There has been plenty of discussion over the past few weeks with regards to calling the game according to the rules as they are written. To simplify this statement, the NCAA Water Polo Rules Subcommittee is concerned with the **physical play of the game**.

To address the discussion regarding whether a bad pass should determine if a call should be made or not, the rules subcommittee has noted that the quality of the pass shall not be the concern of an official. If a bad pass is made, but the player is held, the call should be made. A bad pass should be dealt with by the coach at practice.

**NCAA Water Polo Rule 7.10** talks about calling holds when they occur. This means when you see a two-hand hold which restricts the movement of either the offensive or defensive player in the water an offensive foul or exclusion foul should be called. A one-hand or two-hand hold that is not restricting should not be called. If a one-hand hold restricts the movement of the player in the water, the foul should be made.

The new rule for yellow/red card, **Rule 3.6.c**, was added to give the officials an opportunity to warn a coach a second time before issuing a red card. If used, the coach cannot advance beyond the 2-meter line when on offense and the goal line when on defense, otherwise if the coach leaves the area they will be issued with a red card. However, a red card can be issued without the warning of a yellow/red card if the official sees warranted.

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