



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Selected NCAA Directors of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators, Sports Information Directors and Head Women's Water Polo Coaches.

FROM: Karen Kirsch
Director, Championships and Alliances

SUBJECT: 2026 NCAA Women's Water Polo Season Information.

The following information is provided to assist during the water polo season and in preparing for the 2026 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship:

1. Results Reporting. Water polo sports information directors will be required to enter scores following each contest using the statistics database. Caleb Vaughn (cvaughn@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office will be providing more information to your SID.
2. RefQuest Membership. All women's water polo head coaches listed in the NCAA Directory will have complimentary access to the women's water polo central hub on RefQuest. Those listed previously will be added to the central hub when registration opens and will not need to register, but they will receive an email from RQ+ inviting them to join the central hub and create a password. Once they have joined the central hub, they will have access to all content related to rules, updates, clarifications, interpretations, etc. from the NCAA national coordinator of officials and secretary-rules editor.
3. Prechampionship Manual. Coaches are reminded to review the 2026 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Prechampionship Manual. The prechampionship manual is a resource for institutions to prepare for the championship. The 2026 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Prechampionship Manual is available [here](#).
4. Selection Announcement. This year's selection announcement will take place at **8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, April 13**, via a selection show on ncaa.com.
5. Championship Site. University of California, San Diego will be hosting the 2026 Women's Water Polo Championship April 24-26, with an opening round game to be held at the same location on Wednesday, April 22.

Please contact me (kkirsch@ncaa.org) if you have any questions.

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cc: NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee