



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 4, 2022, ANNUAL MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Committee chair.** The committee approved Wes Yourth, deputy director of athletics at University of the Pacific, to serve as chair for the 2023-24 academic year.

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review and approval of the 2021 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2021 annual meeting report as drafted.
2. **Review of the 2022 championship.** The committee reviewed the championship, including the opening-round games, and addressed the following:
 - a. **General review/comments.** The committee thought the 2022 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship was well administered. The committee discussed the issue of seating limitations and tickets selling out within minutes. The committee will look into this as the new bid cycle begins. The committee discussed ticket prices and how to streamline the process for the next championship. The committee also discussed the newly implemented video exchange policy and how best to address that going forward.
 - b. **Review of opening-round games.** The committee thought the opening-round games were administered well. The committee noted that it was difficult to secure goal judges in the first round of games due to the holiday weekend. The committee would like communication with potential hosts to happen earlier so they can help secure goal judges.
3. **Committee suggestions for the 2023 championship.** The committee reviewed a variety of championship-related issues:
 - a. **Game schedule.** The committee decided to keep the current game times. Semifinals will take place at 2 and 4 p.m. The championship game will be determined by ESPN closer to the fall season.
 - b. **Facility/host.** The committee thanked the University of California, Berkeley for a great championship experience. The committee noted a few suggested areas of improvement, which the NCAA staff will relay to future hosts.

- c. Pregame timing sheet.** The committee noted that if a team does not show up in time for the coin flip to determine bench sides, the committee will make the decision.
- 4. National coordinator of officials report.** The committee heard a report from Amber Drury, national coordinator of officials. The report included officials' selection criteria, review of championship officials and how to continue communication preseason to officials and provide educational content.
- 5. Selection criteria/process.** The committee agreed that no changes were needed to the selection criteria or process.
- 6. Review of Rating Percentage Index (RPI) report.** The committee members were reminded to continue reviewing the information (conference and team RPI reports) provided on a bi-weekly basis for accuracy. Each committee member will be expected to review their own conference, and the conference that is not represented by a committee member will need to be reviewed by the committee chair.
- 7. Sport sponsorship.** The committee anticipates additional institutions may begin sponsoring men's water polo in the future.
- 8. Review of manuals.** The committee plans to review the manuals and to suggest any necessary changes to staff prior to the 2023 championship. The committee requested changes in the participant manual around All-Tournament Team submission times.
- 9. Meet with women's water polo committee.** The committee will meet annually with the women's water polo committee in light of the gender equity review. This meeting will take place in early summer.
- 10. Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed the strategic plan and made no changes.
- 11. 2023 annual meeting dates.** The committee wants to continue meeting in conjunction with the 2023 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship. The annual meeting will begin on Saturday December 2 and conclude the morning of Sunday, December 3.
- 12. Other business.**
 - **Committee chair.** The committee approved Wes Yourth, deputy director of athletics at University of the Pacific, to serve as chair for the 2023-24 academic year. The committee recognized and thanked outgoing chair, George Nelson, for his service.
- 13. Future championship sites.**
 - a. 2023.** University of Southern California, Uytengsu Aquatics Center (December 2-3, 2023).

b. 2024. University of California, San Diego, Canyonview Pool (December 7-8, 2024).

Committee Chair: George Nelson, U.S. Air Force Academy, Western Water Polo Association
Staff Liaison(s): Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee December 4, 2022, Annual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Brian Kelly, Iona University; Collegiate Water Polo Association.	
Daniel Leyson, University of California, Davis; Western Water Polo Association.	
Nikola Malezanov, Washington and Jefferson College; Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.	
George Nelson, U.S. Air Force Academy; Western Water Polo Association.	
Wes Yourth, University of the Pacific; Golden Coast Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Amber Drury, National Coordinator of Officials.	
David Alberstein, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	