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 (EWPPA).

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 Communications (Ed Haas), a Director of Multimedia (Justin Cypert), a Coordinator of Membership Services (Ian Thompson) 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

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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, goaldies 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.
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 the championship bracket, 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 the bracket. 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.

The tournament is not seeded by ability, since there is no equitable means to determine the respective strength of the teams. Too few teams play outside of their division schedules to create an accurate seeding. Match-ups are therefore based upon the 2018 National Collegiate Club Championship results by division. The host region receives two automatic bids, one of which is awarded by the division champion and the other by the host site or division runner-up (the 16th position). This ensures the tournament host is always a participant.

Seeding for positions No. 1-11 are based on the results of the 2018 Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship. 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 New York and Atlantic Divisions. The No. 14-15 positions are awarded to the Northwest and Southeast Divisions also by random draw.

Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. The host team always wears dark caps and is listed first on the scoreboard regardless of seed.

### 2019 National Collegiate Club Championship Bracketing

1. **1st Position**: Lindenwood University (Missouri Valley Division)
2. **2nd Position**: University of Utah (Rocky Mountain Division)
3. **3rd Position**: University of Southern California (Pacific Coast Division)
4. **4th Position**: California State University Maritime Academy (Sierra Pacific Division)
5. **5th Position**: University of California-San Diego (Southwest Division)
6. **6th Position**: University of Texas (Texas Division)
7. **7th Position**: University of Notre Dame (Great Lakes Division)
8. **8th Position**: Michigan State University (Big Ten Division)
9. **9th Position**: Boston College (New England Division)
10. **10th Position**: University of Florida (Florida Division)
11. **11th Position**: Pennsylvania State University (Mid-Atlantic Division)
12. **12th Position**: United States Military Academy (New York Division)
13. **13th Position**: Oregon State University (Northwest Division)
14. **14th Position**: United States Naval Academy (Atlantic Division)
15. **15th Position**: University of Alabama (Southeast Division)
16. **16th Position**: University of Pittsburgh (Host/Mid-Atlantic Division Fourth Place)

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University of Alabama
Southeast Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance—2018

The University of Alabama advances to the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship for the third time in as many years...In 2017 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...Last year at the University of Arizona, the Crimson Tide dropped games to California Polytechnic State University (22-5 L), the University of Florida (15-13 L) and the United States Military Academy (10-7 L) to finish in a tie for 15th...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.

University of Pittsburgh
Host/Mid-Atlantic Division Fourth Place
First National Championship Appearance

The University of Pittsburgh will host the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time...This marks the second time the University of Pittsburgh will host a National Collegiate Club Championship as the school served as the site for the 2017 Women’s National Collegiate Club Championship. Further, it marks the first time the Mid-Atlantic Division will host the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship as the group previously passed on hosting the tournament...Pittsburgh, which earned an automatic berth in the championship field thanks to hosting the event, placed fourth in the Mid-Atlantic Division as the Panthers went 5-2 during the regular season to place third during the regular season. At the Mid-Atlantic Division “A” Championship, Pitt downed Drexel University (21-13 W) prior to slipping against Villanova University (12-11 L) and then University of Pennsylvania (9-7 L) to claim Fourth Place...Pitt can join California Polytechnic State University as the lone host team to capture a National Collegiate Club Championship in the 21st Century as the Mustangs achieved the feat in 2002 against the University of Southern California.

**2019 National Collegiate Club Championship Schedule**

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**Award Ceremony immediately following 1st Place Game**

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Oregon State University
Northwest Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2018

Oregon State University will compete in the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship for the second time in as many years...The Beavers became the first Northwest Division team to compete in the tournament since 2015 last year at the University of Arizona...OSU, which tied for 13th Place 12 months ago, became the first team from the Northwest to compete in the field 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 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 13th 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)...The best finish at the championship by a Northwest Division team came in 2000 as Washington finished second via a 6-
Pennsylvania State University
Mid-Atlantic Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

Pennsylvania State University, which claimed the program’s eighth (1998, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019) Mid-Atlantic Division Championship with a 9-4 victory over Villanova University...The last time Penn State advanced to the National Collegiate Club Championship at Florida State University in 2017, PSU faced Army (8-7 L), the host Seminoles (14-10 W) and the University of Florida (10-7 W) before falling to Lindenwood University (13-6 L) in the Ninth Place game...In 2016 at the University of Notre Dame, the team finished in Seventh Place with a 104 victory over Grand Valley State University, an 8-3 loss to San Diego State University, a 15-10 defeat by the University of California and a 9-6 victory over McKendree University...In 2015 at the University of California-Santa Cruz, the team finished in 10th place with a loss to Long Beach State University (13-5 L), wins against the host Banana Slugs (16-13 W) and the University of Maryland (12-5 W) prior to an 8-3 loss against the University of Colorado in the Ninth Place game...In 2014, PSU finished Eighth after facing Oregon State University (17-9 W), Boston College (10-9 L, OT), the University of Texas (18-14 L) before falling to Colorado (12-9 L) in the Seventh Place game...The squad placed 11th in 2012 with games against the University of Utah (11-9 L), Cornell University (10-8 W), the University of Michigan (11-8 L) and the University of Illinois-Chicago (12-11 OT W)...In 2009, the team finished 10th after previously placing 12th (2005) and second (1998 vs. Michigan), both marks which Penn State hopes to improve upon in 2019.

