

## 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 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 (EWPR).

The next major milestone 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.

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 Multimedia (Jon Weaver), a Director of Communications (Ed Haas) and a Coordinator of Officials (Ed Reed). The staff oversees over 280 teams on the varsity and club levels for both men and women.

### Previous National Collegiate Club Champions

<i><b>Year</b></i>	<i><b>Champion</b></i>	<i><b>Runner-Up</b></i>
1993	Northwestern University	University of Maryland
1994	United States Military Academy	University of Dayton
1995	University of Dayton	United States Military Academy
1996	University of Michigan	University of Arizona
1997	Dartmouth College	University of Colorado
1998	University of Michigan	Pennsylvania State University
1999	California Polytechnic State University	University of Richmond
2000	Michigan State University	University of Washington
2001	California Polytechnic State University	Villanova University
2002	California Polytechnic State University	University of Southern California
2003	University of Michigan	California Polytechnic State University
2004	California Polytechnic State University	University of Arizona
2005	Grand Valley State University	Michigan State University
2006	Michigan State University	Grand Valley State University
2007	California Polytechnic State University	Michigan State University
2008	Michigan State University	California Polytechnic State University
2009	University of California-Los Angeles	Florida International University
2010	University of California-Los Angeles	University of Texas
2011	University of Southern California	Yale University
2012	University of Southern California	University of California
2013	University of California-Los Angeles	Lindenwood University
2014	Lindenwood University	San Diego State University
2015	Lindenwood University	San Diego State University
2016	Lindenwood University	Long Beach State University
2017	San Diego State University	University of Texas

## 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. We'll 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.



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## 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; Big Ten; Florida; Great Lakes; Mid-Atlantic; Missouri Valley; New England; New York; Northwest; Pacific Coast; Rocky Mountain; Sierra Pacific; Southeast; Southwest; Texas. Teams are not seeded based on ability as they are placed in brackets within the championship schedule based on their division's finish the prior season.

Assignments are made in a specific order to afford teams the ability to plan in advance of the event. Bids are awarded in order of finish by division the prior year. The host team assumes the last position in Bracket A, unless they win their division. In this case, they are assigned according to their division's finish the prior year. The second place team in their division then assumes the last position in Bracket A. If final standings did not determine all positions, divisions tied in the final standings are assigned by random draw to determine where they will be placed.

Seeding for positions No. 1-3 are based on the results of the 2017 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship. However, due to California Polytechnic State University (2017 Pacific Coast Division runner-up) competing in last year's championship field in place of Northwest Division Champion Oregon State University (which elected not to attend) and Cal Poly playing in the Third Place game against Pacific Coast Division Champion the University of Southern California, the No. 4 position claimed by USC is awarded to the Sierra Pacific Division. Seeds are then allocated one higher than the 2017 finishes to position No. 12. As ties for the 13th and 15th positions in the final standings are not played out, the No. 12 and 13 positions are awarded by random draw to the Atlantic Division and New England Division. The No. 14 position is awarded to the Southeast Division – which tied with 2017 host Florida State University – in the final standings.

Due to host the University of Arizona being part of the Southwest Division – which is awarded the No. 1 position due to San Diego State University winning the 2017 National Championship – Arizona can not hold the No. 16 position by league rule which states that teams from the same division can not meet in the first round of the tournament. Therefore, as the Northwest Division did not compete in 2017, the host/Southwest Division runner-up position is No. 15. The Northwest Division claims the final position at No. 16.

### 2018 National Collegiate Club Championship Bracketing

1st Position: University of California-San Diego  
(*Southwest Division*)

2nd Position: University of Texas  
(*Texas Division*)

3rd Position: California Poly. State University  
(*Pacific Coast Division*)

4th Position: University of California  
(*Sierra Pacific Division*)

5th Position: The Ohio State University  
(*Great Lakes Division*)

6th Position: University of Michigan  
(*Big Ten Division*)

7th Position: United States Military Academy  
(*New York Division*)

8th Position: Lindenwood University  
(*Missouri Valley Division*)

16th Position: Oregon State University  
(*Northwest Division*)

15th Position: University of Arizona  
(*Host/Southwest Division Third Place*)

14th Position: University of Alabama  
(*Southeast Division*)

13th Position: Boston College  
(*New England Division*)

12th Position: Virginia Poly. Institute & State Univ.  
(*Atlantic Division Runner-Up*)

11th Position: University of Florida  
(*Florida Division*)

10th Position: University of Utah  
(*Rocky Mountain Division*)

9th Position: Villanova University  
(*Mid-Atlantic Division*)

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## University of Arizona

*Host/Southwest Division Third Place*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2009*

The University of Arizona receives a berth to the 2018 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship as the host institution after placing Third at the Southwest Division



Championship...Returning to the championship field for the first time since capturing the 2009 Southwest Division Championship and earning a spot at the University of Florida, the Wildcats are in a unique position compared to other hosts who normally take the No. 16 position. Due to Arizona being part of the Southwest Division – which is awarded the No. 1 position courtesy San Diego State University winning the 2017 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship – Arizona can not hold the No. 16 position by league rule. League rules state that teams from the same division can not meet in the first round of the National Collegiate Club Championship. Therefore, as the Northwest Division did not compete in 2017, the host position is No. 15. Northwest Division Champion Oregon State University claims the final position at No. 16...The victor of 11 Southwest Division title games (1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009), Arizona most recently placed Fourth (2003, 2006, 2007), Third (2005, 2009) and Second (2004) at the Collegiate Club Championship.

