History of the Collegiate Water Polo Association

The Collegiate Water Polo Association originally began as the Mid Atlantic Conference, founded by Dick Russell (Bucknell University swimming & water polo coach) in the 1970's. Its founding membership included teams from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The leadership and management of the organization relied on volunteer coaches until 1990, when it hired a commissioner to perform basic scheduling for the 15 member teams. Officiating assignments at the time were performed by an independent organization called the Eastern Water Polo Referees Association (EWPRA).

The next major milepost occurred in 1993, when the Southern and New England Conferences merged into the Mid Atlantic. The new structure combined all of the varsity teams in the East, along with the few sport clubs in existence at that time.

During the 1995 season, the conference received its first major challenge, as the organization experienced a strike by its officiating core. This strike ultimately resulted in the organization establishing its own officiating bureau, assuming responsibility for all of its officiating assignments.

The CWPA's office is located in Bridgeport, Pa., and is comprised of a Commissioner (Dan Sharadin), an Assistant Commissioner (Tom Tracey), a Director of Communications (Ed Haas), a Director of Multimedia (Jon Weaver) and a Coordinator of Officials (Ed Reed). The staff oversees 280+ teams on the varsity and club level for both men and women to place the Collegiate Water Polo Association among the largest sports organizations in North America.



Understanding the Game of Water Polo

Water Polo can be a confusing game for spectators. The whistle is constantly blowing and the play never stops, even when someone is ejected for a penalty. In addition, there are many misconceptions about the game, including how the players keep their horses swimming. Well hang in there, because the following information should help to make the picture much clearer.

General Information

- 1. Each team has six field players and a goalie.
- 2. Field players can only use one hand to touch the ball, goalies two.
- 3. The game consists of four quarters and the clock stops on the whistle. If the game is tied at the end of regulation, the teams play two three-minute overtime periods. If it is still tied, the game goes into sudden victory. A typical game lasts about an hour and ten minutes.
- 4. The object of the game is to score by placing the ball completely in the goal. Players may move the ball by swimming or passing.
- 5. Teams may substitute after a goal is scored, during a time-out, or during the play from the ejection area.
- 6. Each team receives three time-outs and one 30-second time-out per game.
- 7. Shots blocked out of bounds by defensive players result in the defensive team receiving possession. If a defender uses two hands to block a shot, the offensive team receives a penalty shot.

Types of Fouls

When an infraction of the rules occurs, the referee will point in the direction of the team taking possession, while blowing his whistle. The ball is put back into play with an action called a free throw. This means the player gets three seconds of free time to throw the ball to another teammate or swim it up the pool. A player cannot shoot his free throw unless outside the five-meter line. If the ball is not put into play within three seconds, the other team takes possession.

Fouls can be ordinary or major. Ordinary fouls are best understood as minor fouls. For example, a defender may reach over an opponent's back to get at the ball while facing away from the goal. The penalty for an ordinary foul is a free throw for the opposing team.

Major fouls are more severe and are penalized accordingly. For example, when a defender fouls an opponent too aggressively, or from behind when the opponent is facing the goal, the defender is ejected for 20 seconds (players may reenter if their team recovers the ball before the ejection time is up, or if the opposing team scores). When the foul occurs within five meters of the goal and the referee believes the player had a high chance of scoring, the opposition shoots a penalty shot. Major fouls can also occur through disrespect to the referee or when a player interferes with an opponent's free throw. Players may only receive three major fouls before elimination.

If all of this has you totally confused, just sit back and enjoy the game. The easiest way to follow the play is by watching the scoreboard. If your team is ahead at the end, great! If not, well consider that you have expanded your horizons. When the game is over, you can at least explain to your friends that the horses never get wet.



Official Ball of the Collegiate Water Polo Association

Qualification & Bracketing Procedure

Teams qualify through conference play, requiring a minimum of two tournaments. The following conferences/divisions (in addition to the host institution) receive automatic bids to the tournament: Atlantic Division; Big Ten Division; Heartland Division; Mid-Atlantic Division; Midwest Division; New England Division; New York Division; North Atlantic Division; Northwest Division; Pacific Coast Division; Rocky Mountain Division; Sierra Pacific Division; Southeast Division; Southwest Division; Texas Division. Note that no division is allowed to have more than two positions in the tournament field.

Teams are not seeded based on ability. The teams are placed in brackets within the championship schedule based on their division's finish the prior season. These assignments have no relationship to the weekly collegiate poll and nothing to do with the current ability of the team that qualifies with respect to the other programs they will compete against at the championship.

Assignments are made in a specific order to afford teams the ability to plan in advance of the event. The host team assumes the last position in the bracket, unless it wins the division. In this case, the team is assigned according to the division's finish the prior year. The second place team in the host division then assumes the last position. Divisions that did not participate the prior year receive the lowest slots, with the remaining bids awarded in order of finish by division the prior year. If more than one division did not participate the prior year, the positions are determined by a random draw. If final standings did not determine all positions, divisions tied in the standings are assigned by random draw.

2018 National Collegiate Club Championship Bracketing

<u>1st Position</u>: University of California-Davis (Sierra Pacific Division)

2nd Position: California Poly. State University (Pacific Coast Division)

<u>3rd Position</u>: University of California-San Diego (Southwest Division)

4th Position: The Ohio State University (Big Ten Division)

<u>5th Position</u>: University of Florida (Southeast Division)

6th Position: Lindenwood University
(Midwest Division)

7th Position: University of Washington (Northwest Division/Host)

8th Position: Boston College (New England Division)

16th Position: University of Oregon (Northwest Division Runner-Up)

15th Position: University of Colorado (Rocky Mountain Division)

<u>14th Position</u>: Grinnell College (Heartland Division)

13th Position: Cornell University (New York Division)

<u>12th Position</u>: Virginia Poly. Institute & State U. (Atlantic Division)

11th Position: Wellesley College (North Atlantic Division Runner-Up)

10th Position: Pennsylvania State University (Mid-Atlantic Division)

9th Position: Texas A&M University (Texas Division)

2018 National Collegiate Club Championship Officials: Gene Gill (Portland, Ore.); Tony Karaman (Aliso Viejo, Calif.); Marvel Shoen (Seattle, Wash.); Kacie Bund (Sandy, Ore.); Julie Snyder (Ventura, Calif.); Simone La Pay (Alameda, Calif.); CWPA Evaulators: Andy Takata & Bret Bernard

History of the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship

This marks the second time Mt. Hood Community College will serve as the site of the championship as the University of Oregon hosted the 2008 Women's National Collegiate Club Championship on May 2-4 in Gresham, Ore.

