



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
APRIL 25, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

- None.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following conferences be awarded one AQ spot for the 2019 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship: 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 (Men).
- (2) Effective date. 2019 championship.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification. Please note that there is a possibility that the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) may withdraw its automatic qualifier application before selections to participate in a Division III Championship being sponsored by USA Water Polo. If this transpires, the 2019 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship will consist of five automatic qualifiers and two at-large selections (as opposed to six automatic qualifiers and two at-large selections). The actual championship finals site will still only consist of four teams. If the SCIAC withdraws its application, this would also result in one less opening round game.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Opening round championship date formula.

- (1) Recommendation. That opening round games in the championship be played on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and on the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the championship.

- (2) Effective date. 2019 championship.
- (3) Rationale. There currently is no date formula for the opening round in water polo; however, the dates in this recommendation are consistent with those on which previous opening round games have been played.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed and approved the strategic plan for the NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee. The committee will always review this plan at its annual meeting.
- 2. Sport-specific bid specifications for the 2022-2025 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championships.** The committee reviewed and finalized the bid specifications for the 2022-2025 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championships. This document can be used when the next round of bids is made available to the membership.
- 3. Minimum seating requirements – championship finals site.** That the venue selected for the championship finals site accommodate at least 500 spectators. This recommended minimum seating requirement would be effective with the next bid cycle to select championship hosts (effective with the 2022 championship). Each participating team is allocated 50 tickets, which would allow at least an additional 300 tickets to accommodate other spectators.
- 4. Other business.**
 - a. Outgoing committee member.** The committee thanked John Vargas of Stanford University for his service on the committee, as his term will end on August 31, 2019.
 - b. Recognition of retiring national coordinator of water polo officials.** Randy L. Buhr and the committee recognized Dr. Bob Corb for his many years of service as the National Coordinator of Water Polo Officials. Mr. Corb will be retiring at the conclusion of the 2019 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship.
 - c. Update on the search process to hire a new national coordinator of officials.** The committee was provided an update on the timeline to announce the successor to Dr. Corb as the new NCAA National Coordinator of Water Polo Officials. The earliest any announcement would be made would be April 29, 2019.

5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Committee Chair: Matt Anderson, Connecticut College, Collegiate Water Polo Association
Staff Liaison(s): Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee April 25, 2019, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
	Matt Anderson, Connecticut College; Collegiate Water Polo Association.
	Andy Fee, Long Beach State University; Golden Coast Conference.
	Matthew Kalish, Pepperdine University; Golden Coast Conference.
	Ted Minnis, Harvard University; Northeast Water Polo Conference.
	John Vargas, Stanford University; Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.
Absentees:	
	None.
Guests in Attendance:	
	Brian Streeter, Secretary-Rules Editor.
	Robert Corb, National Coordinator of Officials.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
	Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
	None.