**Location:** Tucson, Arizona  
**Nickname:** Wildcats  
**Coach:** Mike Jonen

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|----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1  | Jack Garcia        | Laguna Beach, Calif.     |
| 2  | Jakee Wait         | Reno, Nev.               |
| 3  | Richard Pimentel   | Torrance, Calif.         |
| 4  | Jack Shear         | Huntington Beach, Calif. |
| 5  | Garret Rado        | San Marcos, Calif.       |
| 6  | David Miller       | Irvine, Calif.           |
| 7  | Ryan Salaz         | Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. |
| 8  | Ian Barton         | Fullerton, Calif.        |
| 9  | Jon Miller         | Irvine, Calif.           |
| 10 | Tyler Linsenback   | Sacramento, Calif.       |
| 11 | Mohammad Alboloush | Kuwait                   |
| 12 | Colin McEachern    | Tooele, Calif.           |
| 13 | Hayden Roletter    | Newport Beach, Calif.    |
| 14 | Gus Kelly          | Palm Springs, Calif.     |
| 15 | Cody Torres        | Maricopa, Ariz.          |
| 16 | Jack Obeker        | Phoenix, Ariz.           |
| 17 | Terrence McGaughey | Tarzana, Calif.          |
| 18 | Mike Devine        | San Dimas, Calif.        |
| 20 | Adrien Brelay      | San Jose, Calif.         |

## Oregon State University

*Northwest Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2015*

Oregon State University returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship to place a Northwest Division Champion in the field for the first time since the Beavers represented the group at the 2015 event hosted by the University of California-Santa Cruz...In 2016, champion the University of Washington and runner-up Oregon State both declined to attend the tournament at the University of Notre Dame. The same is true for 2017 as champion Oregon State and runner-up Washington both declined to attend the 2017 championship at Florida State University...In 2015 at UC-Santa Cruz, the team tied for 13th place following a 13-9 overtime defeat of the host Banana Slugs in a 13/15th place game...In 2014 at Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center hosted by the University of Utah, Oregon State finished 12th after previously notching 13th (2012, at Osborn Aquatic Center hosted by Oregon State) and Seventh Place (2003 at Texas A&M University) marks as the team is making its fifth appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship...The best finish at the championship by a Northwest Division team came in 2000 as Washington finished second via a 6-5 loss to Michigan State University in the title game.



**Location:** Corvallis, Oregon  
**Nickname:** Beavers

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|----|--------------------------|
| 1  | Max Dillard              |
| 1A | Jacob Roeder             |
| 2  | Nate Coleman             |
| 3  | Austin Greenlee          |
| 4  | Brendan Murphy           |
| 5  | James Nelson             |
| 6  | Graham King              |
| 7  | Santiago Gomez           |
| 8  | Connor Wu                |
| 9  | Lucas Rodgers            |
| 10 | Skyler Reed              |
| 11 | Andrew Kauffman          |
| 12 | Burton Jaurisch          |
| 13 | Matt Howell              |
| 14 | Cameron Knopf            |
| 15 | Carl Bohme               |
| 16 | Ryan Bayliss             |
| 17 | Christian Richey         |
| 18 | Cooper Cash              |
| 19 | Jacob Kenney             |
| 20 | Max Dillard/Jacob Roeder |

**2018 Men's Championship Officials: Tony Karaman, Scott Krasinski, Don Lewis, Mike McMahon, Bruce Morehouse, Jon Rightmyer**

## 2018 National Collegiate Club Championship Schedule

### Friday, November 9, 2018

				Game #	Score
9:00	University of Calif.-San Diego	vs.	Oregon State University	1	
10:10	University of Arizona	vs.	University of Texas	2	
11:20	California Poly. State University	vs.	University of Alabama	3	
12:30	University of California	vs.	Boston College	4	
1:40	The Ohio State University	vs.	Virginia Tech	5	
2:50	University of Michigan	vs.	University of Florida	6	
4:00	U.S. Military Academy	vs.	University of Utah	7	
5:10	Lindenwood University	vs.	Villanova 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	

### Saturday, November 10, 2018

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 Game 13	vs.	Winner Game 14	20	
6:20	Winner of Game 15	vs.	Winner of Game 16	21	
7:30	Loser of Game 15	vs.	Loser of Game 16	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	

### Sunday, November 11, 2018

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	
11:30	Loser of Game 21	vs.	Loser of Game 20	3rd Place	
12:45	Winner of Game 20	vs.	Winner of Game 21	1st Place	

*Award Ceremony immediately following 1st Place Game*

2:15	Winner of Game 17	vs.	Winner of Game 18	9th Place	
3:30	Loser of Game 18	vs.	Loser of Game 17	11th Place	

*Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. Host team always wears dark caps.*



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## Boston College

*New England Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2017*

Boston College returns to the National Collegiate Club Championship for the third-year in a row after a one-year absence in 2015...12 months



ago at Florida State University, B.C. fell to The Ohio State University (8-7 L) and Lindenwood University (16-12 L) before managing the University of Alabama (12-11 W) in a 13th/15th Place game...In 2016, the Eagles finished in Ninth Place with a 12-10 overtime loss to McKendree University prior to downing Duke University (22-8 W), host the University of Notre Dame (16-7 W) and Grand Valley State University (14-6 W)...In 2014 at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah, the Eagles faced Vanderbilt University (18-3 W), Pennsylvania State University (10-9 W OT), San Diego State University (11-7 L) and the University of California (10-9 L) to finish in Fourth Place...Prior to 2014, the team last made the field in 2006 as Boston College placed 12th at Miami University (Ohio) as the squad fell to the University of Washington (8-5 L), defeated the University of Illinois-Chicago (7-6 W), slipped against Miami (Ohio) (9-3 L) and dropped a 12-10 game in overtime to Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech)...Boston College has been a consistent top-team in its division since 2012 in finishing in either First (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018) or Second (2012, 2013, 2015) place every year...B.C. will look to bring the National Championship back to the East Coast for the first time since Dartmouth captured the 1997 title.

**Location:** Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts  
**Nickname:** Eagles

1	Tyler Dubiel	Jr.	Pleasanton, Calif.
1A	Hart Ayoub	Jr.	San Francisco, Calif.
2	Andrew Wilson	So.	Walnut Creek, Calif.
3	Duncan Rowland	Sr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
4	Luke Twardowski	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
5	Thomas Savage	Sr.	West Amwell, N.J.
6	Scott Singer	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.
7	Charles Bellemare	So.	Montreal, Canada
8	Peter DaGiau	Jr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
10	Filip Filipovic	Jr.	Princeton, N.J.
12	Colin Derdeyn	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
13	Omar John	So.	St. John's, Antigua
14	Daniel Walsh	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
15	Nathan Yeung	So.	Marin County, Calif.
16	Jack Klingler	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
18	Walter Haracz	Jr.	Evanston, Ill.
19	Carter Dwyer	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
20	Michael Spence	Jr.	San Francisco, Calif.
21	James McAweeney	So.	Chicago, Ill.
22	Jack Matthews	So.	Dallas, Texas

## University of Alabama

*Southeast Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2017*

The University of Alabama advances to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the second time in as many years as the Crimson Tide went 8-2 in league play—including a 14-10 title game defeat of the University of Mississippi at the Georgia Institute of Technology's McAuley Aquatic Center on October 28...Last year at Florida State University, Alabama got its first taste of National Championship competition as the team held its own against the University of Michigan (15-5 L), the University of Colorado (10-9 L) and Boston College (12-11 L) to finish in a tie for 15th place...The Crimson Tide's season was up-and-down as the team opened the year at the Huntsville Aquatic Center with wins over Mississippi (22-14 W), Vanderbilt University (15-8 W) and Auburn University (18-3 W), but dropped a pair of games to Georgia Tech (9-8 L) and the University of Georgia (10-9 L) to claim the No. 3 in the regular season. At the division championship, the team stopped the University of Tennessee (13-2 W) and Georgia Tech (9-4 W) prior to managing Mississippi for Alabama's second division title...A Southeast Division team has never made this tournament's title game. Florida International University, which claimed the 2004, 2005 and 2006 Southeast Division titles, was a member of the Florida Division when the team advanced to the 2009 title tilt.



**Location:** Birmingham, Alabama  
**Nickname:** Crimson Tide  
**Coach:** Ed Reed

1	Alex Mick	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
2	Eric Caselton	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
3	Chris Popiolek	So.	Naperville, Ill.
5	Mikey Hession	Sr.	Mission Viejo, Calif.
7	Nick Zillier	So.	Naperville, Ill.
8	Veronica Dunn	Jr.	Des Plaines, Ill.
9	Joe Tomashek	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
10	Drake McClure	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
11	Duncan McMaster	So.	Madison, Ala.
12	Dillon Shannon	Jr.	Rocklin, Calif.
13	Claire Busken	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
15	Josh Troup	So.	Prattville Ala.
16	Colin Patrick	Fr.	Haymarket, Va.
18	Sarah Salvador	Fr.	Pearland, Texas

## University of Florida

Florida Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

Following a season shortened by Hurricane Michael which wiped out the October 13-14 weekend at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.,



the University of Florida powered through the Florida Division Championship to down the University of Central Florida "B" (18-3 W), Florida State (20-7 W) and host Florida Atlantic University (14-8 W) to earn a return trip to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship...The Gators, who made the National Championship field for the first time since 2011 last year at Florida State, claimed the program's sixth Florida Division Championship (2002, 2003, 2008, 2011, 2017, 2018) and eighth (Southeast Division: 2000, 2001) overall division title...In the history of the program, the Gators have recorded Eighth (2000), Third (2001), 11th (2002), Ninth (2003), Fourth (2008), 13th (2009), Third (2011) and 12th (2017) in succession to make the Top 10 five times...A Florida Division team has made the National Championship title game only once—Florida International University in 2009 against the University of California-Los Angeles at Florida in Gainesville.