Previous Women's National Collegiate Club Championship Hosts (2000-to-Present)

2000 – University of Arizona (Tucson, Ariz.)

2001 - Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)

2002 - Emory University (Atlanta, Ga.)

2003 - Carthage College (Kenosha, Wisc.)

2004 - California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)

2005 – Texas A&M University (College Station, Texas)

2006 - Northwestern University (Evanston, Ill.)

2007 - Williams College (Williamstown, Mass.)

2008 - University of Oregon (Mt. Hood Aquatic Center, Gresham, Ore.)

2009 - University of California-Davis (Davis, Calif.)

2010 - University of Arizona (Tucson, Ariz.)

2011 - University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, Indiana)

2012 - Florida State University (Tallahassee, Fla.)

2013 - University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minn.)

2014 - The Ohio State University (SPIRE Institute, Geneva, Ohio)

2015 – Middlebury College (Middlebury, Vt.)

2016 - University of California-Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, Calif.)

2017 - University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

Previous Women's National Collegiate Club Champions (2000-to-Present)

2000 - University of Washington def. Michigan State University

2001 – Michigan State University def. University of Florida

2002 – Michigan State University def. California Polytechnic State University

2003 - California Polytechnic State University def. Michigan State University

2004 - California Polytechnic State University def. Dartmouth College

2005 – California Polytechnic State University def. Dartmouth College

2006 - Michigan State University def. University of Florida

2007 - Fresno State University def. California Polytechnic State University

2008 – California Polytechnic State University def. University of Oregon

2009 – California Polytechnic State University def. University of Notre Dame

2010 - California Polytechnic State University def. University of Michigan

2011 – California Polytechnic State University def. University of California-Davis

2012 – University of California-Davis def. California Polytechnic State University

2013 - University of California-Davis def. University of Central Florida

2014 - San Diego State University def. University of Michigan

2015 - University of California def. University of Notre Dame

2016 – University of California-Santa Barbara def. University of Michigan

2017 – University of California-Davis def. California Polytechnic State University

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riday,	, May 4, 2018			Game #	Score
9:00	University of California-Davis	vs.	University of Oregon	1	
10:10	California Poly. State University	vs.	University of Colorado	2	
11:20	University of California-San Diego	vs.	Grinnell College	3	
12:30	The Ohio State University	vs.	Cornell University	4	
1:40	University of Florida	vs.	Virginia Poly. & State University	5	
2:50	Lindenwood University	vs.	Wellesley College	6	
4:00	University of Washington	vs.	Pennsylvania State University	7	
5:10	Boston College	vs.	Texas A&M University	8	
6:20	Loser of Game 5	vs.	Loser of Game 4	9	
7:30	Loser of Game 6	vs.	Loser of Game 3	10	
8:40	Loser of Game 7	vs.	Loser of Game 2	11	
9:50	Loser of Game 8	vs.	Loser of Game 1	12	
aturd	ay, May 5, 2018			Game #	Score
9:00	Winner of Game 1	vs.	Winner of Game 8	13	
10:10	Winner of Game 4	vs.	Winner of Game 5	14	
11:20	Winner of Game 2	vs.	Winner of Game 7	15	
12:30	Winner of Game 3	vs.	Winner of Game 6	16	
1:40	Winner of Game 12	vs.	Winner of Game 9	17	
2:50	Winner of Game 11	vs.	Winner of Game 10	18	
4:00	Loser of Game 14	vs.	Loser of Game 13	19	
5:10	Winner of Game 13	vs.	Winner of Game 14	20	
6:20	Winner of Game 15	vs.	Winner of Game 16	21	
7:30	Loser of Game 16	vs.	Loser of Game 15	22	
8:40	Loser of Game 9	vs.	Loser of Game 12	23	
9:50	Loser of Game 10	vs.	Loser of Game 11	24	
unday	y, May 6, 2018	Game #	Score		
9:00	Loser of Game 22	vs.	Loser of Game 19	7th Place	
10:15	Winner of Game 19	vs.	Winner of Game 22	5th Place	
	Loser of Game 21	vs.	Loser of Game 20	3rd Place	
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University of Colorado

Rocky Mountain Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2003

A three-time division champion after previously taking the 1997 and 2003 Southwest Division titles, the University of Colorado returns to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship following a 15-year hiatus...In



2003 at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisc., the Buffaloes notched an Eighth Place finish in a 12-team field by falling to the University of Florida (8-4 L), defeating Rice Univer-

Madeleine Morgan So. Mill Valley, Calif. Ienna Solomon Claire Morrison Daniela Sale Ashley Fedler Emmaline Bradley So. Honolulu, Hawaii Samantha Kosloske Sr. Chicago, Ill. Caroline Aemmer So. Naperville, Ill. Marina Pulver

sity (12-7 W) and dropping back-to-back games to Purdue University (8-4 L) and Miami University (Ohio) (10-5 L) ...A five-time division runner-up with second place finishes in the Rocky Mountain (2015 vs. University of Utah; 2016 vs. Utah) and Southwest (1998 vs. University of Arizona; 2008 vs. Arizona; 2010 vs. Utah), Colorado secured its berth in the 2018 Women's National Collegiate Club Championship field by overcoming a 7-1 regular season record and the No. 2 seed to down the Colorado School of Mines for the title...Watch for Ashlev Fedler and Claire Morrison to lead the way for Colorado, while Caroline Aemmer, Madison Lampe and Daniela Sale provide quality minutes.

