



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: Paige Newman
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SUBJECT: 2023-24 NCAA Men's Water Polo Season Information.

The following information is provided to assist during the water polo season and in preparing for the 2023 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship:

1. Results Reporting. Water polo sports information directors will be required to enter scores after each contest using the statistics database. Michelle Watsky (mwatsky@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office will be providing more information to all sports information directors.
2. Bracket Expansion. The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee approved the expansion of the men's water polo bracket to nine teams, effective with the 2023 championship. Seven conferences will be granted qualification into the bracket or opening-round structure and two teams will be selected at large. Seven teams will qualify directly to the championship; the remaining two teams will compete for the last championship berth via an opening-round game, with the winner earning the remaining berth in the eight-team championship bracket.
3. RefQuest Membership. All men's water polo head coaches listed in the NCAA Directory will have complimentary access to the men's water polo central hub on RefQuest. Those listed previously will be added to the central hub when registration opens and will not need to register, but they will receive an email from RQ+ inviting them to join the central hub and create a password. Once they have joined the central hub, they will have access to all content related to rules, updates, clarifications, interpretations, etc. from the NCAA national coordinator of officials and secretary-rules editor.
4. Pre-Championship Manual. Coaches are reminded to review the 2023 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Pre-Championship Manual. The pre-championship manual is a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. The 2023 pre-championship manual will be posted [here](#) in early October.

Please contact me at pnewman@ncaa.org if you have any questions.

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cc: NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee