



REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
OCT. 2, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Staff welcomed the committee to the call.
2. **Rating Percentage Index reports and weighting nonconference contests.** The committee received an update on the nonconference adjusted RPI, which applies a bonus and penalty system to nonconference results. The committee will review the adjusted RPI throughout the season to inform future discussions about selection criteria, but the adjusted RPI will not be used for selections. The committee agreed weekly NPI reports should begin on Monday, October 6.
3. **Site visit.** Staff updated the committee on plans for a site visit in October.
4. **Division I governance structure update.** Staff provided an update on the new Division I governance structure. The committee structure for National Collegiate championships did not change due to the nature of the multidivisional representation. All three divisions would have to approve any changes to the committee composition or responsibilities. It is anticipated that a review of the National Collegiate structure will occur in 2026. Any recommendations that previously required action by the Division I Sports Oversight Committee (e.g., automatic qualification recommendations, site selection, legislative or format changes) will need to be approved by the NCAA Division I Administrative Committee. The process for approval of playing rules changes is still being discussed since the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel has been dissolved with the new structure.
5. **Rules update.** The secretary-rules editor informed the committee of his plans to conduct a site visit in mid-October to confirm the table crew setup at the venue. It was noted that the rules subcommittee will meet in February, which will allow for additional time for the rules book to be published before the 2026 men's water polo season. The subcommittee previously met in conjunction with the NCAA Women's Water Polo Championship.
6. **Officials update.** The national coordinator of officials provided an update on a recent meeting of the conference supervisors of officials to strengthen the evaluation process. There is interest in submitting a budget request to allow goal judges to not have to be local as that will aid in the growth of the officiating pool. Staff will seek feedback on the budget request process for a future meeting.
7. **Future videoconferences.**
 - a. Committee call, Oct. 23 – noon Pacific time/3 p.m. Eastern time.
 - b. Committee call, Nov. 13 - noon Pacific time/3 p.m. Eastern time.

- c. Committee call, Nov. 18 – noon Pacific time/3 p.m. Eastern time.
- d. Selections call, Nov. 23 – 5 p.m. Pacific time/8 p.m. Eastern time
- e. Selection show, Nov. 24 – 9 a.m. Pacific time/noon Eastern time.
- f. Administrative call, Nov. 25 – 11 a.m. Pacific time/2 p.m. Eastern time

Committee Chair: Wes Yourth, University of the Pacific, West Coast Conference
Staff Liaison: Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee Oct. 11, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Brian Kelly, Iona University.	
Greg Lonzo, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges.	
Wes Yourth, University of the Pacific.	
Absentees:	
Andrea Lapointe, Harvard University.	
Daniel Leyson, University of California, Davis.	
Guests in Attendance.	
David Alberstein, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Steve Redding, National Coordinator of Officials.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Karen Kirsch, Kerstin Hunter, Paige Newman, Trae Straziscar, Caleb Vaughn (NCAA contractor) and Michelle Watsky.	