University of Oregon

Northwest Division Runner-Up Last National Championship Appearance — 2015

The Northwest Division runner-up Ducks of the University of Oregon earned a spot in the 16-team field by way of tournament host the University of Washington claiming the division



title...Per league rules, when the host wins its division, the runner-up from the same division also advances into the field...This marks Oregon's first appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship since playing out of the No. 7 slot at the 2015 tournament hosted by Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt...At Middlebury, the Ducks defeated the University of Utah (5-3 W), fell to the University of Michigan (12-5 L) and the University of California-Santa Barbara (13-4 L) prior to dropping a 9-8 contest to Pennsylvania State University in the Seventh Place game to finish in Eighth Place...An 11-time Northwest Division Champion (2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015), Oregon is making its 13th appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship with prior Second (2008), Third (2009), Fourth (2001, 2010, 2011), Fifth (2007) Eighth (2005, 2015), 10th (2002), 11th (2014)13th (2006)

Location: Eugene, Ore. Mascot: Ducks Head Coach: Steffen Land

Location: Boulder, Colo.

Head Coach: Drew Bonus

Assistant Coach: Beth Bonfiglio

Fr. Ben Lomond, Calif.

Fr. San Anselmo, Calif.

So. Burlingame, Calif.

Jr. Murrieta, Calif.

Sr. Danville, Calif.

Madison Lampe Sr. San Diego, Calif.

Mascot: Buffaloes

- Assistant Coach: Jesse Fiorina So. Davenport, Calif. Corinn Canfield Ava Hagen Fr. Tiburon, Calif.
- Sophia Gemelas Jr. Madras, Ore. Shannon Sullivan Jr.
 - Anne Clingon Jr. Houston, Texas
 - Melanie Lopez So. Downey, Calif. Anna Neufeld So. Merced, Calif.
- Miranda Moore Jr. Palos Verdes, Calif.
- Sammie Garcia So. Costa Mesa, Calif. Sarah Cudworth Ir. Nevada City, Calif.
- Katie Hansen Sr. Orange County, Calif.
- Isabella Dickeron Sr. Mountain View, Calif.
- Shannon Reid Fr. Los Altos, Calif.
- Rebecca Robinson So. Foster City, Calif.
- Jenna Wimmer Fr. Bend, Ore.
- Siobhan Nolan Fr. Lake Oswego, Ore.
- Molly Garcia So. Los Angeles, Calif.
- Erika Taylor So. Burlingame, Calif.
- Kate Goldworthy Salem, Ore. Jr.
- Cianne Cates Fr. Canby, Ore.
- Caroline Richelsen Jr. Hornbaek, Denmark

and 15th (2012) Place marks...The program's 15th place mark in 2012 was not a true judge of the Ducks' performance as Oregon traded spots with eventual 11th place finisher the University of Texas due to a scheduling issue on the final day of the tournament at Florida State University...No team from the Northwest Division has won the National Championship since the University of Washington defeated Michigan State University in 2000...2018 marks a strange switch for Oregon as the Ducks hosted the 2008 Women's National Collegiate Club Championship at Mt. Hood and played out of the No. 4 spot with the University of Washington competing out of the No. 16 position as the Northwest Division runner-up...Oregon made the National Championship title game that year by defeating Lindenwood University (17-1 W), the University of Pennsylvania (9-8 W) and the University of California-Davis (9-5 W) prior to suffering a 7 -6 setback in overtime against California Polytechnic State University...A 16-seed has never placed higher than Ninth (2010-University of Arizona, host, 6-4 W vs. University of Utah) at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship since the field expanded to 16-teams in 2005...In recent history, Pennsylvania State University placed 11th (2017), Wellesley College tied for 15th (2016) and Middlebury College finished 11th (2015).

Cornell University

New York Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2012

The now five-time (2005, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2018) New York Division Champion Big Red of Cornell University return to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the first-time since tying for 13th Place with host Florida State University in 2012...The finish marked the



all-time mark for the Cornell which previously tied for 15th Place at Texas A&M University (2005), Northwestern Uni-

Location: Ithaca, N.Y. Mascot: Big Red Head Coach: Yuval Grossman

1/16 Olivia Lang Gr. Cupertino, Calif.

Lauren McBrearty Jr. Rocky Point, N.Y. Maura Coughlin Gr. Mundelein, Ill.

Kelsey Carpenter So. Ann Arbor, Mich. Cassandra Benson Gr. Pocatello, Idaho Nicole Krisztinicz Fr. McLean, Va.

Shavna Barnes Sr. San Jose, Calif. Christabella Forest Fr. Chino Hills, Calif. 18 Carolina Duque Jr. Hamilton, Ontario

Emma Wilkinson Jr. Tappan, N.Y.

versity (2006) and the University of Notre Dame (2011)...The last time Cornell made the field at Florida State in 2012, the team fell to the University of California-Santa Cruz (18-8 L) and Duke University (9-7 L) before topping Wellesley College (10-8 W) for the Big Red's first-ever National Collegiate Club Championship victory...Prior to that year, the program previously faced the University of Michigan (17-1 L), the University of Utah (10-1 L) and Middlebury (4-1 L) at Notre Dame; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (9-6 L), Middlebury (9-6 L) and the University of Oregon (13-2 L) at Northwestern; and Rice University (10-2 L), Texas A&M University (8-5 L) and Yale University (8-4 L) at Texas A&M...This year, Cornell recorded a perfect 11-0 mark as the Big Red finished 8-0 during the regular season prior to handling Colgate University (13-5 W), Syracuse University (11-4 W) and New York University (7-6 W).