7. David Vondran  Jr.  San Carlos, Calif.
8. Steven Solis  Sr.  Fullerton, Calif.
15. Aidan Daly  So.  Lansdale, Pa.

United States Military Academy
New York Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2018

The 1995, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 New York Division Champions, 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 variety 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 at the University of Notre Dame prior to earning an Eighth Place in 2017 at Florida State University...Last year at the University of Arizona, Army tied for 13th Place as the team fell to the University of Utah (18-11 L) and the host Wildcats (14-11 L) prior to turning back the Crimson Tide of the University of Alabama (10-7 W).

1. Roger Yerger  Sr.  Poolesville, Md.
2. Mason Calbertt  Sr.  Valley Center, Calif.
4. Ryan Lewis  Jr.  San Jose, Calif.
7. Aaron Chough  Sr.  Cerritos, Calif.
8. Austin Beattie  Sr.  Powell, Ohio
10. Eli Tate  Fr.  Marietta, Tenn.
11. Jinwon Hsu  Sr.  Seoul, South Korea
14. Christopher Onorato  Sr.  Houston, Texas
15. Brian Savidge  Sr.  South Windsor, Conn.
18. Thomas Beggs  Fr.  Bloomington, Ind.
The Collegiate Water Polo Association thanks the staff, administration and men’s water polo team at the University of Pittsburgh for their support in hosting the 2019 National Collegiate Club Championship.

Boston College
New England Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2018

Boston College returns to the National Collegiate Club Championship for the fourth year in a row after a one-year absence in 2015...Last year at the University of Arizona, the Eagles faced the University of California (9-6 L), Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (11-8 W) and Villanova University (12-4 W) before chomping on the University of Florida (12-8 W) in the Ninth Place game...24 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 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 Tech...Boston College has been a consistent top-team in its division since 2012 in finishing in either First (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) 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.

University of Florida
Florida Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2018

The University of Florida powered through the Florida Division Championship to earn a return trip to the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship...The Gators, who have now made the National Championship field for three consecutive years (2017, 2018, 2019), claimed the program’s seventh Florida Division Championship (2002, 2003, 2008, 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019) 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), 12th (2017) and 10th (2018) in succession to make the Top 10 six 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.
University of Notre Dame
Great Lakes Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2016

The University of Notre Dame is back at the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship—and on the road—for the first time...The host of the 2004 and 2016 event, the Fighting Irish enter this year’s clash as a tournament champion for the first time...Notre Dame finished as the division runner-up to Grand Valley State University (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008), the University of Illinois-Chicago (2012) and The Ohio State University (2013, 2018)...This year, the Irish capped off a perfect 10-0 mark in the Great Lakes Division with a 9-6 defeat of the University of Cincinnati for Notre Dame’s first division title...In the history of the event, Notre Dame has previously finished 13th (2004) and 11th (2016) and will look to join Northwestern University (1993), the University of Dayton (1995), the University of Michigan (1996, 1998, 2003), Michigan State University (2000, 2006, 2008), Grand Valley State (2005) and Lindenwood (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018) as Midwest teams with National Championships in men’s water polo.

Michigan State University
Big Ten Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2014

Michigan State University returns to the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time since finishing 10th at the 2014 championship at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah...MSU, which placed Third and Fourth at the 2010 and 2009 championships, respectively, on the heels of four straight National Championship game appearances (2005-2008), has three National Championships (2000, 2006, 2008) and a pair of runnerup finishes (2005, 2007) on its record...The Spartans road back to the National Collegiate Club Championship had some bumps as the squad claimed the Big Ten regular season title prior to overwhelming Northwestern University, 19-1, in the opening round of the division championship tournament at Purdue University. In the semifinals, Michigan State trounced the University of Michigan by a 7-4 score with five minutes left, but fought back to clinch a 9-8 victory in overtime. Facing The Ohio State University in the title game, MSU picked up a 13-10 win to earn the program’s third Big Ten Division Championship (2010, 2014, 2019) since the teams joined the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) in 2010.

