REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN’S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
JANUARY 7, 2016, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

• None.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

• None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

• Selection criteria.

   (1) Recommendation. The committee voted to make the following editorial changes to
the selection criteria to increase clarity and transparency.

   a. Remove strength of schedule from the primary criteria, as it is listed under
NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3.

   b. Remove “results against teams already selected” from secondary criteria.

   c. Move “late-season performance defined as last 10 games, including conference
championship tournaments (strength and results)” to primary criteria.

   d. Move “evaluation of rating percentage index” to the primary criteria. This will
eliminate the need for a secondary criteria.

   (2) Effective date. August 1, 2016.

   (3) Rationale. Eliminating the secondary criteria and removing the duplicate reference
to strength of schedule will make the selection criteria clear, concise and transparent
for coaches.

   (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

   (5) Student-athlete impact. None.
**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of 2015 championship.** The committee reviewed the championship, including the play-in games, and addressed the following:

   a. **Enhancements.** Additional seats were added outside the aquatics center to add capacity. Other enhancements include branded seat cushions for a fan giveaway; increased signage, including pool art and exclusion board branding and mini-balls and towels from Kap7 at the banquet.

   b. **Bid specifications.** Moving forward, staff needs to include the play-in days of Wednesday and Thursday as possibilities in the championship bid specifications.

   c. **Game times.** The committee requested earlier game times for the play-in games, as well as 3 and 5 p.m. game times for the semifinals and a 3 p.m. game time for the championship.

   d. **Administrative meeting.** The committee wants to keep the meeting on Friday at 8 a.m. in order to complete the meeting before practices.

   e. **Ball pressure/air gauges.** The committee wants the officials to be responsible for checking the ball pressure of warm-up and game balls one hour before the first game.

   f. **All-Tournament Team.** The committee discussed adding members of the media who will help select the All-Tournament Team. Brian Streeter will review and update the All-Tournament Team selection policy.

2. **National Coordinator of Officials Report.** Bob Corb, national coordinator of officials, stated that the headsets on the officials worked well. Due to technology upgrades, renting the headsets each year is preferred. Mr. Corb requested white jackets be added to the apparel the officials receive each year.

3. **Future championships.**

   a. **NCAA ticket block.** The committee wants an NCAA ticket block with 25 seats held for the officials, committee, Corporate Champions/Partners and VIPs.

   b. **Team hotels.** The committee wants staff to be aware of travel time, as well as distance, from team hotels to the competition venue. In addition, one meeting room per team should be reserved at the team hotels. In the event there is only one meeting room available, staff will add language in the participant manual regarding the meeting room schedule.
c. **Awards ceremony.** The committee wants to move the ceremony to the end of the pool, under the scoreboard for more space and improved fan viewing at the University of California, Los Angeles. Enhancements for the ceremony, taking into consideration restrictions regarding fireworks or confetti, should be explored.

4. **Review of Rating Percentage Index.** The committee wants to be more transparent with the RPI.

5. **Annual meeting schedule.** The committee asked to hold its next annual meeting after the 2016 championship.

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**Committee Chair:** Brian Kelly, Iona College, Collegiate Water Polo Association  
**Staff Liaison(s):** Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances

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