**Location:** Gainesville, Florida

**Nickname:** Gators

**Coach:** David Huelsman

1	Corby Bertolett	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
1A	Zach Bacchus	Sr.	Orlando, Fla.
2	Matthew Blackton	Jr.	Winter Park, Fla.
3	Thomas MacDonald	Sr.	Orlando, Fla.
4	Ben Phillips	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
5	John Nieves	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
6	Ali Shahin	Sr.	Cairo, Egypt
7	James Rivera	Jr.	Deerfield Beach, Fla.
8	Gabriel Carrero	Gr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil
9	Murphey Morgan	Gr.	Lyman, Fla.
10	Rico Martinez	Jr.	Boca Raton, Fla.
11	Lucas Weaver	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla.
13	Alex Kaiser	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
15	Stephen Norton	Gr.	Boynton Beach, Fla.
17	Jake Wiley	Sr.	Orlando, Fla.
18	Clancy Short	Gr.	Goshen, Ind.
19	Parker Strickman	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

## Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech)

Atlantic Division Runner-Up

Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech for short) likely didn't anticipate making the 2018



Men's National Collegiate Club Championship after falling to the United States Naval Academy by a 13-11 score in Annapolis, Md., on October 28. However, the Midshipmen declined their bid as the division champion for academic reasons—and the Hokies jumped at a shot to improve on last year's 13th Place finish at Florida State University...This marks the first time in a bit that Virginia Tech won't be appearing at a National Collegiate Club Championship hosted in the state of Florida as the last time the squad made the field before 2017 was in 2009 at the University of Florida...A four-time division champion with Atlantic Division crowns in 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2017, Virginia Tech finished in 12th Place at the 2009 tournament...Before 2009, the team appeared and placed 15th at the 2007 National Club Championship hosted by the University of Arizona after earning an 11th place spot in 2006 at Miami University (Ohio).

**Location:** Blacksburg, Virginia

**Nickname:** Hokies

**Coach:** Carlos Cannon

1	Jarid Bowen	Sr.	Centreville, Va.
1A	Marty Tiss	Jr.	Chantilly, Va.
2	Wyatt Fulle	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
4	Brian Daly	Sr.	Fairfax, Va.
5	Youssef Elsebai	Jr.	Egypt
6	Doug Brown	Jr.	Ambler, Pa.
8	Joseph Tilghman	Sr.	Tyaskin, Md.
9	Colin Healy	Jr.	Vienna, Va.
11	Matt Lionetti	So.	Malvern, Pa.
14	Liam Young	Sr.	Yorktown, Va.
15	William Wade	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill.
16	Andrew Siemon	Sr.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
17	Jake Tiss	Sr.	Chantilly, Va.
18	Colin Farrell	So.	Bloomsburg, Pa.
20	Nicholas Harrington	Fr.	Libertyville, Ill.
21	Varun Ganesh	So.	Chicago, Ill.



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## Villanova University

Mid-Atlantic Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2011



Villanova University returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time since capturing the 2011 Mid-Atlantic Division title...The runner-up during the regular season with a 6-1 record, the Wildcats defeated Pennsylvania State University "B" (12-7 W) at the Mid-Atlantic "A" Championship hosted by the University of Pittsburgh prior to edging the host Panthers (12-11 W) and stopping Penn State "A" (11-10 W) in overtime to end a four-year reign of dominance by Penn State (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017) dating back to the University of Pennsylvania winning the division title in 2013...With an extremely young team that includes no seniors and only one junior, time will tell if Villanova will match-up with many of the more experienced programs at the National Collegiate Club Championship...This marks Villanova's first trip back to the grandest stage in collegiate club water polo since finishing 12th in 2011 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia...In 2011, the Wildcats fell to eventual tournament runner-up Yale University (9-3 L), downed Illinois State University (13-10 W), slipped against the University of Michigan (13-6 L) and dropped the 11th Place game to the University of North Carolina (12-4 L)...A six-time Mid-Atlantic Division Champion (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2011, 2018), the program holds previous second (2001), fifth (2000), seventh (2004), 10th (2003) and 12th (2011) place marks at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship with eyes on returning to the Top 10 once again in 2018.

**Location:** Villanova, Pa.  
**Nickname:** Wildcats  
**Coach:** Daniel Sharadin

1	James Terhune	So.	Darien, Conn.
2	Mike Brennan	Fr.	Allentown, Pa.
3	Sean Oates	Fr.	Downingtown, Pa.
4	Will Marvin	So.	Stamford, Conn.
6	Matt Hoban	So.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
8	Patrick Heard	Fr.	Towson, Md.
11	Peter Cashmere	Fr.	Bethesda, Md.
14	Connor Farrell	So.	Glastonbury, Conn.
15	Greg King	So.	Bethesda, Md.
16	Thomas Dougherty	Fr.	Lower Gwynedd, Pa.
19	Stephen Giannella	Jr.	Villanova, Pa.

