



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: Karen Kirsch
Director, Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: 2026-27 NCAA Men's Water Polo Season Information.

The following information is provided to assist during the water polo season and in preparing for the 2026 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. Caleb Vaughn (cvaughn@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office will be providing more information to all sports information directors.
2. 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 re-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.
3. Prechampionships Manual. Due to their significant similarity, the prechampionships manuals for men's and women's water polo were combined this year. Coaches are reminded to review the 2026-27 National Collegiate Men's and Water Polo Prechampionships Manual as it serves as a valuable resource for institutions to prepare for the championships. The 2026-27 prechampionships manual will be posted [here](#) in early October.
4. Selection Announcement. This year's selection announcement will take place **at noon Eastern time, Monday, Nov. 23**, via a selection show on ncaa.com.
5. Championship Site. The University of California, San Diego, will be hosting the 2026 Men's Water Polo Championship Dec. 4-6.
6. Video Review Protocol. As a result of video review being adopted as a permissive playing rule for the postseason in April, the committee approved the [NCAA Men's and Women's Water Polo Video Review Protocol](#).

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

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cc: NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee