

### 2020 Water Polo Rules Survey Report

### RESPONSE DATA

Head Coach	67	85	79%
Official	353	390	91%
Commissioner	9	9	100%

### QUANTITATIVE DATA

### PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

1. Rule 1.4.1: Change the pool dimensions for Men to follow FINA rules water polo "1.4 The distance between the goal lines shall not be less than 20 meters and not more than 30 meters for games played by men. The distance between the goal lines shall not be less than 20 meters and not more than 25 meters for games played by women."

Rationale: An additional 5 meters will provide more opportunities for the teams on offense to score on the fast break (counterattack). This change of course length from 25 to 30m. would also be consistent with the highest level of play and assist in the development of our Men's players.

MEN'S	D		DI	I HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	50%	6	0%	0	0%	0	35%	6
Oppose	50%	6	100%	1	75%	3	59%	10
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	25%	1	6%	1
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

WOMEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	I HC	DIII I	НС	Ove	erall
Support	16%	3	20%	1	33%	1	19%	5
Oppose	37%	7	0%	0	67%	2	33%	9
No Opinion	47%	9	80%	4	0%	0	48%	13
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	5	100%	3	100%	27

HC COMBINED						
OVERALL						
Support 27%						
Oppose	49%					
No Opinion	24%					
Total	100%					

Rule 1.4.1 CONTINUED

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Offic	ial
Support	30%	8	33%	3	57%	51
Oppose	59%	16	44%	4	28%	25
No Opinion	11%	3	22%	2	15%	13
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	89

2. Rule 1.18 and Rule 1.19 - Ball pressure for men's and women's ball needs to be rewritten to say balls should be inflated to manufacturers specifications.

Rationale: Current ball pressures in the rule book are out of date for the newer balls especially the Kap7 balls, current psi is way too much. In experimenting and checking balls when I work games 7 to 8 psi seems to work well for both men's and women's size Kap7 balls.

MEN'S	DI H	IC .	DI	HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	92%	11	0%	0	50%	2	76%	13
Oppose	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	8%	1	100%	1	50%	2	24%	4
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

WOMEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	84%	16	100%	5	33%	1	81%	22
Oppose	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	16%	3	0%	0	67%	2	19%	5
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	5	100%	3	100%	27

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Offic	ial
Support	78%	21	100%	9	82%	73
Oppose	0%	0	0%	0	1%	1
No Opinion	22%	6	0%	0	17%	15
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	89

HC COMBINED							
OVERALL							
Support	79%						
Oppose	0%						
No Opinion	21%						
Total	100%						

3. Rule 2.2.a - If the head coach receives a warning or yellow card the head coach is still permitted to progress to the 5-meter line when the coach's team is on attack, shout instructions and stand. Remove yellow/red card from this rule.

Rationale: Not consistent with rule 3-6-3-c.

MEN'S	DI F	IC	DI	I HC	DIII HC		Overall	
Support	100%	12	0%	0	75%	3	88%	15
Oppose	0%	0	100%	1	25%	1	12%	2
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

WOMEN'S	DI F	IC	DI	I HC	DIII	HC	Ove	erall
Support	58%	11	75%	3	67%	2	62%	16
Oppose	32%	6	0%	0	33%	1	27%	7
No Opinion	11%	2	25%	1	0%	0	12%	3
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	4	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Offic	ial
Support	59%	16	67%	6	61%	54
Oppose	19%	5	22%	2	33%	29
No Opinion	22%	6	11%	1	7%	6
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	89

4. Rule 3.6.3.b - Eliminate issuing a yellow card to a player in the water. Use the yellow card to signify a minor act of misconduct (MAM) after the exclusion Rule 7-14.

Rationale: Yellow card is nothing more than a warning for players and doesn't get recorded in the scorebook. A yellow card after a MAM exclusion would be recorded and the second one would result in a game exclusion. This would eliminate the hand signal for a minor act of misconduct (MAM) and becomes a clear visual signal to everyone. A MAM should be emphasized more and has some punishment to it. Referees could still give a verbal warning to players in the water.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	75%	9	0%	0	100%	4	76%	13
Oppose	17%	2	100%	1	0%	0	18%	3
No Opinion	8%	1	0%	0	0%	0	6%	1
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

HC COMBINED							
OVERALL							
Support 67%							
Oppose	20%						
No Opinion	13%						
Total	100%						

HC COMBINED							
OVERALL							
Support	79%						
Oppose	14%						
No Opinion	7%						
Total	100%						

Rule 3.6.3.b CONTINUED

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	68%	13	100%	4	100%	3	77%	20
Oppose	21%	4	0%	0	0%	0	15%	4
No Opinion	11%	2	0%	0	0%	0	8%	2
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	4	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	81%	22	89%	8	83%	74	
Oppose	11%	3	11%	1	12%	11	
No Opinion	7%	2	0%	0	4%	4	
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	89	

5. Rule 3.3 - When any card is given - give the card during play but when play is over and not taking away any advantage away - take the ball out and show the card. Make sure everyone is aware a player or coach they have been carded.

Rationale: Times officials give a walking yellow card and the coach or player does not even know they got a card.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	100%	12	0%	0	100%	4	94%	16
Oppose	0%	0	100%	1	0%	0	6%	1
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	95%	18	100%	5	100%	3	96%	26
Oppose	5%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	5	100%	3	100%	27

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	85%	23	89%	8	89%	78	
Oppose	7%	2	11%	1	6%	5	
No Opinion	7%	2	0%	0	6%	5	
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	88	

HC COMBINED							
OVERALL							
Support 92%							
Oppose	6%						
No Opinion	3%						
Total	100%						

### 6. Rule 3.6.3.c - Restrict the head coach to sitting on the team bench and not allowed to go beyond the goal line when on offense or defense.

Rationale: Puts a little more "teeth" in the punishment. Sit down like everyone else on the team bench and stay behind the goal line.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	8%	1	0%	0	0%	0	6%	1
Oppose	83%	10	100%	1	100%	4	88%	15
No Opinion	8%	1	0%	0	0%	0	6%	1
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

WOMEN'S	DI I	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	16%	3	60%	3	0%	0	22%	6	
Oppose	84%	16	40%	2	100%	3	78%	21	
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	5	100%	3	100%	27	

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	11%	3	44%	4	56%	49	
Oppose	78%	21	56%	5	39%	34	
No Opinion	11%	3	0%	0	5%	4	
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	87	

# HC COMBINED OVERALL Support 14% Oppose 80% No Opinion 6% Total 100%

### 7. Rule 3.6.3.c - Change this rule to restrict the coach to the goal line instead of the 2-meter line.

Rationale: Should a coach choose to continue to be disruptive after receiving a yellow card, a more appropriate sanction would be to be required to remain behind the goal line regardless if on offense or defense. In addition, it would be much easier for the referees to see if they were violating this additional sanction where the difference between the 5-meter and 2-meter can often be difficult from 20 meters away.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	25%	3	0%	0	25%	1	24%	4
Oppose	75%	9	100%	1	75%	3	76%	13
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

HC CO	MBINED						
OVERALL							
Support	33%						
Oppose	64%						
No Opinion	3%						
Total 100%							

Rule 3.6.3.c CONTINUED

WOMEN'S DI H		HC DII HC		DIII HC		Overall		
Support	26%	5	80%	4	67%	2	41%	11
Oppose	74%	14	20%	1	33%	1	59%	16
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	5	100%	3	100%	27

OTHER	Coaches Both		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	31%	8	89%	8	70%	60	
Oppose	62%	16	11%	1	20%	17	
No Opinion	8%	2	0%	0	10%	9	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	86	

8. Rule 3.18 and Rule 6.15 - In order to receive a new shot clock when shooting there needs to be contact with the goal (crossbar or goal posts) or goalie in order to get a reset for the team on offense who retained or gained possession on the rebound.

Rationale: Not fair to punish good defense if a player blocks a shot particularly outside the 5-meter area or further when the team on offense shoots and gains possession on a rebound.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	58%	7	100%	1	75%	3	65%	11
Oppose	42%	5	0%	0	25%	1	35%	6
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DI	DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	42%	8	80%	4	100%	3	56%	15	
Oppose	53%	10	20%	1	0%	0	41%	11	
No Opinion	5%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1	
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	5	100%	3	100%	27	

OTHER	Coaches Both		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	41%	11	67%	6	41%	36	
Oppose	52%	14	22%	2	45%	40	
No Opinion	7%	2	11%	1	14%	12	
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	88	

HC CO	MBINED						
OVERALL							
Support	52%						
Oppose	44%						
No Opinion	4%						
Total	100%						

### 9. Rule 4.6 - I would like to have this section removed completely so that only the team in possession of the ball may call a time out.

Rationale: I have seen this rule give the defense a huge advantage at the end of a game. In addition, changing it would fall into line with the more common USAWP and FINA rules.

MEN'S	DI HC		DI	DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	67%	8	0%	0	75%	3	65%	11	
Oppose	25%	3	0%	0	0%	0	18%	3	
No Opinion	8%	1	100%	1	25%	1	18%	3	
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17	

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	53%	10	75%	3	33%	1	54%	14
Oppose	26%	5	0%	0	67%	2	27%	7
No Opinion	21%	4	25%	1	0%	0	19%	5
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	4	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	44%	12	56%	5	74%	64	
Oppose	30%	8	33%	3	14%	12	
No Opinion	26%	7	11%	1	13%	11	
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	87	

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Support	44%	12	56%	5	74%	64	
Oppose	30%	8	33%	3	14%	12	
No Opinion	26%	7	11%	1	13%	11	
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	87	
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10. Rule 4.19 - Current rule - "A goal shall be scored from anywhere within the field of play, except that the goalkeeper shall not be permitted to go or touch the ball beyond the half distance line." Proposed new rule - "The goalkeeper is allowed to move beyond and touch the ball past the half distance line."

Rationale: Creates opportunity for additional offensive play, albeit at considerable risk to the offensive team. Ultimate risk reward gambit that would create great excitement from a spectator perspective in end game situations. Aligns water polo with all other sports employing a goalkeeper by allowing the goalkeeper to act as an offensive player. E.g. soccer, hockey. Many Water polo rules remain counterintuitive to the average spectator. Rule as currently written is archaic and serves to restrict offensive opportunity. Proposed rule change was adopted by FINA in 2018 and has worked very well in adding excitement and additional scoring opportunities.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	92%	11	100%	1	100%	4	94%	16
Oppose	8%	1	0%	0	0%	0	6%	1
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

HC COMBINED							
OVERALL							
Support	53%						
Oppose	26%						
No Opinion	21%						
Total	100%						

HC COMBINED						
OVERALL						
Support	83%					
Oppose	11%					
No Opinion	6%					
Total	100%					

Rule 4.19 CONTINUED

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	84%	16	100%	5	100%	3	89%	24
Oppose	16%	3	0%	0	0%	0	11%	3
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	5	100%	3	100%	27

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	70%	19	100%	9	100%	89	
Oppose	15%	4	0%	0	0%	0	
No Opinion	15%	4	0%	0	0%	0	
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	89	

11. Rule 4.20.3 Method of Scoring: If a foul is awarded outside of 6-meters, the player may: shoot immediately, fake and then shoot (after the ball is put into play), dribble and then shoot, Both the ball and the foul must be outside of 6-meters.

Rationale: In line with USA/FINA water polo rules. All players currently use the proposed rules outside of the college playing season.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	100%	12	100%	1	75%	3	94%	16
Oppose	0%	0	0%	0	25%	1	6%	1
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DI	DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	79%	15	60%	3	67%	2	74%	20	
Oppose	16%	3	40%	2	33%	1	22%	6	
No Opinion	5%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1	
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	5	100%	3	100%	27	

OTHER	Coache	s Both	th Commissioner		Official	
Support	63%	17	89%	8	87%	77
Oppose	22%	6	11%	1	11%	10
No Opinion	15%	4	0%	0	2%	2
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	89

HC COMBINED							
OVERALL							
Support	94%						
Oppose	6%						
No Opinion	7%						
Total	100%						

12. Rule 5.2 - A ball that rebounds into play after crossing the end line shall be put into play at the location of the ball (not 2m). A goal throw taken improperly shall not be retaken.

Rationale: This rule proposal is consistent with rule 5-10. As a referee this current rule makes no sense in a situation where the goalie will attempt a shot. Under the old rule, a goalie could essentially attempt two shots. In a game I had, the ball rebounded to 7 M, before the referee had a chance to instruct the goalie to return to 2m he shot the ball. Because the clock had also run on the goalie shooting the ball, a clock error had occurred. When the referee took the ball out to correct the clock, the offensive team was able to move all their players in front of goal in preparation for another shot. This was an advantage that they didn't earn. The referee put the ball back into play and the goalie got a second shot almost tying the game. A goal throw shall be taken at the location of the ball, this will speed the game up and not give the offense an unearned advantage. If the throw is taken improperly, the referee will call a turnover. Thus, not giving the offense a second attempt.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	100%	12	0%	0	75%	3	88%	15
Oppose	0%	0	100%	1	0%	0	6%	1
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	25%	1	6%	1
TOTAL	100%	12	100%	1	100%	4	100%	17

WOMEN'S	DI F	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	42%	8	60%	3	100%	3	52%	14	
Oppose	32%	6	40%	2	0%	0	30%	8	
No Opinion	26%	5	0%	0	0%	0	19%	5	
TOTAL	100%	19	100%	5	100%	3	100%	27	

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	33%	9	44%	4	58%	52	
Oppose	22%	6	22%	2	28%	25	
No Opinion	44%	12	33%	3	13%	12	
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	9	100%	89	

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL					
Support	54%				
Oppose	21%				
No Opinion	25%				
Total	100%				

13. Rule 5.10 - All free throws to be taken at the spot of the ball when the foul is called unless it is inside the attacking team's 2 meter line in which case the free throw shall be taken on or outside the 2 meter line.

Rationale: Promotes better offensive flow and perhaps will prevent a referee from NOT making a critical, perhaps player safety related call, simply because they felt they may destroy any advantage by having to move the ball backwards to the point of the foul.

MEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	I HC	DIII	HC	Ove	erall
Support	89%	8	100%	1	100%	3	92%	12
Oppose	11%	1	0%	0	0%	0	8%	1
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	1	100%	3	100%	13

WOMEN'S	DI H	IC .	DI	I HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	83%	15	100%	4	67%	2	84%	21
Oppose	11%	2	0%	0	0%	0	8%	2
No Opinion	6%	1	0%	0	33%	1	8%	2
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	4	100%	3	100%	25

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	92%	24	89%	8	97%	83	
Oppose	4%	1	0%	0	2%	2	
No Opinion	4%	1	11%	1	1%	1	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	86	

HC COMBINED
OVERALL
Support 89%
Oppose 6%
No Opinion 5%
Total 100%

14. Rule 5.10.a-d - Eliminate a and c keep b and d. Lead sentence "the free throw is taken at the spot of the ball when the foul is awarded."

Rationale: The rule as it is slows the game down by forcing the ball to the spot of the foul. Especially on counter attacks or driving situations.

MEN'S	DI H	HC	DI	I HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	100%	10	100%	1	67%	2	93%	13
Oppose	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	33%	1	7%	1
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	I HC	DIII I	НС	Ove	erall
Support	76%	13	100%	4	100%	3	83%	20
Oppose	6%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1
No Opinion	18%	3	0%	0	0%	0	13%	3
TOTAL	100%	17	100%	4	100%	3	100%	24

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL					
Support	77%				
Oppose	5%				
No Opinion	19%				
Total	100%				

Rule 5.10.a-d CONTINUED

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official	
Support	62%	16	56%	5	92%	79
Oppose	8%	2	22%	2	2%	2
No Opinion	31%	8	22%	2	6%	5
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	86

15. Rule 5.10.a - Location of Free Throw: A free throw shall be taken at the spot of the ball, except: if the foul is committed by a defending player within the defender's 2-meter area, the free throw shall be taken on the 2-meter line opposite to where the foul was committed and where otherwise provided for in the rules.

Rationale: In line with USA/FINA water polo rules. All players currently use the proposed rules outside of the college playing season.

MEN'S	DI H	IC .	DI	HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	90%	9	0%	0	33%	1	71%	10
Oppose	0%	0	100%	1	0%	0	7%	1
No Opinion	10%	1	0%	0	67%	2	21%	3
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI F	IC	DI	I HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	83%	15	100%	4	100%	3	88%	22
Oppose	6%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1
No Opinion	11%	2	0%	0	0%	0	8%	2
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	4	100%	3	100%	25

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official	
Support	84%	21	89%	8	98%	84
Oppose	4%	1	0%	0	1%	1
No Opinion	12%	3	11%	1	1%	1
TOTAL	100%	25	100%	9	100%	86

HC COMBINED						
OVERALL						
Support	83%					
Oppose	5%					
No Opinion	13%					
Total	100%					

16. Rule 5.10.3 - A free throw awarded outside 5M can be put into play with one's self. Thus, allowing the action to continue that the defender prevented by fouling. After the ball has been clearly put into play, the player may shoot, swim, pass which will move the game along and will create more movement.

Rationale: Defensive fouls must benefit the offensive team. Too many times ordinary fouls, stop the attack of the offense. I.e. a foul and drop scenario where the defensive team commits an ordinary foul and drops to take away the centers position. Under this proposal, the offensive player would be able to play the ball to him/herself and continue playing. Granted the original foul occurred outside 5M.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	60%	6	0%	0	67%	2	31%	8
Oppose	40%	4	100%	1	0%	0	19%	5
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	33%	1	50%	13
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	26

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DI	DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	67%	12	40%	2	100%	3	33%	17	
Oppose	33%	6	60%	3	0%	0	17%	9	
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	50%	26	
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	52	

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Offic	ial
Support	69%	18	67%	6	72%	61
Oppose	15%	4	22%	2	25%	21
No Opinion	15%	4	11%	1	4%	3
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85

HC COMBINED
OVERALL
Support 41%
Oppose 17%
No Opinion 41%
Total 100%

17. Rule 5.13 - Eliminate current verbiage, specifically "water polo related move" and specify that the ball must be put in play by demonstrating a clear separation of ball, hand, and water as in passing, picking up the ball and dropping it, and tossing the ball up in the air.

Rationale: Simplify interpretation for referee and players alike and bring the rules more in line with current FINA/USAWP.

MEN'S	DI H	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14	
Oppose	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14	

HC COMBINED							
OVERALL							
Support	82%						
Oppose	15%						
No Opinion	3%						
Total	100%						

### Rule 5.13 CONTINUED

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	78%	14	80%	4	100%	3	81%	21
Oppose	22%	4	20%	1	0%	0	19%	5
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	73%	19	89%	8	79%	68	
Oppose	19%	5	11%	1	19%	16	
No Opinion	8%	2	0%	0	2%	2	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	86	

18. Rule 6 - The ball may be put in play on all ordinary fouls including exclusion fouls at the point of the ball other than inside the two meter line of the goal that is being attacked.

Rationale: Speeds up the game no more confusion on moving the ball or player back. This rule was in play some years ago for about 2 seasons worked well not sure why it went away.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	60%	6	100%	1	67%	2	64%	9
Oppose	30%	3	0%	0	33%	1	29%	4
No Opinion	10%	1	0%	0	0%	0	7%	1
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	78%	14	100%	5	100%	3	85%	22
Oppose	6%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1
No Opinion	17%	3	0%	0	0%	0	12%	3
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	81%	21	89%	8	91%	78	
Oppose	4%	1	0%	0	1%	1	
No Opinion	15%	4	11%	1	8%	7	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	86	

Total	100%					
No Opinion	12%					
Oppose	9%					
Support	79%					
OVERALL						
HC CON	MBINED					

