



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WATER POLO RULES SUBCOMMITTEE
MAY 20, 2021 ANNUAL MEETING VIDEOCONFERENCE**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome, introduction and announcements.** Subcommittee chair, Ted Minnis welcomed the committee and expressed appreciation for the representatives' service to both men's and women's water polo.
- 2. Review of agenda and committee procedures.** NCAA staff reviewed the meeting agenda and reviewed specific areas of the subcommittee operations manual regarding conflict of interest, communication, confidentiality and document retention.
- 3. Approval of report of 2020 annual meeting.** The subcommittee reviewed and approved the April 27-28 and May 5, 2020 annual meeting report as written.
- 4. Review of NCAA Injury Surveillance Program.** The subcommittee heard a report from the Datalys Center regarding the NCAA Injury Surveillance program. The report included an overview of how the surveillance program works, what data is collected from the institution, the challenges of securing a relevant data set and the participation of membership in the sport of water polo. The subcommittee raised concern regarding limited participation and the negative impact on the rules process in relationship to proposals with a health and safety focus. The most recent data set included input from 17 institutions, with enough data coming from on four programs (two men's programs and two women's programs). Staff from the NCAA Sports Science Institute shared feedback regarding plans for increased communication about the surveillance program to improve participation in all sports.
- 5. Report of the national coordinator of officials.** The subcommittee heard reports from the national coordinator of officials. The report included feedback from the men's and women's seasons, feedback regarding the virtual referee school and early plans for continuing efforts to expand the opportunity to evaluate, educate and train more referees to continue to improve NCAA water polo officiating. The national coordinator also shared plans to increase the types of educational material being shared on the Advantage website with more video content as the fall men's season approaches.
- 6. Feedback regarding 2020 rules changes.** The subcommittee discuss the impact of the 14 rules proposals approved during the 2020 annual meeting. The subcommittee believes the limited play during both the men's and women's season, the impact of the rules changes have not been realized by the entire membership. The feedback regarding the recent changes as a package included that returning to play with new rules with a shortened preseason in some cases caused enforcement and smooth play to take time. The subcommittee believes there are areas for the national coordinator and the secretary-rules editor to provide additional education

to the membership and officials as these new rules come into play, for the first time for some programs, during the 2021-22 season.

- 7. Review of 2022 rules survey topics.** The secretary-rules editor shared topics that could be included in the rules survey for the 2022 rules cycle. The topics the subcommittee may consider are expanding the definition of terms of “control,” “embellishment” and “probable goal,” further explaining the rule of simulation and refining the Yellow/Red card rule.
- 8. Recognition of outgoing and incoming secretary-rules editor.** Staff shared the appreciation of the subcommittee and the membership for the decade of service by NCAA secretary-rules editor, Brian Streeter. Mr. Streeter helped guide the rules subcommittee and the membership through significant rules changes to continue to improve collegiate water polo. The subcommittee members expressed their appreciation for the professionalism approach to the championship that Mr. Streeter fill the position with every year and at every championship. Staff also introduced the incoming secretary-rules editor, David Alberstein to the subcommittee. Mr. Alberstein is a former collegiate and international water polo referee and experienced referee evaluator and has been involved with collegiate water polo for nearly five decades. Mr. Alberstein was selected to shadow Brian Streeter in November 2020 and has served as an NCAA water polo referee evaluator for NCAA member conferences which has allowed him to become known and respected in the officiating and coaching communities. Mr. Alberstein will take over the position at the conclusion of Brian Streeter's term, August 31, 2021.
- 9. Future teleconference and meeting dates.** The next scheduled subcommittee meeting will be in May 2022, in Ann Arbor, Michigan following the women's water polo national championship.
- 10. Election of chair.** The committee selected Ted Minnis, Harvard University, to continue as chair for the 2021-22 academic year.

Committee Chair: Ted Minnis, Harvard University.
Staff Liaison(s): Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances

Men's and Women's Water Polo Rules Subcommittee May 20, 2021, Annual Meeting Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Amber Drury, national coordinator of officials.	
Andrew Fee, Long Beach State University.	
Nikola Malezanov, Washington and Jefferson College.	

Ted Minnis, Harvard University.
Julie Snodgrass, Azusa Pacific University.
Brian Streeter, secretary-rules editor.
Chris Vidale, Marist College.
Katherine Zedonis, University of California, Davis.
Guests in Attendance:
David Alberstein, incoming secretary-rules editor.
Adrian Boltz, Datalys Center.
Dr. Avinash Chandran, Datalys Center.
NCAA Staff in Attendance:
Ben Brownlee
LaGwyn Durden