



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2, 2018, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- None.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review and approval of 2017 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2017 annual meeting report as drafted.
2. **Review of 2018 championship.** The committee reviewed the championship, including the opening round games, and addressed the following:
 - a. **General review/comments.** The committee thought the 2018 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship was well administered.
 - b. **Review of opening round games.** The committee noted that there is no need to conduct a formal pre-championship administrative meeting at each opening round site the day before competition. Any necessary communication can take place in advance of the game via the phone or on-site the day of the game.

In addition, the deadline to submit a bid for hosting an opening round game should be moved up by one week from the 2018 deadline.
3. **Committee suggestions for the 2019 championship.** The committee reviewed a variety of championship-related issues and made the following suggestions:
 - a. **Game schedule.** The committee decided to change the open practice schedule on the date of the national championship game to 9:30-11:30 a.m. local time, and the facility would be open for two hours for both teams to use at the same time with no expectation of privacy.
 - b. **Selection procedures.** The committee noted that championship officials should be selected in advance of the team selections during the selection meeting. The committee would also like to add time on the last committee conference call before selections to hear from the national coordinator of officials about the officials who will be under consideration for selection.

The committee asked staff to correspond with all conferences and encourage them to have all championship games on Selection Sunday begin no later than 4 p.m. Eastern time (1 p.m. Pacific time). If this were to occur, the committee would ideally move the start of the selection meeting to 8 p.m. Eastern time, instead of 10 p.m. Eastern time.

- c. **Championship enhancements.** The committee appreciated the seat cushions provided as a fan give-a-way and would ideally like to see a similar enhancement provided again in future years.

In addition, if this is acceptable to IMG College, the committee also noted that the championship finals site in the future should print hard copies of the championship roster of all four teams (one-page document printed on both sides).

- d. **Bracket format.** No changes are needed to the championship bracket format.
- e. **Championship banquet.** The committee recommended that all future championship hosts continue to provide a buffet option with plenty of food and multiple serving lines. The committee also continued to support having the championship host obtain a banquet speaker and have that confirmed 60 days in advance of the championship. If the host cannot secure a speaker by that time, the committee and NCAA staff will work to hopefully secure a banquet speaker. Finally, the banquet video should be shown immediately with no sound once the banquet begins and then again with sound at the very end of the program.
- f. **Facility set-up and layout.** There are no issues that needed to be addressed.
- g. **Other items.** The public address announcer can be suggested by the host institution and approved by the committee. The public address announcer for the 2018 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship (Dean Quintal) did an admirable job and should be considered again in the future if the host does not already have a quality public address announcer.

In addition, the committee suggested that the facility evaluation form include asking whether a host institution has at least two referee headsets (referee intercom system). If so, they should be made available for use during opening round games.

4. National Coordinator of Officials report.

- a. **The Referee School.** There is a mandatory referee school every two years, and all officials are required to attend in order to be considered for championship selection. The second such school was conducted on April 25, 2018 and was hosted at three separate sites on the same day (Long Beach State University, Stanford University, and Villanova University). The committee reviewed survey results from participants.

13. Future championship sites.

- a. **2019.** University of the Pacific, Chris Kjeldsen Pool Complex (December 7-8, 2019)
- b. **2020.** Stanford University, Avery Aquatic Center (December 5-6, 2020).
- c. **2021.** University of California, Los Angeles, Spieker Aquatics Center (December 4-5, 2021).

14. Other business.

- a. **Third referee system.** The committee reviewed this system and noted concerns with the cost of such a model and with the lack of space on some pool decks to even implement it. As such, the committee took no action taken on this item.
- b. **Committee chair.** The committee approved Matt Anderson, head men's and women's water polo coach at Connecticut College, to continue serving as chair for a second year in a row for the 2019-20 academic year.

15. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 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 December 2, 2018, Meeting	
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.