



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WOMEN’S WATER POLO COMMITTEE  
MARCH 18, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **RPI review.** The committee reviewed the RPI data for games played through March 15.
2. **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 host staff will also film all games in a manner consistent with water polo best practices and this film will be made available to participating teams.
3. **2028-31 bid cycle.** Staff provided a timeline of the upcoming bid cycle. The committee expressed a desire to have at least one host outside of the state of California for the upcoming cycle as has been done in previous bid cycles.
4. **Host call updates.** Staff provided a recap of recent host calls with the UCSD staff. Planning for the 2026 championship is going well.
5. **Rules update.** David Alberstein was not able to attend the meeting but provided a written recap of his site visit to evaluate the host table crew for the championship.
6. **Officials update.** Steve Redding, national coordinator of officials, provided an update on his officials work thus far. The conference supervisors nominated 34 officials through the initial watch list. The committee also discussed the process for assigning officials for the opening round game.
7. **Future videoconferences.**
  - April 8, 1 p.m. Eastern time/10 a.m. Pacific time.

*Committee Chair: Ted Minnis, Harvard University*  
*Staff Liaison: Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances*

<b>NCAA Women’s Water Polo Committee March 18, 2026, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Matt Anderson, Connecticut College.

Natalie Benson, California State University, Fresno.
Ted Minnis, Harvard University.
Erica Montebaro, University of California, Irvine.
Meghan Morphy, Gannon University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
David Alberstein, Secretary-Rules Editor.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Steve Redding, National Coordinator of Officials.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Markell Staton.