Grinnell College

Heartland Division Champion First National Championship Appearance

The Pioneers of Grinnell College advance to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time after edging Carleton College, 7-6, in the division title game on April 22 at home in the Bear Athletic Center...A two-time



division championship runner-up (2006, 2014), Grinnell finished 8-1 during the regular season to clinch the No. 1 seed for the four-time division championship...The Pioneers will aim to improve on the Heartland Division's finish at the National Collegiate Club Championship tournament...In the

Mascot: Pioneers Head Coach: Beth Tsuha Assistant Coaches: Josh Ball, Chris Sharpe Shannon Ellery Sr. Muncie, Ind. Sophie Doddimeade Fr. London, U.K. Olivia Konieczny Fr. Elk Grove Village, Ill. Kaela Girod Fr. Kingstown, Jamaica Amelia Johnson-Post Fr. Charlotte, N.C. Vivienne Kerley So. San Diego, Calif. Gretchen Schreiner So. Grand Forks, N.D. Camille Hall Jr. New Richmond, Wisc. Breana Concepcion Fr. Chicago, Ill. 22 Sarah Weltz Fr. New York, N.Y. 24 Rose Medeiros Fr. Portland, Ore.

Location: Grinnell, Iowa

history of the event, Heartland teams have placed Eighth (2012-Lindenwood University), 13th (2011-Lindenwood; 2014, 2017—Washington University in St. Louis), 14th (2010—Illinois State University) and 15th (2005—Knox College; 2006, 2009—Carleton; 2007, 2008—Lindenwood; 2015—Washington) in 16-team fields since 2005...From 2001-to-2004, Heartland teams finished 12th (2003, 2004—Carthage College) in 12-team fields...A Heartland representative did not play in 2001 or 2002...A Division III school has never captured the National Championship as the University of Washington, Michigan State University, California Polytechnic State University, Fresno State University, the University of California-Davis, San Diego State University and the University of California-Berkeley are the only institutions to claim the big plaque...Michigan State University (2001, 2002) is the sole team from the middle of the nation to win the championship.



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Team Information

Location: Davis, Calif.

University of California-Davis

Sierra Pacific Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

The 2012, 2013 and 2017 National Champions, the University of California-Davis is making the program's ninth appearance in 10 years at the National Collegiate Club Championship...Last year, the team edged



California Polytechnic State University by a 9-8 final score to capture the National Championship at the University of Pittsburgh...The 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2017 Sierra Pacific Division Champion Aggies downed the University of California, 8-7, at the University of California -Santa Cruz to claim the 2018 division crown...The Aggies knocked off California by a 10-6 final score at California Maritime Academy to claim the 2017 division title...At home in 2016, they downed Cal to capture the division crown before finishing in Third Place at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship hosted by UC-

Mascot: Aggies Head Coach: Robert Clemons Assistant Coach: Cory Laidig Kelley Cartwright Sr. San Diego, Calif. Cassidy Crouch So. Clovis, Calif. Dallyce Marglon Sr. Tracy, Calif. Hailey Jackson So. San Diego, Calif. Carmen Steinmeier So. Sunnyvale, Calif. Iulia Kinsolving Sr. San Anselmo, Calif. Sofia Caryotakis Sr. Portola Valley, Calif. So. Huntington Beach, Calif. Sydney Preston Jr. Stockton, Calif. Carolyn Rieber Fr. Mercer Island, Wash. Mallory Phillips Dominique Burciaga Fr. Santa Maria, Calif. Diana Hatamian Sr. San Jose, Calif. Megan Hall Fr. San Jose, Calif. Caitlyn Batty Fr. Fallbrook, Calif. Nicole Daley Fr. Granite Bay, Calif. Sr. Fremont, Calif. Helena Larsen

Santa Cruz...That year, the Aggies took down Wellesley College (21-1 W) and the University of Washington (19-2 W) before suffering a 10-9 setback against eventual National Champion the University of California-Santa Barbara in the semifinals...UC-Davis then took care of the University of Florida, 14-9, in the Third Place game...In 2014, the team also finished in Third Place at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio...UC-Davis, which entered the 2012 champion-ship field as the Sierra Pacific Division runner-up, claimed its first National Championship in by downing Cal Poly, 2-1, at Florida State University after previously placing fifth at home in 2009 and third in 2008 at Mt. Hood Community College...The Aggies became the first team that did not win a division championship to claim the national championship as the UC-Davis lost to the University of California-Santa Cruz by an 11-8 final score in the 2012 Sierra Pacific Division title tilt...In 2013 at the University of Minnesota, UC-Davis repeated as National Champions as the squad topped the University of Central Florida in a 6-5 National Championship game...In 2011, the Aggies appeared in the National Championship game for the first time falling to Cal Poly, 6-2, at the University of Notre Dame.