### 19. Rule 7.10 - Take out rule 7, Section 10: Use of two hand to hold.

Rationale: Players do this all the time and it is not called - so take it out. Why have a rule in the book if we are not calling it? Or add to the rule: if a player tries to move out of the hold and the player does not let go call an exclusion.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	40%	4	100%	1	67%	2	50%	7
Oppose	40%	4	0%	0	0%	0	29%	4
No Opinion	20%	2	0%	0	33%	1	21%	3
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	47%	8	50%	2	33%	1	46%	11
Oppose	35%	6	50%	2	0%	0	33%	8
No Opinion	18%	3	0%	0	67%	2	21%	5
TOTAL	100%	17	100%	4	100%	3	100%	24

OTHER	Coaches Both Commissioner				Official		
Support	62%	16	33%	3	42%	36	
Oppose	23%	6	67%	6	47%	40	
No Opinion	15%	4	0%	0	11%	9	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85	

HC COMBINED					
OVE	RALL				
Support	53%				
Oppose	28%				
No Opinion	19%				
Total	100%				

### 20. Rule 7.10 - To use two hands to hold an opponent who is not holding the ball anywhere in the field of play.

Rationale: Need to add who is not holding the ball because our rules do allow for play with two hands when the opponent is holding the ball. Please keep in mind, if we do go the newer USAWP & FINA rules, this would need to read who is not holding the ball outside the six meter line.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	50%	5	0%	0	33%	1	43%	6
Oppose	20%	2	0%	0	0%	0	14%	2
No Opinion	30%	3	100%	1	67%	2	43%	6
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI F	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	47%	8	75%	3	67%	2	54%	13	
Oppose	6%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1	
No Opinion	47%	8	25%	1	33%	1	42%	10	
TOTAL	100%	17	100%	4	100%	3	100%	24	

HC COMBINED						
OVERALL						
Support	48%					
Oppose	8%					
No Opinion	44%					
Total	100%					

Rule 7.10 CONTINUED

OTHER	Coaches Both Commissioner		Official			
Support	46%	12	50%	4	76%	65
Oppose	8%	2	25%	2	8%	7
No Opinion	46%	12	25%	2	15%	13
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	8	100%	85

## 21. Rule 7.13 - That a player that is excluded from the game for misconduct must remove their cap and leave the bench area.

Rationale: Even though there are further sanctions in place for a player that has been removed for misconduct, the addition of this condition would decrease the chance for further disruption and aid overall decorum.

MEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	I HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	80%	8	100%	1	50%	1	77%	10
Oppose	10%	1	0%	0	50%	1	15%	2
No Opinion	10%	1	0%	0	0%	0	8%	1
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	2	100%	13

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	50%	9	100%	5	67%	2	62%	16
Oppose	28%	5	0%	0	33%	1	23%	6
No Opinion	22%	4	0%	0	0%	0	15%	4
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	Coaches Both		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	62%	16	78%	7	66%	56	
Oppose	23%	6	22%	2	19%	16	
No Opinion	15%	4	0%	0	15%	13	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85	

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL Support 65%					
Support	65%				
Oppose	22%				
No Opinion	14%				
Total	100%				

22. Rule 7.15.2 - If a flagrant misconduct occurs, the penalty shall include a 4- minute exclusion. This penalty shall remain for the whole 4 minutes and will not come even when the offending team gains possession of the ball.

Rationale: The current penalty it not severe enough for acts of flagrant misconduct. Just receiving a penalty and an 6-5 (plus exclusion from the game is not enough). We must send a message to players that this is not acceptable behavior and punish the team that has offended.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	50%	5	0%	0	100%	3	57%	8
Oppose	50%	5	100%	1	0%	0	43%	6
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	67%	12	40%	2	33%	1	58%	15
Oppose	17%	3	60%	3	67%	2	31%	8
No Opinion	17%	3	0%	0	0%	0	12%	3
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	46%	12	67%	6	70%	60	
Oppose	42%	11	33%	3	19%	16	
No Opinion	12%	3	0%	0	12%	10	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	86	

23. Rule 9.2 - Taking a penalty shot no one but shooter and goalie - others line up at half on their side of the pool. You could then use two officials to administer the penalty shot - one to line up the shoot the other to line of the goalie. Goalie is told once to move back into the cage - if they have to be told more than one time - exclusion and a player who is in the water can take the spot of the goalie. Goalie cheats out and the shooter misses the goalie is excluded and the shooter can have another penalty shot.

Rationale: There is too much drama taking a penalty shot. Defense gets too close to the shoot, making the goalie move back.

MEN'S	DI I	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	30%	3	0%	0	100%	3	43%	6	
Oppose	60%	6	100%	1	0%	0	50%	7	
No Opinion	10%	1	0%	0	0%	0	7%	1	
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14	

HC COMBINED					
OVE	RALL				
Support	53%				
Oppose	38%				
No Opinion	9%				
Total	100%				

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL					
Support	45%				
Oppose	44%				
No Opinion	11%				
Total	100%				

### Rule 9.2 CONTINUED

WOMEN'S	DI H	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	44%	8	40%	2	33%	1	42%	11	
Oppose	50%	9	40%	2	33%	1	46%	12	
No Opinion	6%	1	20%	1	33%	1	12%	3	
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26	

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	50%	13	67%	6	51%	44	
Oppose	38%	10	33%	3	37%	32	
No Opinion	12%	3	0%	0	12%	10	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	86	

24. NEW RULES - To align with the New FINA Rules: 1) Getting the ball live after a foul outside 5M, 2) Live subs, 3) Live corner throws

Rationale: This will align the college game with the Olympic Games.

MEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	67%	6	100%	1	67%	2	69%	9
Oppose	33%	3	0%	0	33%	1	31%	4
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	1	100%	3	100%	13

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	67%	12	60%	3	33%	1	62%	16
Oppose	28%	5	40%	2	67%	2	35%	9
No Opinion	6%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	Coaches Both Commissioner		Official			
Support	69%	18	67%	6	82%	69
Oppose	23%	6	22%	2	8%	7
No Opinion	8%	2	11%	1	10%	8
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	84

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL					
Support	66%				
Oppose	29%				
No Opinion	5%				
Total	100%				

### 25. Women's Shot Clock - Change women's water polo shot clock from :35 to :30.

Rationale: Every level of the game from 14 and Under to international water polo has a shot clock length of :30. NCAA water polo is the only level that has a shot clock with :35. It seems rationale to adjust this.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	50%	5	0%	0	50%	1	46%	6
Oppose	20%	2	100%	1	0%	0	23%	3
No Opinion	30%	3	0%	0	50%	1	31%	4
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	2	100%	13

WOMEN'S	DI F	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	67%	12	25%	1	0%	0	52%	13	
Oppose	28%	5	75%	3	67%	2	40%	10	
No Opinion	6%	1	0%	0	33%	1	8%	2	
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	4	100%	3	100%	25	

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	62%	16	89%	8	88%	75	
Oppose	35%	9	11%	1	11%	9	
No Opinion	4%	1	0%	0	1%	1	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85	

### 26. Shot Clock - Change the shot clock from 35 seconds to a 30 second shot clock.

Rationale: College athletics is the only place where a 35 second shot clock still exists. Players at the club, high school, and international level play with a 30 second shot clock and we should align with them.

MEN'S	DI F	IC	DI	I HC	DIII I	НС	Ove	erall
Support	56%	5	0%	0	67%	2	54%	7
Oppose	11%	1	0%	0	0%	0	8%	1
No Opinion	33%	3	100%	1	33%	1	38%	5
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	1	100%	3	100%	13

WOMEN'S	DI H	IC .	DI	I HC	DIII I	НС	Ove	erall
Support	67%	12	25%	1	0%	0	52%	13
Oppose	28%	5	75%	3	67%	2	40%	10
No Opinion	6%	1	0%	0	33%	1	8%	2
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	4	100%	3	100%	25

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL					
Support	55%				
Oppose	34%				
No Opinion	11%				
Total	100%				

HC COMBINED						
OVERALL						
Support	59%					
Oppose	29%					
No Opinion	13%					
Total	100%					

### Shot Clock CONTINUED

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Offic	fficial	
Support	68%	17	89%	8	88%	74	
Oppose	28%	7	11%	1	10%	8	
No Opinion	4%	1	0%	0	2%	2	
TOTAL	100%	25	100%	9	100%	84	

27. Reset Shot Clock - When a shot is block out of bounds by the goalie. The offense retains possession but shot clock is re set to :20.

Rationale: Speeds up the game in the front court.

MEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	I HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	40%	4	0%	0	100%	3	50%	7
Oppose	50%	5	100%	1	0%	0	43%	6
No Opinion	10%	1	0%	0	0%	0	7%	1
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	50%	9	50%	2	33%	1	48%	12
Oppose	44%	8	50%	2	67%	2	48%	12
No Opinion	6%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	4	100%	3	100%	25

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	54%	14	67%	6	62%	52	
Oppose	38%	10	22%	2	31%	26	
No Opinion	8%	2	11%	1	7%	6	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	84	

HC COMBINED						
OVERALL						
Support	51%					
Oppose	43%					
No Opinion	6%					
Total	100%					

28. Reset of Shot Clock - Reset of shot clock to 20 seconds: Possession time shall be reset to 20 when: a corner throw is awarded, after a shot is taken that does not change possession, and, in the event of an exclusion with less than 20 seconds remaining on the shot clock. If there is more than 20 seconds remaining on the shot clock at the time of the exclusion, the greater time will remain with no new reset.

Rationale: In line with USA/FINA water polo rules. All players currently use the proposed rules outside of the college playing season and it makes the game more interesting to watch.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	40%	4	0%	0	100%	3	50%	7
Oppose	60%	6	100%	1	0%	0	50%	7
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	50%	9	50%	2	33%	1	48%	12
Oppose	44%	8	50%	2	67%	2	48%	12
No Opinion	6%	1	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	4	100%	3	100%	25

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Offic	ial
Support	54%	14	67%	6	60%	51
Oppose	38%	10	22%	2	32%	27
No Opinion	8%	2	11%	1	8%	7
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85

29. Corner Throws: A player taking a corner throw may: shoot directly, swim and shoot without passing or, pass to another player.

Rationale: Makes sense to align with FINA and makes the game more exciting to watch by challenging the defense more. All players currently use the proposed rules outside of the college playing season.

