



REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
SEPT. 11, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee welcomed the new national coordinator of officials, Steve Redding, to his first meeting as well as the new championship manager, Karen Kirsch.
2. **Timeline.** The committee reviewed the timeline for the year and noted no changes from the previous year.
3. **Bracket.** The committee reviewed the proposed bracket and noted that the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will not participate in the championship this year, so there will not be an opening-round game.
4. **Schedule of events.** The committee reviewed the schedule of events and noted no changes, with practice and game times staying the same from the previous year.
5. **Site visit.** Staff updated the committee on plans for a site visit in October.
6. **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.
7. **Officials update.** The national coordinator of officials provided an overview of the process that will be used to evaluate officials during the regular season. The officials recommendation email will be sent to conferences by Sept. 26, with initial recommendations due by Oct. 22.
8. **Score reporting and Rating Percentage Index reports.** The committee asked staff to begin reports in mid-October. The committee also asked staff for updates about their annual meeting proposal regarding a bonus and penalty structure within the RPI calculation.
9. **Committee zone.** Staff reminded the committee that meeting materials and other documents will continue to be uploaded to the committee zone for the 2025 championship.
10. **Conflict of interest statement.** Staff reminded the committee of the Sept. 26 deadline to complete the annual conflict-of-interest statement.
11. **Other business.** Staff provided an update on the upcoming bid cycle, which will include the 2028-2030 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championships. The NCAA national office is hosting a bid symposium Sept. 15 to educate interested future hosts.
12. **Future videoconferences.**
 - a. Committee call, Oct. 2 – 12:30 p.m. Pacific time/ 3:30 p.m. Eastern time.

- b. Committee call, Oct. 23 – noon Pacific time/ 3 p.m. Eastern time.
- c. Committee call, Nov. 13 - noon Pacific time/ 3 p.m. Eastern time.
- d. Committee call, Nov. 18 – noon Pacific time/ 3 p.m. Eastern time.
- e. Selections call, Nov. 23 – 5 p.m. Pacific time/ 8 p.m. Eastern time
- f. Selection show, Nov. 24 – 9 a.m. Pacific time/ noon Eastern time.
- g. 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 Sept. 11, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Andrea Lapointe, Harvard University.	
Daniel Leyson, University of California, Davis.	
Greg Lonzo, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges.	
Wes Yourth, University of the Pacific.	
Absentees:	
Brian Kelly, Iona University.	
Guests in Attendance.	
David Alberstein, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Steve Redding, National Coordinator of Officials.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Karen Kirsch, Kerstin Hunter and Paige Newman.	