



## **Referee Newsletter:**

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### **Post Season Assignments**

The CWPA Technical Committee had a conference call on April 2, 2015 to review the results of the mid-season feedback from referees and coaches, and make the selections for the postseason. The result of the polling was interesting but reflected a pretty good consensus on the top 10 referees and was comparable to the CWPA-TC results. We didn't get as many results from the coaches (8 of 18, 4-CWPA, 4-MAAC) as we did from the referee returns (16 of 37), both groups were disappointingly under a 50% return.

While consulting the results it was important for us to understand the variables, i.e. not all the teams have seen all referees and not all referees have worked with all the officials on the list. Of the 37 referees on the varsity list over 80% have been evaluated by the CWPA-TC using the Dartfish software and video. All referees for postseason play have been invited and accepted their assignments. Here is the breakdown:

#### ***CWPA Championship at Princeton, NJ 4/24-26/2015***

Alex Stankevitch-Head Referee

***CWPA-TC Members-*** Ed Reed, Bret Bernard

Hadi Farid

Michael Goldenberg

Josh Kratz

Val Vasilchikov

Scott Voltz

#### ***MAAC Championship at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY 4/25-26/2015***

JR Perez-Head Referee

Jamie Wolff

Doru Roll-Desk Official

#### ***CWPA National Collegiate Club Championship at Middlebury College, VT 5/1-3/2015***

Bruce Morehouse-Head Referee

***CWPA-TC Members-*** Jack Horton, Andy Takata

Maddy Drury

Denny Kinne

Brad Peavey

Steve Sargalski

Tiffany Urbanski (Ruiz)

### **Suit Grabs (Hold)**

Offensive players must have the freedom to swim or move to the ball in order to run their offense. Any attempt by the defender to grab the suit and control this movement must be addressed appropriately. Rule 21-9 is very specific: "To hold, sink or pull back an opponent who is not holding the ball" is an exclusion foul. If it's inside the 5 meter line, and in the judgment of the referee a "probable goal", it would be a penalty foul Rule 22-2. *The women seem to have a propensity for using the straps of the suit like a handle*

to control the player whether on offense or defense. If the offensive player has her hand on the ball and there's a suit grab then it would be treated like any other hold; probably a No Call unless it is over aggressive, exposure or misconduct.

## **Exposure**

Exposure is a different story and it trumps "hand in the ball." Rule 5-4 Interpretation: "In women's competition, a defender shall be excluded for 20 seconds after grabbing an offensive player's suit and causing breast exposure. Likewise when the offensive player grabs the defender and causes exposure, the player shall be excluded for 20 seconds. If a player grabs her own suit and exposes a breast, a 20 second exclusion shall be called."

This can happen on the perimeter when an offensive player extends her free hand to the defender when she is holding the ball and grabs the suit. In the 3,4,5 positions it is hard for the perimeter referee to always see this action and may result in exposure especially if the defender tries to show it. The attack referee can easily collaborate with the perimeter referee in many situations pending player distribution and location.

Here is an interesting short video clip on exposure that was shared by Bob Corb for the National Evaluators Group. The white defender at P3 is excluded for exposure but see if you can tell if it is the right call. *Double click on the picture and the video will play:*



If you look closely you can see that the defender is well off the blue player and the suit is pulled away from the defender. The blue player used her left hand to expose as she rotated away from the defender then plays the ball with the right hand. Should be an offensive exclusion for exposure.

## **NCAA Water Polo Officiating ADVANTAGE**

Be sure to check out this site. It has a lot of good information and will be increasing it's content "NCAA Water Polo Education Through Illustration"

<http://www.arbitersports.com/front/107515/Site>