



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
SEPT. 10, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee welcomed two new members to the committee, Morgan Allison, head men's and women's water polo coach at Long Island University, and Brian Flacks, The Dunlevie Family director of men's water polo at Stanford University.
2. **Timeline.** The committee reviewed the timeline for the year and noted no changes from the previous year.
3. **Officials selection criteria.** The committee reviewed the changes to the officials selection criteria as adopted by the NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee during the April 2026 annual meeting. The men's committee agreed to implement all changes except for establishing a committee liaison to be involved with the officials evaluation process throughout the regular season.
4. **Championship planning.** The committee received confirmation that the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will not participate in the championship this year, so there will not be an opening-round game. Additionally, it was noted that staff plans to conduct a test of the video replay process at a contest at the host institution before the national championship.
5. **Rules update.** The secretary-rules editor provided an update on the implementation of the new rules adopted for 2026-27. To date, three rules interpretations have been issued and an educational document has been developed for officials to properly apply the rules related to minor acts of misconduct.
6. **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. 25.
7. **Conflict of interest statement.** Staff reminded the committee of the Sept. 25 deadline to complete the annual conflict-of-interest statement.
8. **Future videoconferences.**
 - a. Committee call, Oct. 1 – 12:30 p.m. Pacific time/ 3:30 p.m. Eastern time.
 - b. Committee call, Oct. 22 – 1 p.m. Pacific time/ 4 p.m. Eastern time.
 - c. Committee call, Nov. 12 - Noon Pacific time/ 3 p.m. Eastern time.
 - d. Committee call, Nov. 17 – 1 p.m. Pacific time/ 4 p.m. Eastern time.
 - e. Selections call, Nov. 22 – 5 p.m. Pacific time/ 8 p.m. Eastern time
 - f. Selection show, Nov. 23 – 9 a.m. Pacific time/ noon Eastern time.
 - g. Administrative call, Nov. 24 – 11 a.m. Pacific time/ 2 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: *Wes Yourth, University of the Pacific, West Coast Conference*
Staff Liaisons: *Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances*
 Brittney Jackson, Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:	
Morgan Allison, Long Island University.	
Brian Flacks, Stanford University.	
Andrea Lapointe, Harvard University.	
Greg Lonzo, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges.	
Wes Yourth, University of the Pacific.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance.	
David Alberstein, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Steve Redding, National Coordinator of Officials.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Karen Kirsch.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Kerstin Hunter.	