



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
FEB. 25, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Governance and member services staff liaison introduction.** Staff provided an overview of the new governance and member services department, which was a merger of the previous governance and academic and membership affairs departments. The committee was introduced to Brittney Jackson, assistant director of GMS, who will serve as the liaison to the NCAA Men's and Women's Water Polo Committees on legislative issues.
2. **Foreign tour legislation.** The committee provided feedback on Division I Proposal No. 2026-8, which would permit institutions to participate in foreign tours once every year in Division I basketball. When asked about the committee's interest in proposing similar legislation in water polo, Division I members expressed support. The Division II member noted that foreign tour activity in Division II water polo is minimal, indicating that a legislative change may not be appropriate at this time. The Division III member supported a change to once in three years instead of every year, noting that the change would allow more student-athletes to participate in foreign tours while still being mindful of institutional resources. NCAA staff will continue to solicit feedback to determine if legislative action is appropriate at this time.
3. **RPI review.** The committee reviewed the RPI data for games played through Feb. 23. The committee agreed that the current selection criteria is working well for women's water polo but they will continue to monitor the discussions the NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee is having regarding potentially weighting nonconference contests differently within the RPI calculation. Additionally, the committee expressed concern with the number of exhibition contests some teams play in water polo, noting exhibitions do not provide the same meaningful participation opportunity as countable contests (e.g., doesn't count toward statistics).
4. **Video exchange policies.** The committee discussed the current video exchange policies and agreed that it should not be mandatory for teams to film at the championship, noting potential staffing and budget concerns for participating teams. However, if a team chooses to film, it must be shared with the next opponent. The committee also directed staff to work with the host to determine if the host can provide film in a manner consistent with water polo best practices to provide to all teams.
5. **Host call updates.** Staff provided a recap of recent host calls with the UCSD staff. Planning for the 2026 championship is going well.
6. **Rules update.** David Alberstein, secretary-rules editor, provided an update on rules interpretations as well as the recent meetings of the rules subcommittee. He will conduct a site visit March 13-14 to evaluate the host table crew for the championship.

7. **Officials update.** Steve Redding, national coordinator of officials, provided an update on his officials work thus far.

8. **Future videoconferences.**

a. March 18, 1 p.m. Eastern time/10 a.m. Pacific time.

b. April 8, 1 p.m. Eastern time/10 a.m. Pacific time.

Committee Chair: Ted Minnis, Collegiate Water Polo Association
Staff Liaison: Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee Feb. 4, 2026, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
David Alberstein, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Matt Anderson, Connecticut College.	
Natalie Benson, California State University, Fresno.	
Ted Minnis, Harvard University.	
Erica Montebaro, University of California, Irvine.	
Meghan Morphy, Gannon University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Steve Redding, National Coordinator of Officials.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Brittney Jackson and Markell Staton.	