



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA MEN'S WATER POLO COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 3, 2017, MEETING

**KEY ITEMS.**

- None.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Automatic qualification.**

- (1) Recommendation. That the following conferences be awarded one AQ spot for the 2018 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. 2018 championship.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Opening-round travel.**

- (1) Recommendation. That an exception to the 400-mile range is granted to allow the committee to make matchups for opening-round games.
- (2) Effective date. 2018 championship.
- (3) Rationale. To preserve the integrity of the bracket, the teams would be required to travel by bus. If the team wants to fly, it would be at the team's expense, not the NCAA's.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. Committee chair.**

(1) Recommendation. That Matt Anderson, head men's and women's water polo coach at Connecticut College, be approved as chair.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2018.

(3) Rationale. Mr. Anderson has the longest tenure on the men's water polo committee and will provide continuity and consistency. Moreover, there is only one administrator on the committee (Matt Kalish, associate director of athletics at Pepperdine University), and he was recently appointed in September as a replacement. Mr. Anderson previously served as the chair of the men's and men's water polo rules committee.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None

(5) Student-athlete impact. None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Review of 2017 championship.** The committee reviewed the championship, including the opening-round games, and addressed the following:

a. Administrative meeting. The committee wants to conduct the administrative meeting on Friday before the banquet.

b. Banquet speaker. The committee supports permitting the host institution to find guest speakers for the banquet. The host institution must secure a guest speaker 60 days before the event. NCAA staff will secure a banquet speaker if the host institution cannot work with that deadline. Alumni, supporters and contributors to the institution or program should be considered.

c. Roster cards. The committee wants the host institution to provide a roster card for fans.

**2. National Coordinator of Officials report.**

- Advantage website. The committee wants athletics directors, senior woman administrators and sports information directors to be informed about coaches having access to the Advantage website, specifically to ensure coaches are registering on the site, are up-to-date

on rules and are providing officials' evaluations. Staff will provide information on the Advantage website in the monthly NCAA newsletter.

**3. Opening-round games.**

- a. Potential opening-round hosts. Staff will contact institutions that may potentially serve as opening-round host sites earlier in the season.
- b. Minimum pool requirements. All opening-round sites must meet the minimum requirement for pool depth. If the qualifying team does not have a pool that meets the minimum requirements for a deep/deep pool, the team must secure a pool that meets the minimum standards.

**4. Future championships.**

- a. Championship host expectations. NCAA staff will conduct a review, via teleconference or webinar, of the host operations manual and discuss championship expectations with the host tournament director and staff.
- b. Team practice times. The committee wants teams to notify the NCAA and host institutions of their intentions to take their assigned practice time by noon Eastern time on the Wednesday of championship week. Friday practice times are 9:30 to 11 a.m.; 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; 1 to 2:30 p.m.; and 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. There are no changes to the Saturday practice times. Teams will practice together Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m.
- c. Locker rooms. If a host facility has only two locker rooms, the teams in the first game must take their gear out of the locker room and place it in the on-deck tents. Teams for the second game will go directly to the locker rooms.
- d. Roster cards. The committee wants the host institution to provide a roster card for fans.

**4. Annual meeting schedule.** The committee wants to conduct the annual meeting Sunday morning at the championship site before the championship game. The committee will meet Monday morning if the meeting cannot be completed Sunday morning. Committee members not participating in the NCAA Men's and Women's Water Polo Rules Subcommittee will depart Monday afternoon.

**5. Committee chair.** The committee approved Matt Anderson, head men's and women's water polo coach at Connecticut College, as the chair beginning September 1, 2018. Mr. Anderson will replace Brian Kelly, head water polo coach at Iona College, when Mr. Kelly's term on the committee expires August 31.

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

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

<b>NCAA Men's Water Polo Committee December 3, 2017, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Matt Anderson, Connecticut College; Collegiate Water Polo Association.
	Matthew Kalish, Pepperdine University; Golden Coast Conference.
	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.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
	Brian Streeter, Secretary-Rules Editor.
	Robert Corb, National Coordinator of Officials.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
	Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
	None.