

Post-Competition

- After the conclusion of each game, teams will cool down in their respective areas of the competition pool.
- Team will be encouraged to cool down as fast as possible, gather their items, and exit the facility. Teams will exit through the same way that they entered the facility.
- Teams will not be allowed to shower post competition.
- Once teams have exited the facility, Event Staff will disinfect all team bench areas, restrooms, and scorer's tables prior to clean up.