## University of Utah

Rocky Mountain Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2014



The University of Utah is back at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time since hosting the 2014 event at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah...This marks the Utes' fifth appearance at the National Championship tournament in 12 years of Rocky Mountain Division action...A four-time Rocky Mountain Division Champion (2007, 2009, 2012, 2018) since the division's formation in 2006, Utah has never finished outside the Top 10 by previously taking Ninth (2007, at the University of Arizona), Seventh (2009 at the University of Florida) and Fourth (2012 at the Osborn Aquatics Center/Oregon State University) before notching another Ninth Place finish in 2014 at Kearns...A Rocky Mountain Division team has never appeared in the National Championship title game as the University of Colorado (1997) was part of the Southwest Division when the Buffaloes fell to Dartmouth College in 1997...Experience will not be in short supply for the Utes as the team has five graduate students.

**Location:** Salt Lake City, Utah  
**Nickname:** Utes  
**Coach:** Tom Taylor

1	Ryan Candlish	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
1A	Jake Kerr	Sr.	Hanford, Calif.
2	Eric Maser	So.	Santa Cruz, Calif.
3	Miles DeBry	Fr.	Holiday, Utah
4	Peter Creveling	Gr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
5	Zach Dugdale	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
6	Brandon Ferrin	Gr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
7	Markus Foote	Gr.	San Jose, Calif.
8	Luke Walker	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
9	Sage Helton	Fr.	Kearns, Utah
10	Teak Larwood	Sr.	Ukiah, Calif.
11	Tristan Spoerri	So.	Kearns, Utah
12	Brad Iggulden	Sr.	Orange County, Calif.
13	Seth Hughes	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
14	Kiffer Creveling	Gr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
15	Brendan Nguyen	Gr.	Minneapolis, Minn.
16	Calvin Jacobsen	So.	Herriman, Utah
17	Brian O'Neal	Jr.	Sandy, Utah
18	Sam Huff	Sr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
19	Colin Oneil	Fr.	San Jose, Calif.
20	Aaron Pedersen	So.	Switzerland
21	Alec Penttila	Jr.	Sandy, Utah
22	Tyler Richards	Fr.	Magna, Utah
23	Dayne Shaw	Sr.	Draper, Utah
24	Bryce Woodell	Sr.	Santa Clara, Calif.

## United States Military Academy

*New York Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2017*

The 1995, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2016, 2017 and 2018 New York Division Championships, the Cadets of the United States Military Academy field a roster of players who will graduate and be commissioned as officers in the United States Army in a wide varsity of fields...Army's history in the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) predates the formation of divisions as the program captured the 1994 National Collegiate Club Championship against the University of Dayton...In 2002 at California Polytechnic State University, Army finished in a tie for 13th...A year prior, the team earned a 12th place finish...In 2016, Army again placed 12th prior to earning an Eighth Place finish last year with an 11-7 loss to the University of Michigan in the Seventh Place game...After graduating four seniors and a key rotational member in the Spring, it appeared the success of the Army water polo team would be in question. However, thanks to key leadership from returning goalie and senior captain Jeff Stark, as well as the knowledge of CWPA Hall of Fame member and third-year head coach Chris Judge, the Cadets posted an 11-0 mark in New York Division play—including a 9-6 defeat of Cornell University in the title game—for yet another division championship.



**Location:** West Point, New York  
**Nickname:** Cadets  
**Coach:** Chris Judge  
**Executive Officer:** Major Samuel Greulich

1	Jeffrey Stark	Sr.	Davis, Calif.
2	Patrick Cowley	Sr.	Huntersville, N.C.
3	Kyle Garwick	Jr.	La Verne, Calif.
4	Leonid Milman	Sr.	Shoreline, Wash.
5	Eric Niino	Jr.	Madera, Calif.
6	Aaron Chough	Jr.	Cerritos, Calif.
7	Austin Beam	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio
8	Cedrick Everaert	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
9	Matthew Kim	Sr.	San Francisco, Calif.
10	Jin Won "Bubbles" Heo	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.
11	James Jang	Fr.	Northridge, Calif.
12	David Pinter	Jr.	Alexandria, Va.
13	Samuel Kim	Sr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
14	Christopher Onorato	Jr.	Houston, Texas
15	Brian Savidge	Jr.	South Windsor, Conn.
16	Marc Setness	Jr.	Stockton, Calif.
17	Mathieu Sanders	So.	Sonoma, Calif.
18	Halle Kotchman	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio
19	Sebastian Houng	So.	Chino Hills, Calif.
21	Roger Yerger	Fr.	Poolesville, Md.

## Lindenwood University

*Missouri Valley Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2017*

Three-time National Champion Lindenwood University will look to win its fourth National Championship in the last five years after previously placing First (2014, 2015, 2016), Second (2013), Fifth (2009), Sixth (2010), Seventh (2012) and Ninth (2017)...The Lions are a young squad comprised of mostly freshmen and sophomores...A 12-time Missouri Valley Division champion (2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018), the Lions went finished with the institution's "A" and "B" teams placing First and Second in the group, respectively...In non-division play, the Lions held their own against varsity/masters level competition with a tie against the United States Naval Academy and wins versus Salem University, La Salle University, Team Vegas A, Kearns, UT Masters and Penn State Behrend...The Lions previously appeared in four consecutive National Championship games in falling to the University of California-Los Angeles in 2013 (20-15 L) before downing San Diego State University in 2014 (13-8 W) and again in 2015 (10-9 W) and Long Beach State University in 2016 (9-5 W).