California Polytechnic State University

Pacific Coast Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

California Polytechnic State University, which returned to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship last year for the first time since finishing in Third Place at the 2013 National Collegiate Club Championship hosted by University of Minne-



sota, will aim to avenge 2017's 9-8 loss to the University of California-Davis in the National Championship game...From 2002-to-2012, the Mustangs appeared in 10 of 11 title games by defeating Michigan State University (2003), Dartmouth College (2004, 2005), the University of Oregon (2008), the University of Notre Dame (2009), the University of Michigan (2010) and UC-Davis (2011), while falling to Michigan State (2002), Fresno State University

Location: San Luis Obispo, Calif. Mascot: Mustangs Head Coach: Jack Brown Assistant Coach: Jared Schaner

1	Sierra Sheeper	Sr.	Menlo Park, Calif.		
1A	Sammi Tovani	So.	Danville, Calif.		
2	Taylor Best	Sr.	Yorba Linda, Calif.		
4	Bree Gillis	Fr.	Morgan Hill, Calif.		
5	Carley Scholz	Jr.	Mountain View, Calif.		
6	Melanie Flores	Jr.	Moorpark, Calif.		
8	Meagan Vail	So.	Lompoc, Calif.		
9	Sanam Ghazvini	So.	San Jose, Calif.		
10	Claudia Macedo	Sr.	San Martin, Calif.		
11	Emily Milton	Fr.	Reedley, Calif.		
15	Sydney Clark	Sr.	Salinas, Calif.		
16	Maddie David	Fr.	Pleasanton, Calif.		
18	Gabi Fabri	So.	Sacramento, Calif.		
19	Kayla Iles	So.	Riverside, Calif.		
20	Hannah Vaughn-Hulbert Jr. San Jose, Calif.				

(2007) and UC-Davis (2012)...The eight-time National Champion (2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011) and 15-time Pacific Coast Division winner (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2017, 2018) Mustangs will look to add to their legacy and hang the program's ninth championship banner at the school.

Wellesley College

North Atlantic Division Runner-Up Last National Championship Appearance — 2016

The only team in the history of the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship to make three appearances at the event as a divisional runner-up, the



Blue of Wellesley College once again make the field...Wellesley punched its ticket to the Beaver State of Oregon by finishing second to Tufts University via an 8-5 score at the North Atlantic Division Championship on

Location: Wellesley, Mass. Mascot: The Blue

Head Coach: Donald "Jerry" Moss III

Rachel Utomo
 Glaire Whitaker
 Arielle Wons
 Wayland, Mass.

7 Huihan Li So. Beijing, China 8 Brianna Miller Jr. Edinburg, Texas 9 Kyle Bertram Fr. Chicago, Ill.

11 Jordan Street So. Thousand Oaks, Calif.

12 Cameron Wierzbanowski Fr. Arlington, Va.

April 15 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology...However, due to Tufts electing not to attend the event, Wellesley makes its third appearance as a runner-up since 2012...In 2012, Bowdoin College won the division title and elected not to compete at Florida State University. Four years later and 2,750 miles away, the Blue earned their second National Collegiate Club Championship berth by dropping a 9-6 game to Yale in the division tile tilt with the Bulldogs deciding not to trek out to the University of California-Santa Cruz for the 2016 tournament... The only exclusively all-female college to ever compete in a National Collegiate Club Championship, the Blue will strive to improve upon previous 15th place finishes in both of their prior trips to collegiate club water polo's grandest stage...In 2012 at FSU, Wellesley tied with the University of Oregon by falling to the University of Michigan (12-4 L), the University of Notre Dame (15-5 L) and Cornell University (10-8 L)...Four years later at UC-Santa Cruz, the Blue dropped games to the University of California-Davis (21-1 L), the University of Virginia (12-6 L) and the University of Texas (9-6 L) to tie with the host Banana Slugs in the final standings.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech)

Atlantic Division Champion First National Championship Appearance

A first time division champion after capturing the Atlantic Division crown with a 7-6 victory over the University of North



Carolina at the University of Virginia on April 8, the Hokies of Virginia Tech will seek to make the most of their inaugural appearance at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship...A three-time division finalist with runner-up finishes behind Duke University (2015) and the University of Virginia (2016), the Hokies went undefeated

Mascot: Hokies Head Coach: Scott Wilson 1/20 Adana McWhinneyJr. San Diego, Calif. Jr. Harrisonburg, Va. Spencer Collins Greta Mosley Sr. Saudi Arabia Carey Rice So. Herndon, Va. Ashlyn Moorman So. Chesapeake, Va. 11 Liz Macquera So. Springfield, Va. 12 Svdnev Davev Sr. Fairfax, Va. 13 Karly Ginieczki Ir. Herndon, Va. 15 Emily Robinson Fr. Houston, Texas Stepheney Himes Sr. Martinsburg, Va. Brittany Henry Sr. Fairfax, Va. Kirstie Henry Fr. Fairfax, Va.

Location: Blacksburg, Va.

in Atlantic Division play this year courtesy a 9-0 regular season mark prior to downing James Madison University (17-4 W) and UNC at the division championship tournament...Virginia Tech will aim to make history and record the highest finish in the history of the National Collegiate Club Championship by a team from the Atlantic Division...Originally formed prior to the 2005 season, the Atlantic Division was absorbed by the Mid-Atlantic Division following its first season as James Madison took the title and tied for 13th at Texas A&M University...Following a 10-year gap, the Atlantic Division was reformed prior to 2015 with Duke acquiring the crown and placing Ninth in 2015 at Middlebury College...Two-time Atlantic Division Champion Virginia added 11th (2016 at the University of California-Santa Cruz) and 13th (2017 at the University of Pittsburgh) placements as the Hokies will look to outperform their in-state rival and notch the division's first Top 10 mark.