MEN'S	DI I	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14	
Oppose	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14	

HC CON	HC COMBINED					
OVERALL						
Support	51%					
Oppose	45%					
No Opinion	5%					
Total	100%					

HC COMBINED						
OVERALL						
Support	82%					
Oppose	8%					
No Opinion	11%					
Total	100%					

### Corner Throws CONTINUED

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	89%	16	80%	4	33%	1	81%	21
Oppose	11%	2	20%	1	67%	2	19%	5
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	73%	19	89%	8	94%	80	
Oppose	0%	0	11%	1	5%	4	
No Opinion	27%	7	0%	0	1%	1	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85	

### 30. Yellow/Red Card - Coach must be seated once they get a Yellow/Red Card.

Rationale: It is too hard for the officials to tell if the coach is standing inside or outside of the two-meter line. The opposing coach is yelling at the official telling them that, "He is not standing inside the two.

MEN'S	DI F	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	70%	7	0%	0	33%	1	57%	8	
Oppose	20%	2	100%	1	67%	2	36%	5	
No Opinion	10%	1	0%	0	0%	0	7%	1	
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14	

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	44%	8	80%	4	0%	0	46%	12
Oppose	50%	9	20%	1	33%	1	42%	11
No Opinion	6%	1	0%	0	67%	2	12%	3
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	Coaches Both Commissioner		Official			
Support	42%	11	56%	5	75%	64
Oppose	42%	11	33%	3	18%	15
No Opinion	15%	4	11%	1	7%	6
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL					
Support	47%				
Oppose	41%				
No Opinion	12%				
Total	100%				

31. Make Ball Live Outside 6-meter - Add a six-meter line and a player is able to make the ball live if fouled outside the 6-meter marker. To make live, the athlete would make a water polo move and be able to step in, swim in, or live to play anywhere in the playing area.

Rationale: This will create a higher percentage to shoot during any point in the possession. It will align with an offensively minded FINA change and allow for a more fluid game understanding for the fan experience.

MEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	70%	7	0%	0	67%	2	64%	9
Oppose	20%	2	100%	1	33%	1	29%	4
No Opinion	10%	1	0%	0	0%	0	7%	1
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI H	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	78%	14	60%	3	67%	2	73%	19	
Oppose	11%	2	40%	2	33%	1	19%	5	
No Opinion	11%	2	0%	0	0%	0	8%	2	
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26	

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Offic	ial
Support	54%	14	89%	8	80%	65
Oppose	27%	7	11%	1	15%	12
No Opinion	19%	5	0%	0	5%	4
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	81

32. Defense Deflects Shot Out of Bounds - Presently, if the defense's goalie blocks a shot out-of-bounds, a corner (Free) throw is awarded to the offense (attacking) team -- for a full new shot clock (30 seconds); but, if a defense's field player blocks a shot out-of-bounds the ball is rewarded to the defense? Making that second instance 'all the crazier,' if the defensive goalie or field player block a pass out-of-bounds -- a corner throw is rewarded. Proposal: All defensive blocks should be rewarded a corner throw, irrespective of who on defense blocks it out-of-the field of play; but, the shot clock (per above, now at full possession / 30 seconds) -- should be reduced to 15 seconds only.

Rationale: No other sport has a differentiation between who, on defense blocks a shot out of bounds -- it's just crazy that water polo does. Like so much of our sport, this just is incomprehensible to the casual observer; and, frankly, to me as well -- and I've seen a few more games than the casual observer? This differentiation was originally introduced (I believe) to encourage "more offense," yet with the shortening of the pool -- fast breaks are minimal and I don't believe a fundamental concept -- defense blocks ball out and gets the ball is justifiable for this turnover -- especially in light of inconsistency with goalie action of a pass being blocked out -- by any defensive player. Shortening the shot clock for a corner throw, like basketball, etc., will have the desired effect and still make "logical" sense.

HC COMBINED						
OVERALL						
Support	64%					
Oppose	24%					
No Opinion	12%					
Total	100%					

### Defense Deflects Shot Out of Bounds CONTINUED

MEN'S	DI F	I HC DII HC		I HC	DIII	HC	Overall	
Support	33%	3	0%	0	100%	3	46%	6
Oppose	56%	5	0%	0	0%	0	38%	5
No Opinion	11%	1	100%	1	0%	0	15%	2
TOTAL	100%	9	100%	1	100%	3	100%	13

WOMEN'S	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	44%	8	20%	1	67%	2	42%	11
Oppose	44%	8	60%	3	33%	1	46%	12
No Opinion	11%	2	20%	1	0%	0	12%	3
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Offic	ial
Support	31%	8	33%	3	33%	28
Oppose	54%	14	44%	4	52%	44
No Opinion	15%	4	22%	2	15%	13
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85

33. NEW RULE - If the offensive player is in front the last defender (inside 5M), the defensive player must make contact with the ball to avoid a penalty foul. The ball in the hand is not an excuse for the referee to not whistle the penalty foul. Any contact to the body or shooting arm must be addressed by the referee.

Rationale: This proposal is very consistent with the notion of player safety. If the instructions to referees is to protect the players at all times, then this rule must be implemented. Too many times the player has his/her shoulder pull backed in front of the ball and the referee doesn't award because ball was in the hand. This is a very dangerous situation for players and can lead to serious injury.

MEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	I HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	60%	6	0%	0	67%	2	57%	8
Oppose	20%	2	0%	0	33%	1	21%	3
No Opinion	20%	2	100%	1	0%	0	21%	3
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI F	IC .	DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	83%	15	80%	4	67%	2	81%	21
Oppose	17%	3	20%	1	33%	1	19%	5
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

HC CO	HC COMBINED						
OVE	RALL						
Support	38%						
Oppose	48%						
No Opinion	14%						
Total	100%						

HC COMBINED					
OVE	RALL				
Support	71%				
Oppose	18%				
No Opinion	11%				
Total	100%				

### New Rule CONTINUED

OTHER	Coache	s Both	Comm	issioner	Offic	ial
Support	69%	18	78%	7	80%	68
Oppose	15%	4	11%	1	14%	12
No Opinion	15%	4	11%	1	6%	5
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85

34. NEW RULE - I propose that the defensive player committing the ordinary foul anywhere in the pool, must keep their arms down and not be allowed to raise or put their arm up until the ball is put in play or after three seconds, whichever comes first. The intent is to allow the offensive player an unimpeded field of vision to advance the ball during the attack.

Rationale: For historical reference, players were first allowed to put an arm up to deny a pass to a driving offensive player with advantage in front or close to the goal in the 1960's. Allowing the defensive player to put an arm up and defend following an ordinary foul was then allowed to spread throughout the pool, which increased interference with free throws, limited the offensive player's ability to advance the ball in a timely manner and negatively affecting the offense. This will enhance the offensive player's ability to continue on offense and have a true unimpeded free throw, making the official's enforcement of free throws much clearer cut and objective, rather than subjective.

MEN'S	DI F	IC	DI	I HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	40%	4	0%	0	0%	0	29%	4
Oppose	50%	5	0%	0	100%	3	57%	8
No Opinion	10%	1	100%	1	0%	0	14%	2
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI H	IC	DI	HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	50%	9	20%	1	67%	2	46%	12
Oppose	44%	8	60%	3	33%	1	46%	12
No Opinion	6%	1	20%	1	0%	0	8%	2
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official		
Support	31%	8	56%	5	47%	40	
Oppose	54%	14	44%	4	44%	37	
No Opinion	15%	4	0%	0	9%	8	
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85	

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL					
Support 36%					
Oppose	52%				
No Opinion	12%				
Total	100%				

35. NEW RULE - Attacking a player from behind within 6 meters: When a player with front position is facing or swimming toward the goal and/or is holding the ball and is impeded (attacked) from behind during an attempt to shoot, a penalty foul must be awarded. The only way to defend in this position is for the defender to make contact with only the ball/hand of the attacking player. Note: This rule does not take precedence over the advantage rule. This rule does not change the definition of a probable goal. It only eliminates the no call of a penalty foul for having the ball in hand.

Rationale: In line with USA/FINA water polo rules. All players currently use the proposed rules outside of the college playing season.

MEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	HC	DIII	НС	Ove	erall
Support	50%	5	0%	0	67%	2	50%	7
Oppose	30%	3	0%	0	33%	1	29%	4
No Opinion	20%	2	100%	1	0%	0	21%	3
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI H	IC .	DI	I HC	DIII I	HC	Ove	erall
Support	78%	14	80%	4	33%	1	73%	19
Oppose	22%	4	20%	1	67%	2	27%	7
No Opinion	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	<b>Coaches Both</b>		Comm	issioner	Official	
Support	65%	17	67%	6	87%	74
Oppose	27%	7	33%	3	11%	9
No Opinion	8%	2	0%	0	2%	2
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL					
Support	65%				
Oppose	27%				
No Opinion	8%				
Total	100%				

36. Rule 7.13.2 - Rule should read in the final sentence that "...the player shall be excluded from the remainder of the game with immediate substitution."

Rationale: Teams may not necessarily be even up if they are in a player advantage situation.

MEN'S	DI F	IC .	DI	HC	DIII	HC	Ove	erall
Support	40%	4	0%	0	67%	2	43%	6
Oppose	0%	0	100%	1	0%	0	7%	1
No Opinion	60%	6	0%	0	33%	1	50%	7
TOTAL	100%	10	100%	1	100%	3	100%	14

WOMEN'S	DI H	<del>I</del> C	DI	HC	DIII I	НС	Ove	erall
Support	61%	11	60%	3	67%	2	62%	16
Oppose	0%	0	20%	1	33%	1	8%	2
No Opinion	39%	7	20%	1	0%	0	31%	8
TOTAL	100%	18	100%	5	100%	3	100%	26

OTHER	Coache	<b>Coaches Both</b>		issioner	Official	
Support	35%	9	44%	4	75%	64
Oppose	4%	1	11%	1	0%	0
No Opinion	62%	16	44%	4	25%	21
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	9	100%	85

HC COMBINED					
OVERALL					
Support	47%				
Oppose	6%				
No Opinion	47%				
Total	100%				