**Location:** Saint Charles, Missouri  
**Nickname:** Lions  
**Coach:** Dave Miller

1	Lance Clark	Gr.	St. Charles, Mo.
1A	Anthony Coppin	So.	Lake Forest, Calif.
1B	Arnau Bayer	Fr.	Barcelona, Spain
1C	Colt Correa	Fr.	Honolulu, Hawaii
2	Viktor Nagy	So.	Budapest, Hungary
3	Branislav Stojiljkovic	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia
4	Andres Miranda	So.	Madrid, Spain
5	Vuk Budrak	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia
6	Jorge Oliveros	So.	Colmenar Viejo, Spain
7	Nikola Vukic	So.	Belgrade, Serbia
8	Nikola Nasev	Jr.	Belgrade, Serbia
9	Jamie Gambin	So.	Sliema, Malta
10	Andreja Babic	So.	Belgrade, Serbia
12	Lachlan Mackenzie	So.	Perth, Australia
13	Sean Welch	Jr.	Henderson, Nev.
16	Brandon Murdock	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
17	Pol Vizuete	Sr.	Barcelona, Spain
18	Marino Chorro	So.	Madrid, Spain
19	Mitch Griffin	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
23	Ratimir Babic	Gr.	Belgrade, Serbia
24	Koal Robson	Fr.	Bend, Ore.
27	Guillermo Aguirre	Fr.	Madrid, Spain

## Team Information

### University of California-San Diego

*Southwest Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2013*

The University of California-San Diego returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the second time—and the first time as a division champion—as the Tritons knocked off defending National Champion and Southwest Division regular season champion San Diego State University by a 7-6 score on Sunday, November 4, at home in La Jolla...The game was a significant change from the Tritons and Aztecs regular season meeting on October 21 at San Diego State when the Aztecs picked up an 11-3 victory...The last time UC-San Diego made the National Collegiate Club Championship, the team held the No. 16 position for hosting the event on November 8-10, 2013...In their first appearance at the National Championship tournament, the Tritons fell to the University of California-Los Angeles (10-7 L), stopped the University of Oregon (10-6 W) and Cornell University (16-12 W OT) prior to topping the University of Maryland (11-7 W) in the Ninth Place game...Although this marks UC-San Diego's first berth at the tournament as a division champion, the Tritons were already among select company (UCLA, the University of Southern California, California Polytechnic State University, the University of California-Santa Cruz, San Diego State University, Long Beach State University, the University of California) as the only California schools to qualify for the event dating back to the first Men's National Collegiate Club Championship in 1993.



**Location:** La Jolla, Calif.  
**Nickname:** Tritons  
**Coach:** Hector Sanchez

1	Sachin Okuma	So.	Santa Ana, Calif.
2	Andrew Burda	Fr.	Palos Verdes, Calif.
3	Kevin Le	Jr.	Santa Clara, Calif.
4	Andy Schade	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
5	Jackson Ziegler	Sr.	Cupertino, Calif.
6	Bryan Murillo	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
7	Mackenzie Cottle	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
8	J.J. Kadifa	Gr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
9	Nathan Le	Jr.	Redlands, Calif.
11	Josh Wang	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
12	Malachi Sanders	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
14	Zane Girouard	So.	San Bruno, Calif.
15	Tobias Oliver	Jr.	Albuquerque, N.M.
17	Jack Harper	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
18	Liam Stone	Fr.	Long Beach, Calif.
20	Tyler Shaver	Fr.	Martinez, Calif.

### University of Texas

*Texas Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2017*

The University of Texas stampedes back to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the second consecutive year after missing the 2016 event...The 2010 championship runner-up prior to posting Third (2012), Sixth (2014) and Eighth (2013, 2015) place finishes, the Longhorns finished second again last year as Texas topped the University of Colorado (11-5 W), the University of Michigan (6-4 W) and California Polytechnic State University (9-6 W) prior to dropping a 7-4 game to San Diego State University in the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship title game...Texas rolled through the Texas Division this year to post an 11-0 mark in division play during the season, including an 8-0 regular season record...At the Texas Division Championship on Saturday-Sunday, October 28-29, Texas overcame Texas Tech University (20-0 W), the University of Houston (11-3 W) and Texas A&M University (7-6 W OT) to bring the Lone Star State title back to Austin...In the history of the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship, the Longhorns have finished Second (2010, 2017), Third (2012), Sixth (2005, 2009 2014), Eighth (2013, 2015), 11th (2004) and 13th (2003).