Texas A&M University

Texas Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

A seven-time Texas Division Champion (2001, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018), Texas A&M University returns to the National Collegiate Club Championship for a fifth time in the past six years...The Aggies, who claimed the



regular season Texas Division Championship courtesy a goal differential tiebreaker versus the University of Texas, rolled through the division championship tournament at home in College Station by dispatching Baylor University (14-0 W) and Rice University (18-0 W) prior to wrangling the Longhorns, 6-4, for the crown...The Aggies have become a staple of the Texas Division title game as A&M has appeared in 11 of the last 12, missing the 2012 affair (Texas-vs.-Texas State

Location: College Station, Texas Mascot: Aggies Head Coach: Axel Rodriguez Mintzias Assistant Coach: Kevin Kenney

> Rylan Scott Fr. Santa Barbara, Calif. Emily Kincaid Fr. League City, Texas Sefanit Rezene Fr. Dallas, Texas

Julia Johnson So. Woodlands, Texas Christina Lewandowski Ir. Houston, Texas

So. League City, Texas Chelsea Bulseco Michelle Hubbard Jr. League City, Texas

Alyssa Koerber So. League City, Texas Hannah Kapfer Fr. League City, Texas

Lauren Kenney So. Santa Ana, Calif. Areali Villarreal Fr. Rockwall, Texas Jenny Cary Jr. Houston, Texas

Nikki O'Donnell Sr. Cypress, Texas Linden Overbey Jr. Cypress, Texas

University) and finishing second to the Longhorns of Texas in 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2016 and the Owls of Rice in 2006...This year marks the Aggies' ninth appearance at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship tournament following berths in 2001 (Eighth), 2005 (12th), 2008 (15th), 2010 (13th), 2013 (12th), 2014 (12th), 2015 (15th) and 2017 (Ninth)...A Texas Division team has never made the title game as either the division champion or host team has placed either Sixth (2005), Eighth (2006, 2001), Ninth (2017), 10th (2009, 2004), 11th (2012, 2011, 2003), 12th (2014, 2013, 2005, 2002), 13th (2010, 2007, 2016) or 15th (2008, 2015) since 2001.

Pennsylvania State University

Mid-Atlantic Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

Pennsylvania State University returns to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship due solely to its own efforts as the Nittany Lions powered through the Mid-Atlantic



Division regular season and championship tournament to rack-up an 11-0 mark...In the title game, PSU avenged a loss to the University of Pittsburgh (8-7 L) in the 2017 championship game by penning the Panthers, 9-5...Penn State is making its second consecutive appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship due to Pitt hosting the 2017 tournament...Last year, the Nittany Lions took the No. 16 spot in the field as the runner-up from the Mid-

Location: State College, Pa. Mascot: Nittany Lions Head Coach: Todd Roth Assistant Coach: Grant Wandling

Sofia Viebranz So. Erie, Pa. Shannon Quinn So. Hatfield, Pa.

Clare Washabaugh Jr. Pittsburgh, Pa. Claire Beno Fr. Perkasie, Pa.

Abby Washabaugh Fr. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lexie Saidman Jr. Reading, Pa.

Emily Argentati So. Reading, Pa. 10 Leah Perkins Fr. Erie, Pa.

Jr. Lansdale, Pa. Steph Galetta

Jr. Naperville, Ill. Sarah Anderson

16 Ashley Southwick So. Reading, Pa. 21 Michaela Pagano Jr. Harleysville, Pa.

22 Broooke Rothenberger Sr. Reading, Pa.

Atlantic Division and converted the opportunity into an 11th place finish with a 15-6 loss to California Polytechnic State University, a 9-5 (5-0 forfeit) win against the University of Utah, a 9-8 loss to Texas A&M University and a 9-8 overtime victory versus the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the 11th Place game...The last time Penn State made the National Championship field as a division champion, the Nittany Lions registered a Seventh Place finish with a win over Texas A&M (6-3 W OT), losses to San Diego State University (14-5 L) and New York University (11-6 L) and a victory over the University of Oregon (9-8 W) at Middlebury College in 2015...In 2011 at the University of Notre Dame, the team also finished in Eighth Place with a win over Middlebury (14-8 W) and losses to the University of California-Davis (11-1 L), the University of Florida (10-5 L) and the host Irish (5-4 L)...The 2011 berth snapped a five year absence from the championship for the Nittany Lions...The 2001, 2005, 2011, 2015 and 2018 Mid-Atlantic Division Champion, the Lions placed 10th at the 2001 tournament hosted by Miami University (Ohio) and 11th in 2005 at Texas A&M.

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University of California-San Diego

Southwest Division Champion First National Championship Appearance

The University of California-San Diego is making the program's inaugural appearance at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship following a 4 -2 defeat of host San Diego State University in the 2018 Southwest



Division Championship title game on April 22...The Tritons' victory completed a perfect 11-0 divisional season for UC-San Diego as the team rolled through the regular sea-

son campaign with an 8-0 mark...The title game appearance marked the first in the history of the UC-San Diego women's collegiate club program as the squad previously finished no higher than Third Place– a mark last achieved in 2017 following a Fourth Place regular season mark...Look for seniors Amanda Duval, Katelyn Archer, Hannah Caskey, Cathleen Nguyen and Natalie Popescu to drive the Tritons at the National Collegiate Club Championship due to their experience...A Southwest Division team has never won the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship as San Diego State—which captured the 2014 crown—was a member of the Pacific Coast Division at the time...Historically, the Southwest Division was comprised primarily of Southwest teams (University of Arizona, Arizona State University, U.S. Air Force Academy, University of Utah, etc.) until a realignment of the Pacific Coast, Rocky Mountain and Southwest Divisions following the 2014 campaign.

Location: La Jolla, Calif.

Head Coach: Tiffany Coles

Amanda Duval

Katelvn Archer

Hannah Caskey

Natalie Popescu

Sara Tran

Emily Paz

Jenny Fisher

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Mascot: Buckeyes

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Assistant Coach: Jackson Stephens

McKenzie Nelson Jr. Merced, Calif.

Cathleen Nguyen Sr. Walnut, Calif.

Kinsey Van Deynze So. Davis, Calif.

Sr. Culver City, Calif.

Sr. Garden Grove, Calif.

So. Fountain Valley, Calif.

Fr. Long Beach, Calif.

Fr. Irvine, Calif.

Sr. Clovis, Calif.

Sr. San Jose, Calif.

