



Referee Newsletter: August 23, 2012

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Availability Forms for Club Schedule

Not all officials were aware that the club availability forms were ready. As a result I will accept late forms through ***Monday, August 27th***. Remember, if you filled out a varsity availability form you must sign up for at least one club weekend. Those senior referees that sign up for a weekend will more than likely if assigned, be used to evaluate and work with some of our newer officials. The more we can share experiences and collaborate together the stronger the CWPA official group will become.

<http://www.collegiatewaterpolo.org/officiating/forms/Availability2>

NCAA Rules Test (Requirement Before First Assignment)

The NCAA test is now available online. Please be sure to watch the video introduction and take note to the changes and video clips that demonstrate/reinforce rule changes and interpretations.

From Bob Corb: (1) Rules Test: the new rules tests is available online at <https://web1.ncaa.org/waterpolo/login.jsp> As in the past, referees will need to log on and watch a 24 min. welcome video which outlines the new rules and points of emphasis before they attempt the test for the first time. They can log out and back in and get the same test, but if they hit "Submit" the test will automatically be graded. When they log out and back in again they will get a new test. No two tests are the same. The test is 50 items instead of 65; passing score remains 90%, or 45 correct. All of this is spelled out in the instructions to the referees on the test. I will be getting results daily and I will make sure that I pass this on to you as you so that you can confirm that all officials have taken and passed rules test before they officiate as required in the NCAA rulebook.

(2) NCAA website: I highly encourage everyone to bookmark the NCAA Men's and Women's Water Polo Rules of the Game page (link below). We are in the process of updating the content but going forward it will contain a variety of useful information for coaches, referees, and administrators. For example, this is where one can find the rulebook, a link to the rules test, a PowerPoint presentation on collaboration, etc. Please let your referees know about this resource.

<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/public/NCAA/Playing+Rules+Administration/NCAA+Rules+Sports/Water+Polo/Mens/Playing+Rules/index>

CWPA Video Test Not Required This Year

The CWPA Video Test *will not be required* this officiating season. As a result of the new video that Bob Corb and the NCAA put together, forwarding the new NCAA test, most of the situations that I had planned for were included. You will probably recognize some of the clips in the video because they are a few of the same ones used for the CWPA Clinic back in June. The illustrating clips are clear and the language very specific. Hopefully there will be no doubt with the intentions/direction NCAA water polo is presently taking. I would encourage you to review the video several times since evaluations during the season will focus on how well you handle the different situations. Pay particular attention to the new hand signals that will be required.

National Conference Biweekly Calls

Biweekly conference calls will be organized again this year hosted by Bob Corb, NCAA Coordinator of Officials. This will provide the CWPA Technical Committee with the opportunity to provide feedback to Bob Corb and all the national evaluators. Not to mention receive valuable feedback in return regarding the development of rule interpretation, consistency and referee collaboration. The CWPA Technical Committee will also have regular conference calls to review season evaluations, assignments, scheduling and concerns that may develop over the course of the fall season.

Assignments Posted

Early September assignments will be posted shortly on the CWPA website. I will also be sending emails to assigned crews for the various weekends and requesting confirmation. Please be sure to respond in a timely manner if you are notified of an assignment date.

Unfortunately, there was a problem with scheduling for the Northern Varsity Teams. As a result a few weekends have been deleted and some game dates added. Once I get a handle on the variables I will communicate what is needed for the additions. ***Deleted dates are as follows:***

September 26th Fordham at St Francis College

October 13th weekend at Fordham, Iona, St Francis and Connecticut College

October 20th Division II Easterns changed to October 27th

October 27th at Notre Dame College league games deleted