



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Selected NCAA Directors of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators, Sports Information Directors and Head Men's Water Polo Coaches.

FROM: Randy L. Buhr
Director, Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: 2020-21 NCAA Men's Water Polo Season Information.

The following information is provided to assist during the water polo season and in preparing for the postponed 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship:

1. Results Reporting. Water polo sports information directors will be required to enter scores following each contest using the statistics database. Michelle Watsky (mwatsky@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office will be providing more information to your SID.
2. Complimentary Coaches Membership to ArbiterSports. Head coaches will receive complimentary access to the Advantage website. Please click [here](#) to begin registration. Registrations must be under the head coach's name and email address. This information will be verified by NCAA staff.
3. Pre-Championship Manual. Coaches are reminded to review the postponed 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Pre-Championship Manual. The pre-championship manual is a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. The postponed 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Pre-Championship Manual will be posted [here](#) in late-January.
4. Opening Round and Championship Site. The postponed 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship is scheduled to take place on March 20-21, 2021 on the campus of Stanford University. The national championship semifinals will be conducted on March 20, 2021, and the national championship game will be played on March 21, 2021. Any opening round games are scheduled to be played on the campus of Stanford University on March 18, 2021. Selections for this postponed championship will occur on March 7, 2021.
5. Championship bracket format. For the 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship, there were six conferences awarded automatic qualification (AQ). These conferences included the Collegiate Water Polo Association, Golden Coast Conference, Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, Northeast Water Polo Conference, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and the Western Water Polo Association. The Golden Coast Conference, Northeast Water Polo Conference and the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference have all decided to withdraw their automatic

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qualification (AQ) into the postponed 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship. As such, there will now only be three conferences that will receive an AQ into the upcoming championship, as opposed to six conferences. Please note that the bracket size may still be reduced for the championship should the number of teams participating in the sport drop below a minimum threshold number 30 days in advance of the championship.

6. Bracket update. An updated bracket for the postponed 2020 Men's Water Polo Championship is attached based on the aforementioned information.

Please contact me (rlbuhr@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office if you have any questions.

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Attachment

cc: Jenny Claypool
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