Mascot : Tritons

The Ohio State University

Big Ten Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

The Ohio State University returns to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the second consecutive year following a Fourth Place finish at the 2017 tournament hosted by the University of Pittsburgh...Last year, the



Buckeyes made history by becoming the first institution other than the University of Michigan to represent the Big Ten since the division's members joined the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) prior to the 2010 sea-

Head Coach: Kaitlyn Schlueter Worthington, Ohio Amanda Morgan So. Megan Wolf Sr. Mason, Ohio Abby Hartsell Fr. Worthington, Ohio Eadyn Miller Fr. Napoleon, Ohio

Maddie Fanzoni Sr. Mason, Ohio Paige Torbet Gr. Mason, Ohio

Sr. Upper Arlington, Ohio Betsv Trace Julia Fletcher Ir. Libertyville, Ill. 15 Aidan Hartsell Jr. Worthington, Ohio 17 Hannah May Fr. Cincinnati, Ohio

18 Jory Gould So. Cincinnati, Ohio

son...Ohio State, which defeated Washington University in St. Louis (17-2 W) and the University of Washington (6-5 W) prior to suffering semifinal (8-7 L vs. University of California-Davis) and Third Place game (7-5 L vs. San Diego State University) losses to finish in Fourth Place at the program's inaugural National Collegiate Club Championship, rallied back from a tough regular season to finish 9-2 in league play, including a 6-2 regular season mark to enter the tournament as the No. 3 seed behind top-billed Michigan and Michigan State University...Over the span of four years, OSU has grew from a roster of 16 players to now field both "A" and "B" team and notch back-to-back division titles after placing Sixth in 2015...Big Ten Division teams have a history of success at the National Collegiate Club Tournament as Michigan State holds three titles (2001, 2002, 2006), while MSU (2000, 2003) and Michigan (2010, 2014, 2016) have also combined for five runner-up placements.

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University of Florida

Southeast Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2016

The University of Florida returns to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship field following a 2018 Southeast Division season in which the Gators went 11-0, includ-



ing a 5-1 dispatching of the University of Central Florida at Emory University on April 8...The Gators missed out on the 2017 Women's National Collegiate Club Championship at the University of Pittsburgh as UCF downed Florida in the division title game...This marks Florida's 13th appearance at the Club Championship as the Gators hold 13of-18 Southeast Division titles and have never finished outside the Top 10 at the National Club tournament by placing second (2001, 2006), third (2002, 2004, 2012),

Mascot: Gators Head Coach: Katie Larson Assistant Coach: Tim Larson Mary Campbell Gr. Orlando, Fla. Jr. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Emily Stevenson Angela Vazquez So. Lake Mary, Fla. Jacqueline James Jr. Orlando, Fla. Stephanie Zwicker Gr. Gotha, Fla. Emily Hill Fr. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Marcela Gallardo Sr. Pembroke Pines, Fla. Mariana Lombello Jr. North Miami, Fla. Jr. Weston, Fla. Jessie Modrak Kelly Martin Gr. Orlando, Fla. Daniela Duarte Fr. Orland, Fla. Havley Suraci Jr. Boca Raton, Fla. 14 Emma Steinebronn Fr. Orlando, Fla. Emily Fennell Jr. Tampa, Fla.

Location: Gainesville, Fla.

fourth (2003, 2016), fifth (2000, 2011), seventh (2008), eighth (2014) and ninth (2005, 2007)...The 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 Southeast Division Champion, the Gators finished as the division runner-up in 2009, 2010 and 2013...Florida had never missed the Southeast Division title game prior to 2015 when Florida State University downed the host Gators 6-5 in the semifinals...The last time Florida made the NCCC field in 2016 at the University of California-Santa Cruz, the Gators defeated the University of Pittsburgh (17-5 W) and Grand Valley State University (8-3 W) prior to dropping a 6-4 game to the University of Michigan in the semifinals and taking a 14-9 setback against the University of California-Davis in the Third Place tilt...In 2014 at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio, the Gators defeated Middlebury College (9-2 W) before dropping back-to-backto-back games versus Arizona State University (11-5 L), Duke University (7-6 L) and Lindenwood University (8-7 L) to finish eighth...In 2012 at Florida State in Tallahassee, Fla., Florida notched a Third Place mark with victories over the University of Texas (10-4 W) and Lindenwood (8-2 W) before dropping a 10-6 contest to California Polytechnic State University. In the third place game, the Gators chomped on the University of Michigan, 11-10 in overtime.

Lindenwood University

Midwest Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2013

Lindenwood University enters the 2018 Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the seventh time as a division champion after previously capturing the Heartland (2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013) and Great Plains (2014) Division Cham-



pionships...The Lions moved to the Midwest Division following the dissolution of the Great Plains Division following the 2014 season and placed second (2015) and third (2016, 2017) behind the University of Notre Dame and Grand Valley State University prior to breaking through with a 15-13 victory over the Fighting Irish in this year's division title game...Head coach Dave Miller will aim to add at women's National Championship to his resume as he previously guided the Lions' men's team to the 2014, 2015 and 2016 National Collegiate Club Champion-

Location: Saint Charles, Mo. Mascot: Lions Head Coach: Dave Miller Fr. Arlington Heights, Ill. 1/4 Betsy Zanocco 1A/16 Harmony Moran Fr. New Lenox, Ill. Fr. Arlington Heights, Ill. Isabella Boccia Madelynn Klein-Courville Fr. Dixon, Calif. Paige Miller Fr. Bend, Ore. Noelle Redman Fr. Alvin, Texas Naomi Sanders Fr. Hollywood, Fla. Hanna Muller Fr. East London, South Africa Quincy Winship Jr. Clatyon, Calif. 10 Vladi Milutinovic Jr. Chicago, Ill. 11 Marina Vela Genesca Jr. Castellar del Valles, Spain 12 Sydney Walsh Fr. Friendswood, Texas 13 Kyla Hamilton Fr. Norco, Calif. 14 Dani Rust Ir. Cincinnati, Ohio Nikki Howe Fr. New Lenox, Ill. 15 Emily Kini Fr. Palatine, Ill. Heather Rosson Sr. Walnut Creek, Calif. 20 Abby VerMeer So. Saint Louis, Mo.

ships...In the history of the National Collegiate Club Championship, Lindenwood previously tied for 15th in both 2007 at Williams College and 2008 at Mt. Hood Community College, while tying for 13th in 2011 at Notre Dame. More recently, the program placed 12th in 2012 at Florida State University, notched a Fifth Place mark in 2013 at the University of Minnesota and garnered a Seventh Place finish in 2014 at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio...Lindenwood will aim to become the first non-West Coast school to win the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship joining 2001, 2002 and 2006 champion Michigan State University.