**Location:** Austin, Texas  
**Nickname:** Longhorns  
**Coach:** Bobby Woolweaver

1	Aidan Rossiter	Jr.	Orinda, Calif.
2	Easton Honaker	So.	Dallas, Texas
3	Conner Stewart	Jr.	Pearland, Texas
5	Nathan Craig	Jr.	Friendswood, Texas
6	Mitchell Kim	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
7	Zander Keating	Jr.	Round Rock, Texas
8	Jason Juliette	So.	Houston, Texas
9	Mingxuan Zhao	Fr.	Austin, Texas
10	Thomas Nagle	So.	Galveston, Texas
11	Evan Grimes	Sr.	Houston, Texas
12	Will Espey	Fr.	Houston, Texas
13	Han Chen	Sr.	Houston, Texas
14	Brent Bouslog	So.	Deerfield, Ill.
15	Henry Oliver	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M.
17	Alex Raterink	So.	Houston, Texas
18	Maximillian Pleaso	So.	Lake Jackson, Texas
19	Jeffery Wu	Fr.	Pearland, Texas



## California Polytechnic State University

*Pacific Coast Division Runner-Up*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2017*

The all-time leader in National Collegiate Club Championships with five (1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007) in eight title game appearances (1999, 2001, 2002, 2003 2004, 2007, 2008), the Mustangs of 10-time (1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2018) Pacific Coast Division Champion California Polytechnic State University return for the program's second appearance in as many years at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship...Last year, the Mustangs made the field as Northwest Division Champion Oregon State University elected not to attend the event. The Mustangs made their berth count as the only team to claim four National Championships (1999, 2001, 2002, 2004) in a six-year span terminated Lindenwood University's hopes of achieving four-consecutive titles with an 8-4 victory in the opening game of the tournament. The Mustangs continued to down The Ohio State University (7-5 W) before falling to the University of Texas (9-6 L) in the semifinals and clipping the University of Southern California (15-8 W) in the Third Place game.



**Location:** San Luis Obispo, Calif  
**Nickname:** Mustangs  
**Coach:** Dan Crozier

1	Nathaniel Schmidt	Sr.	Berkeley, Calif.
1A	Koby Ramage	Fr.	Visalia, Calif.
2	Chris Dumas	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.
3	Gavin Griffin	Jr.	Beicia, Calif.
4	Jared Schaner	So.	Valley Center, Calif.
6	Cole Carroll	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
7	Will Peterson	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif.
8	Andrew Rivera	Jr.	Santa Maria, Calif.
9	Drew Cisterman	Sr.	Martinez, Calif.
10	Daniel Croizer	Sr.	San Luis Obispo, Calif.
11	Jacob Banner	So.	Valley Center, Calif.
12	Jacob Billinger	So.	Nipomo, Calif.
13	Harrison Woods	Sr.	Fresno, Calif.
15	Dustin Asalone	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
16	Joseph Secard	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif.
17	Jacob Roberts	Jr.	Orange, Calif.
20	Joe Schaner	Fr.	Valley Center, Calif.
21	Branko Otasevic	Fr.	
22	Russel Huizenga	So.	Ventura, Calif.

## The Ohio State University

*Great Lakes Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2017*

The Ohio State University returns to the tournament for the second consecutive year after recapturing the Great Lakes Division Championship...Last year, the team defeated Boston College (8-7 W), fell to California Polytechnic State University (7-5 L), edged the University of Michigan (8-6 W OT) and slipped against the University of California (8-4 L) to finish in Sixth Place...It marked OSU's first time at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship since placing Fifth at the 2014 event hosted at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah...In 2013 at the University of California-San Diego, the Buckeyes notched an 11th place finish...In 2018, the Buckeyes rolled through the Great Lakes Division to compile an 11-0 mark in league play, including wins over Xavier University (17-0 W), the University of Cincinnati (18-0 W) and the University of Notre Dame (9-4 W) at home in the McCorkle Aquatic Center on October 27-28 during the division championship tournament...The 2013, 2014, 2017 and 2018 Great Lakes Division Champion, OSU will aim to become the first National Champion from the Great Lakes Division since Grand Valley State took home the prize in 2005.



**Location:** Columbus, Ohio  
**Nickname:** Buckeyes

1	Ryan Shepard	Sr.	Mission Viejo, Calif.
1A	Alex Rabe	So.	Columbus, Ohio
2	Lance Bockbrader	So.	Toledo, Ohio
3	Drace Penley	Gr.	Mason, Ohio
6	Youssef Azzazy	Sr.	Cairo, Egypt
7	David Drewes	Sr.	Frankfort, Ill.
8	Robert DiSalle	Jr.	Toledo, Ohio
9	David Limbert	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
10	Drew Wilson	So.	Columbus, Ohio
12	Jake Good	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
13	Nick Hallett	Sr.	Zeeland, Mich.
14	Alex Puthoff	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
15	Sam Latshaw	So.	Ann Arbor, Mich.

