



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
FEB. 4, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Committee roster and timeline.** The committee reviewed the roster and timeline for the season and noted the date changes as a result of the new championship date formula effective for this season.
2. **Roster limit, bench limit and squad size.** The committee agreed to increase the squad size from 16 to 20. Previously, four additional student-athletes were permitted in the bench area but were not able to dress or compete. The committee believes these student-athletes should be full participants, subject to institutional discretion. The bench limit will remain at 24. The committee noted that future sites may have deck space limitations that necessitate additional considerations, and that this change does not result in any increases to the travel party size (remains at 20) or other championship elements (e.g., awards).
3. **Site visit recap.** Staff provided an update on the site visit to the University of California, San Diego. The committee requested that the participant manual provide detailed transportation options (e.g., parking, light rail) for fans and spectators.
4. **Schedule of events.** The committee reviewed the schedule of events and modified the game times for the semifinals on Saturday to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Because the championship game on Sunday is at 6 p.m. Pacific time, the committee wanted to shift the semifinals to align with the championship game and provide adequate rest between games. Practice times were also adjusted accordingly.
5. **Rules update.** David Alberstein, secretary-rules editor, provided an update on rules interpretations as well as the head table staff. The rules subcommittee will meet February 17 and it is a rules change year.
6. **Officials update.** Steve Redding, national coordinator of officials, provided an update on his officials work thus far.
7. **Manuals.** The committee was informed that both the committee operations manual and the prechampionship manual are complete and available for reference.
8. **Future videoconferences.**
 - a. Feb. 25, 1 p.m. Eastern time/10 a.m. Pacific time.

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

c. 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 Monteabaro, University of California, Irvine.	
Meghan Morphy, Gannon University.	
Rachel Roche, University of Redlands.	
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:	
Markell Staton.	