University of Washington

Northwest Division Champion/Host Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

The victor of the first Women's National Collegiate Club Championship in 2000 with a 7-6 win in overtime against Michigan State University at the University of



Arizona, the University of Washington claimed the program's eighth division crown (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2016, 2017, 2018) by going 11-0 with an 8-5 title game victory over the University of Oregon...In the history of the National Collegiate Club Championship, the Huskies have previously finished in First (2000), Sixth (2003), Seventh (2016, 2017), Eighth (2004) and 13th (2008) Place...In 2001, Washington won the Northwest Division, but elected not to attend the championship hosted by Miami University (Ohio)...Eight years later the Huskies earned a spot to the 2009 tournament at the University of California-Davis as the Northwest Division runner-up, but declined the invite...In the team's first trip to the championship in 2000, Washington defeated California State University-Chico (9-7 W) and the host Wildcats of Arizona (6-3 W) prior to defeating Michigan State for the title...Mt. Hood is familiar ground for Washington as the Huskies earned the No. 16 seed as the runner-up from the Northwest Division when Oregon hosted here on May 2-4, 2008. At that event, Washington fell to the University of Califor-

Location: Seattle, Wash. Mascot: Huskies

Head Coach: Rudy Ramirez

Assistant Coaches: Gregory Mercer, Stephanie Curran, Mike Kelly, Laura Rudolph

Elizabeth Lipps Sr. Menlo Park, Calif. Annie Shoemaker So. Seattle, Wash.

Gr. Encinitas, Calif. Kellie MacPhee 2A Julia Harry So. Maple Valley, Wash.

Jacqueline Li So. Mercer Island, Wash. Karli Stevenson So. Tacoma, Wash.

Fr. Bothell, Wash. 4A Brooke Hill Nicole Sargent Ir. Arcadia, Calif.

Mary Elizabeth Ward Jr. San Rafael, Calif. Natalie Erjavec Fr. Mountain View, Calif.

Katie Snell Fr. Cupertino, Calif. So. Idaho Falls, Idaho Nadra Fredi Lauren Hickey Gr. Palos Verdes, Calif.

Sydney Toole Fr. Laguna Niguel, Calif.

Anastasia Bondarenko So. Bellevue, Wash. Sophie Ko Fr. Puyallup, Wash.

Maddie Joy So. Edgewood, Wash.

Margaret Lazzarini Gr. San Marino, Calif. Caroline Lorentzen Sr. Seattle, Wash.

Jalene Weatherholt Jr. San Jose, Calif. 17A Elizabeth Lee

Jr. London, U.K. Arielle Howell So. Olympia, Wash.

Jane Wynne Fr. Mill Valley, Calif.

Kacey Kuchenbecker Jr. Kaneohe, Hawaii Katie Rogers Jr. Tustin, Calif.

nia-Davis (15-6 L) and the University of Notre Dame (15-8 L) prior to handling Lindenwood University (8-3 W).

Boston College

New England Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2010

The Eagles of Boston College swoop back into the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship field for the fourth time and the program's inaugural appearance since 2010 at the University of Arizona...Boston



College, which previously tied for 13th with the University of Washington in 2008 at Mt. Hood and garnered a 12th place mark at the University of California-Davis in 2012, most recently finished in 15th Place at the University of Arizona in 2010. The Eagles placement was unique due to Arizona having two pools to permit the 13th and 15th place positions—which normally conclude in ties due to a lack of

Location: Boston, Mass. Mascot: Eagles

Head Coach: Hannah Grotzinger Amanda Bolanos Sr. Palm Springs, Calif.

1A/13 Mary Holt So. Pasadena, Calif. 1B/10 Kat Figueroa Fr. Delray, Fla.

Sarah Al-Mayahi Fr. Lynnfield, Mass.

Heather Clark Jr. Houston, Texas Fr. San Rafael, Calif. Annie Ward

Carolina Albuquerque Fr. Brookline, Mass.

Michelle Krameisen So. Spring Lake, N.J.

Nelle Douglas Fr. Ipswich, Mass.

11 Elizabeth Judge So. Scarsdale, N.Y.

Jane Ewald So. Chatham, N.J. Caroline Cook Jr. West Chester, Pa.

Emma Schmiege Fr. Fairfax, Calif.

Shannon Croly Fr. Delran, N.J.

facilities time—to be played out...Overall, Boston College fell to the University of Pennsylvania (6-4 L), Middlebury College (10-9 L OT) and Texas A&M University (6-1 L) prior to upending New York University (8-7 W) in the 15th Place game...The 2008 and 2009 North Atlantic and 2010 New England Division Champion, the Eagles added their second New England crown by going 11-0, including a 9-4 defeat of Boston University in the division title game...Boston College head coach Hannah Grotzinger is no stranger to the National Collegiate Club Championship as the 2016 Middlebury graduate helped the Panthers to four consecutive (2013-to-2016) appearances as a student-athlete with New England Division titles in 2013 and 2016...Middlebury made the 2014 tournament as the runner-up from the New England Division following the election of North Atlantic Division champion Bowdoin College to not attend and qualified in 2015 as the host institution.