



## **Referee Newsletter: November 25, 2020**

*Ed Reed, Coordinator of Officials*

Normally at this time of year the Men's Water Polo would be over for the regular season and teams that qualified would be gearing up for the NCAA Championships. Crazy times, who would have ever predicted the world would be turned upside down from a COVID pandemic. I hope you and your family are well and have been spared contracting the coronavirus. Approval and distribution of vaccines couldn't come soon enough.

The Men's season is now projected to go from January through March with the NCAA Championships 3/20-21/2021. The format for the CWPA teams will be different without MIT, SFC and the Ivies not participating. CWPA will be finalizing a varsity schedule in December at which point a referee availability form will be available.

### **Register for Arbiter: NCAA Water Polo Officiating ADVANTAGE**

If you are planning to officiate varsity games in 2021, you need to register for Arbiter. <https://www1.arbitersports.com/front/107515/Site> Unfortunately, CWPA will not be able to cover this cost. You will also need to cover the cost of an electronic whistle. The CWPA is in financial hardship with the loss of two seasons depleting all resources. I have been furloughed along with all interns and contractors, Assistant Commissioner Tom Tracey is working part time on occasion and any remaining staff is 2/3 time.

### **Register for 2020 NCAA Water Polo Referee School**

Amber Drury, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials, has put together a strong program of speakers and subjects for December 5<sup>th</sup> in Webinar format. Link to registration: [https://ncaa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9W9Uz86ZTM22jZ264MTjkQ](https://ncaa-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9W9Uz86ZTM22jZ264MTjkQ)

News and announcements "Wisdom of a Wednesday" by Amber have been posted on Arbiter and should be reviewed by all varsity referees <https://www1.arbitersports.com/front/107515/Site>

### **Referee Education-CWPA Videos**

Educational videos are available covering a variety of subjects from center forward fouls, penalty fouls, perimeter fouls, unusual situations to game management discussions with examples. The newest covers fouls in the center forward area <https://collegiatewaterpolo.org/cwpa-online-referee-education-series/> Comments are welcomed and suggestions for new subject matter should be directed to me at [officials@collegiatewaterpolo.org](mailto:officials@collegiatewaterpolo.org)

### **Thank You for Your Past Service**

I want to wish you all the best for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Looking forward to working with you in the future and hopefully this pandemic will be in the rearview mirror once the new year gets underway. Thank you for your service to CWPA and be safe, stay healthy.