



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 6, 2016, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

- None.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following conferences be awarded one AQ spot for the 2017 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship: Collegiate Water Polo Association/Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference, Golden Coast Conference, Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, Northeast Water Polo Conference, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the Western Water Polo Association (Men).
- (2) Effective date. 2017 championship.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review of 2016 championship. The committee reviewed the championship, including the play-in games, and addressed the following:

- a. Game times. The committee requested the championship game be played between 3 and 6 p.m.
- b. Administrative meeting. The committee wants to keep the administrative meeting at 8 a.m. on Friday at the team hotel to complete the meeting before practices.
- c. Banquet speaker. The committee wants staff to continue working with host sites to find guest speakers for the banquet. Alumni, supporters and contributors to the institution or program should be considered.
- d. Misconduct. The committee acted on a coach's misconduct that occurred during the championship.

2. National Coordinator of Officials report.

- a. Officials' test. Water polo officials are currently permitted to take the test up to five times. The committee asked that this be revisited. The committee wants a practice test to be provided to officials to take in advance of taking the actual test. Frequently missed questions should be reviewed for continuing education and training.
- b. Preseason rules video. The committee recommended that coaches be required to review the preseason rules video each year.

3. Future championships.

- a. NCAA ticket block. The committee wants to adjust the team ticket allotment to 60 tickets per team per day and allow teams to purchase semifinal and finals tickets separately.
- b. Team practice times. The committee wants team practice times on Saturday to be adjusted now that there is no longer a third-place consolation game. Sunday practice times may be adjusted to earlier time slots, as well.
- c. Game times. The committee supports maintaining the Saturday game schedule with practices at 10 a.m. and 11:05 a.m., and semifinal games at 3 and 5:15 p.m. The committee supports the championship game to be played between 3 and 6 p.m. Combined practices will continue to be 60 minutes for teams competing in the championship game. Practices must end four hours prior to the start of the scheduled game time.

- d. Team handshake. The postgame handshake will be eliminated. This does not diminish the importance of sportsmanship. It will allow the losing team to depart the pool area while the winning team and fans celebrate.
- e. Team hotel. The committee is concerned about the location of the team hotel for the 2017 championship. The travel time from the hotel to the championship site is one hour. The committee has requested that other options closer to the University of Southern California be explored. In addition, four separate meeting spaces, one for each respective team, are required.
- f. Play-in games. The committee wants staff to work with play-in game host sites to make every effort to web stream play-in games. The committee's preferred game time ranges are Saturdays (noon to 4 p.m.), and Thursday at the championship site (4 to 7 p.m.). These are the preferred times, but they may be adjusted if the host and competing teams agree.

4. Annual meeting schedule. The committee wants to extend the championship stay by one day and conduct the annual meeting the Monday following the championship.

Committee Chair: Brian Kelly, Iona College, Collegiate Water Polo Association

Staff Liaison(s): Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee December 6, 2016, Meeting	
Attendees:	
	Mike Dalgety, University of the Pacific; Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.
	Brian Kelly, Iona College; Collegiate Water Polo Association.
	Loretta Lamar, U.S. Naval Academy; Collegiate Water Polo Association.
	John Vargas, Stanford University; Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.
Absentees:	
	Matt Anderson, Connecticut College; Collegiate Water Polo Association.
Guests in Attendance:	
	Brian Streeter, Secretary-Rules Editor.
	Robert Corb, National Coordinator of Officials.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
	Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
	None.