## University of California

*Sierra Pacific Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2017*

The University of California will look to complete a set of top three finishes by recording the only one the Golden Bears still have to collect: First...Last year at Florida State University, the Golden Bears downed The Ohio State University (8-4 W) in the Fifth Place game...A year prior at the University of Notre Dame, California fell to the University of Colorado (10-9 L) in the Fifth Place game...In 2015, Cal topped Dartmouth College, 13-12, in the Third Place game at the University of California-Santa Cruz...In 2014, Cal fell to eventual National Champion Lindenwood University, 11-10, in the semifinals before topping Boston College, 10-9, in the Third Place game at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Utah...In 2013, the Bears lost to Lindenwood, 16-14, in the semifinals and topped Dartmouth, 6-4, in the Third Place game at the University of California-San Diego...In 2012, the Golden Bears fell in the title game to the University of Southern California by a 12-11 final score in Corvallis, Oregon...This year, the team picked up another Sierra Pacific Division title by racking up a perfect 11-0 mark, including a 7-6 defeat of the University of California-Davis in the division title game on October 28...The 2012-to-2018 Sierra Pacific Division Champion, Cal will aim to make history as a Sierra Pacific Division team has never won a Men's National Collegiate Club Championship title plaque.



**Location:** Berkeley, California  
**Nickname:** Golden Bears  
**Coach:** Noah Feingold

1	Carter Chan	Jr.	Orinda, Calif.
1A	Brandon Byrne	Fr.	Riverside, Calif.
1B	Brycen Ulrich	Sr.	Ventura, Calif.
2	Noah Feingold	Sr.	Palos Verdes, Calif.
3	Noah Martin	Jr.	Carlsbad, Calif.
4	Finnegan Edwards	Fr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
5	Oliver Ma	Sr.	Irvine, Calif.
6	Max Ney	Sr.	Santa Monica, Calif.
7	Sean Beutel	Sr.	Stockton, Calif.
8	Jackson Hettler	Jr.	Mill Valley, Calif.
9	Mark Presten	So.	Lafayette, Calif.
10	Matt Klein	Sr.	Pasadena, Calif.
11	Ty Panitz	So.	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
12	Nate Conger	Fr.	Encinitas, Calif.
13	Sam Naugle	Jr.	Roseville, Calif.
14	Mostyn Fero	Jr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
15	Davis Horeff	Jr.	Sunnyvale, Calif.
16	Kevin Taylor	So.	Sacramento, Calif.
17	Alex Lee	Fr.	Pacific Palisades, Calif.
18	Ari Diddams	Fr.	Boulder, Colo.
19	James Lappin	Fr.	Anaheim, Calif.
20	Thomas Lane	Sr.	Rigetti, Calif.
23	Daniel Tang	Sr.	Walnut Creek, Calif.

## University of Michigan

*Big Ten Division Champion*

*Last National Championship Appearance — 2017*

With four consecutive Big Ten Division titles in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, in addition to a Big Ten Division record of 42-1-1 over the past four seasons, the University of Michigan Wolverines return to the National Collegiate Club Championship after placing Seventh at the 2017 tournament hosted by Florida State University...In Tallahassee, the Wolverines defeated the University of Alabama (15-5 W) prior to falling against the University of Texas (6-4 L) and The Ohio State University (8-6 L OT). In the Seventh Place game, the Maize & Blue marched past the United States Military Academy (11-7 W)...Previously, Michigan finished in Fourth Place at the 2016 tournament hosted by the University of Notre Dame...In 2015 at the University of California-Santa Cruz, the team finished in Fifth Place to mark the the squad's first appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship since placing Ninth in 2012 at the Osborn Aquatics Center in Corvallis, Ore...A three-time National Champion, the Maize & Blue captured titles in 1996 (vs. University of Arizona), 1998 (vs. Pennsylvania State University) and 2003 (vs. California Polytechnic State University)...In the Wolverines six most recent trips to the National Collegiate Club Championship tournament, Michigan finished Fourth (2004, 2016), Fifth (2015), Seventh (2017) and Ninth (2011, 2012) to consistently rate as a Top Ten team...A Big Ten Division team has not won the National Collegiate Club Championship since 2008 when Michigan State University knocked off California Polytechnic State University at Ohio University...Overall, Big Ten Division teams have claimed six National Championships as Michigan (1996, 1998, 2003) and Michigan State (2000, 2006, 2008) have taken home the big plaque in eight title game appearances...Michigan and Michigan State join Northwestern University (1993) and Grand Valley State University (2005) as the only school's from the Midwest to capture a Men's National Collegiate Club Championship dating back to the inaugural event in 1993.



**Location:** Ann Arbor, Michigan  
**Nickname:** Wolverines

1	Sid Murthy	Fr.	Okemos, Mich.
3	Ilya Kovalenko	Gr.	Martinez, Georgia
4	Scott Fordham	So.	Altadena, Calif.
5	Stefan Kassem	So.	Princeton, N.J.
6	Nolan Vaughn	So.	Naperville, Ill.
7	Matt McCormack	So.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
8	Seth Wisotsky	Sr.	Englewood, N.J.
9	Tom Mcleod	Sr.	Birmingham, Mich.
11	Maverick Becker	Fr.	La Jolla, Calif.
13	Chris Lobdell	Fr.	Portola Valley, Calif.
15	Alex Kaipainen	Fr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
16	Adam Schnepf	Fr.	Okemos, Mich.
20	Zach Gan	Jr.	Kensington, Md.