Lindenwood University
Missouri Valley Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2018


University of Utah
Rocky Mountain Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2018

The University of Utah returns to the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship looking to complete what it started last year when the team finished second behind Lindenwood University with a 14-11 loss at the University of Arizona...This marks the Utes’ sixth appearance at the National Championship tournament in 13 years of Rocky Mountain Division action...A five-time Rocky Mountain Division Champion (2007, 2009, 2012, 2018, 2019) 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 Aquatic Center/Orange State University) before nothing another Ninth Place finish in 2014 as the host at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Center...A Rocky Mountain Division team had never appeared in the National Championship title game prior to last year as the University of Colorado (1997) was part of the Southwest Division when the Buffaloes fell to Dartmouth College in 1997.
University of Southern California
Pacific Coast Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance—2017

A two-time (2011, 2012) Men’s National Collegiate Club Champion, the University of Southern California returns to the event for the first time in two years...The last time the Trojans played for the title, USC finished in Fourth Place with games against host Florida State University (147-7), the United States Military Academy (12-8 W), San Diego State University (12-10 L) and California Polytechnic State University (15-8 L)...The Trojans 2019 campaign is similar to its 2017 come-from-behind run as the team finished in Fourth Place during the regular season this year (Third Place in 2017) and swept through the Pacific Coast Division Championship tournament by downing Cal Poly “B” (9-6 W), Cal Poly “A” (10-9 W) and the University of California-Santa Barbara “A” (9-7 W) at home at the Uytengsu Aquatics Center to punch its ticket to the Steel City...A three-time Pacific Coast Division Champion with previous titles in 2011 and 2017; USC won its first National Championship in 2011 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia...In 2012 at the Osbom Aquatics Center in Corvallis, Ore., the Trojans made the field as the Pacific Coast Division runner-up and notched their second consecutive National Championship crown...Overall, SoCal dominated 2009-2013 at the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship as UCLA (2009, 2010, 2013) and USC (2011, 2012) won all five titles.

California State University Maritime Academy
Sierra Pacific Division Champion
First National Championship Appearance

A newcomer to the championship, California State University Maritime Academy advances into the field for the first time in the history of the program...Cal Maritime has finished among the Top Three teams at the Sierra Pacific Division the past four years...This year, the Keelhaulers finished in Third Place during the Sierra Pacific Division regular season upended Stanford University (98 W), California State University-Chico (85-5 W) and finally the University of California (98-7 W) to take home the big plaque at the University of California-Santa Cruz at the division championship tournament...A victory over California on October 20 during Cal Maritime’s final home game of the season snapped a 64-game winning streak for the Golden Bears in Sierra Pacific Division competition. Further, it allowed the Keelhaulers to clinch the No. 3 seed for the Sierra Pacific Championship and avoid Cal until the title game...Cal Maritime’s victory is more impressive as the Keelhaulers achieved the feat while their campus was being evacuated and raged by flames from the recent

University of California-San Diego
Southwest Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance—2018

The University of California-San Diego returns to the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship for the third time—and the second time as a division champion—as the Tritons positioned their way to a 10-4 mark in Southwest Division action. At the division championship, UC-San Diego downed host San Diego State University by a 7-5 count to earn the program’s second straight Southwest crown...It marked the second time in as many years UC-San Diego downed the Aztecs as the Tritons clipped 2017 National Champion San Diego State by a 74-score in the 2019 Southwest title tilt...Last year, the team finished in Fifth Place at the 2018 Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship hosted by the University of Arizona as the Tritons faced Oregon State University (14-3 W), Lindenburgwood University (7-3 L), The Ohio State University (11-7 W) and the University of Texas (7-6 W)...Prior to last year, UC-San Diego made the National Collegiate Club Championship as the No. 16 seed for the 2013 event by way of serving as host...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 and now California State University Maritime Academy) as the only California schools to qualify for the event dating back to the first Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship in 1999.

University of Texas
Texas Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance—2018

The University of Texas stampedes back to the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship for the third consecutive year after missing the 2016 event...The 2010 championship run-up prior to posting Third (2012), Sixth (2014) and Eighth (2013, 2015) place finishes, the Longhorns finished second in 2017 at Florida State University as Texas topped the University of Colorado (115-W), the University of Michigan (64-W) and California Polytechnic State University (96-W) prior to dropping a 7-4 game to San Diego State University in the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship title game...Last year at the University of Arizona, the Longhorns finished Sixth as Texas defeated the host Wildcats (11-10 OT W), fell to the University of Utah (13-12 OT SD L), clipped Michigan (9-7 W) and dropped the Fifth Place game to the University of California-San Diego...In the history of the Men’s National Collegiate Club Championship, the Longhorns have finished Second (2010, 2017), Third (2012), Sixth (2005, 2009, 2014, 2018), Eighth (2013, 2015), 11th (2004) and 13th (2003).