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# COLLEGIATE WATER POLO ASSOCIATION

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## THE WHISTLE

A Weekly Update for Officials

**Week of 7 September 2008**



### **News from Around the League**

Due to Hurricane Ike, the Texas Club Regional scheduled this weekend at the University of Houston has been postponed until September 27-28. If you are interested in officiating this event, or any of the open assignments listed on the assignment schedules, please contact me by email.

Ike reminds us that no matter how much we prepare there is always a chance that something can happen forcing us all to adjust. That's why it is so important we have strong communication. My cell phone is available to every official and every coach making me accessible at any time during a league weekend. If you run into a travel problem, or any issue that you need to speak with me, you should call my cell immediately (no matter what the time). If you feel it is that imperative to reach someone in the league office, and you can not get a hold of me, you should leave a message on my cell and try to contact Dan Sharadin on his cell phone.

Head referees should already know that they need to get in contact with me whenever anything out of the ordinary occurs during a weekend such as: a team late for a game, a game being forfeited or a no contest, a red card issued, a brutality called or even an injury serious enough to seek medical attention. By reporting these things immediately to me, the office is able to take the appropriate actions necessary. It also helps make your job easier when you know it is already being verbally reported since sometimes you won't be able to submit your head referee report until Monday afternoon.

All of these reminders, as well as several of the more important league policies and our cell phone numbers, can be found on the back of the red and yellow cards you received in your referee packages. In addition, both Dan and my cell phone numbers are included on the weekend office voice mail message. There is no reason any team or official should run into a problem where they wouldn't hear back from either Dan or I within 30 minutes of trying to contact us.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or any suggestions to make the new website even better, please don't hesitate to contact us. Your feedback and good communication is vital to the success of the league.

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### **Update from the Technical Committee**

This season, the Technical Committee is comprised of Jim Cullingham, Ed Reed and Andy Takata. Ed will be traveling this weekend to the Princeton Invitational to work with Bob Corb, NCAA National Coordinator, in evaluating those officials assigned to the event.

In other news, the CWPA varsity coaches passed a proposal during the Annual Meeting in June that will have six officials assigned to both the men's and women's Eastern Championships. This proposal allows for more opportunities to our officials to work the highest level of varsity competition offered in the CWPA as well as an ability to select the strongest pairings over the course of the championship weekend.

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### **NCAA Releases**

Every official in the CWPA was forwarded an email regarding the NCAA Rules Test which is now available online. This email came from Bob Corb, NCAA National Coordinator of Water Polo Officials. We are requiring every official working a varsity event in the CWPA to complete this online, open book rules test prior to the start of any varsity league competition. You must score a minimum of 90% to pass this test. You are also able to take this test several times with the results being sent to Bob and forwarded on to our office.

The rules test can be found at the following link:

<http://web1.ncaa.org/waterpolo/login.jsp>

In addition, you will find valuable resources on the NCAA Water Polo page that includes: a PDF version of the NCAA Rules Book, current interpretations and answers to recent questions, messages to coaches from the NCAA Coordinator as well as the online rules test.

If you ever need to get in direct contact with Bob Corb, he can be reached at the following email [ncaacoordinator@earthlink.net](mailto:ncaacoordinator@earthlink.net) (also on the CWPA Referee Contact List).

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### **Open Assignments (next few weeks for varsity, club and invitationals)**

September  
17<sup>th</sup>

S. Varsity Double Header – Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

20-21 <sup>st</sup>	Orphan Invite – Villanova Univ., Villanova, PA
25 <sup>th</sup>	MA Club Single Game – Univ. of Penn, Philadelphia, PA
26-28 <sup>th</sup>	MA Club Regional – Bloomsburg Univ., Bloomsburg, PA
27-28 <sup>th</sup>	TX Club Regional – Univ. of Houston, Houston, TX
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7 <sup>th</sup>	S. Varsity Single Game – JHU, Baltimore, MD
8 <sup>th</sup>	S. Varsity Single Game – Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA

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## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	First official day of club league competition
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	First official day of varsity league competition
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Midseason Referee Rankings Due

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