



**WINTER 2021 MID-ATLANTIC WATER
POLO CONFERENCE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**MARCH 7, 2021
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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, 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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*Official Ball of the
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| Sunday, March 7, 2021 | | | | Game # | Score |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| 11:00 | No. 2 Seed— George Washington University | vs. | No. 3 Seed— La Salle University | 1 | |
| 3:30 | No. 1 Seed— Bucknell University | vs. | Winner Game 1 | 1st Place | |

Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. If final division standing is identical, the higher seed wears dark caps. Host team always wears dark caps and is home on the scoreboard regardless of bracket position.

| Conference Championships (Eastern/CWPA/MAWPC Championship: 1972-2018) | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Bucknell University | 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 2016, 2019 |
| United States Naval Academy | 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008 |
| George Washington University | 2017, 2018 |

Winter 2021 MAWPC Championship Officials
Val Vasilchikov, Alex Stankevitch

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Bucknell University

Head Coach: John McBride

Assistant Coaches: Hannah Sunday, Arturo Villalpando

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|----|----------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Jack Otto | Jr. | Libertyville, Ill. |
| 1A | Adrien Touzot | So. | Beirut, Lebanon |
| 2 | Matt Blackwell | Sr. | Davis, Calif. |
| 3 | Jack Lewis | Jr. | Wilton, Conn. |
| 4 | Bence Fazekas | Jr. | Budapest, Hungary |
| 5 | Kyle Poland | Sr. | Chicago, Ill. |
| 6 | Josh Yardley | Jr. | Sellersville, Pa. |
| 7 | Walker Butler | Fr. | Blue Bell, Pa. |
| 8 | Scott Little | Sr. | Atherton, Calif. |
| 9 | Jared Stanley | Sr. | Palo Alto, Calif. |
| 10 | Mitchell Scott | Jr. | Vista, Calif. |
| 11 | Liam Stott | Fr. | Modderfontein, South Africa |
| 12 | Ethan Jones | Fr. | North Andover, Mass. |
| 14 | Colby Paine | So. | Larkspur, Calif. |
| 15 | Will Gildea | So. | Baltimore, Md. |
| 22 | Doruk Ozar | Fr. | Istanbul, Turkey |
| 23 | Andu Vlasceanu | So. | Bucharest, Romania |
| 24 | Ryan Stanley | Fr. | Palo Alto, Calif. |

The 2016 and 2019 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Champion, 2017 Third Place finisher and 2018 runner-up, the Bison of Bucknell University will aim to pick-up its third MAWPC crown...Bucknell won its first MAWPC title in 2016 via an 11-5 final score at Kinney Natatorium for the MAWPC Championship on November 20...The title marked the program's first conference championship since taking home the 1980 Eastern Championship against Loyola University...Since the 1980 title tilt, Bucknell has appeared in six championship games as the Bison competed for a league crown in 1985 (vs. Brown University), 1993 (vs. the University of Massachusetts), 2012 (vs. St. Francis College Brooklyn), 2016 (vs. George

Washington University), 2018 (vs. George Washington) and 2019 (vs. George Washington)...The Bison dropped the 2018 MAWPC title game to George Washington (12-11 L) in overtime at Fordham University...Last year, the Bison picked up their second MAWPC crown at home as Bucknell topped George Washington by a 9-4 final score...Bucknell is 2-0 versus La Salle University and George Washington this year as the Bison topped the Explorers 9-7 on February 27 at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on Saturday, February 27, while downing the Colonials an 8-7 score later in the day.



George Washington University

Head Coach: Barry King

Assistant Coach: Jennifer Beadle

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|----|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Luca Castorina | Fr. | Catania, Sicily |
| 2 | Gabrielle Simonti | Sr. | Florence, Italy |
| 3 | DJ Davis | Jr. | Alamo, Calif. |
| 4 | Bender Russo | So. | Naperville, Ill. |
| 6 | Nick Schroeder | Jr. | Orinda, Calif. |
| 7 | Henry Maas | Jr. | San Anselmo, Calif. |
| 8 | Andras Levai | Sr. | Budapest, Hungary |
| 9 | Anton Kralj | So. | Cavtat, Croatia |
| 10 | Kalan Smith | Fr. | Manhattan Beach, Calif. |
| 11 | Viktor Jovanovic | Fr. | Calgary, Canada |
| 12 | Finn Lillis | Jr. | Gwynedd Valley, Pa. |
| 13 | Zachary Pendolino | Jr. | Burlingame, Calif. |
| 14 | Chris Lee | So. | San Diego, Calif. |
| 15 | Nik Schoening | Fr. | Danville, Calif. |
| 16 | Nicholas Polydefkis | Jr. | Baltimore, Md. |
| 20 | Ford Bruggen | Fr. | Kensington, Md. |

The 2017 and 2018 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Champion, George Washington University is seeking the program's third conference title after appearing in the first four MAWPC Championship title games...In 2016, George Washington fell to Bucknell University by an 11-5 final in the title game of the inaugural/2016 MAWPC Championship at the Bison's Kinney Natatorium. The game was a matchup of the top two teams from the MAWPC-East Region regular season—a pattern which repeated in 2017...At the United States Naval Academy in 2017, GW got over the hump and claimed the league crown by rolling through the field with victories over Gannon University

(10-7 W) and Fordham University (16-15 W OT) before upending Wagner College (8-5 W) for the inaugural crown in school history and the first under then first-year head coach Barry King...In 2018 at Fordham University, the Colonials handled McKendree University (16-6 W), Wagner (16-14 W) and finally Bucknell (12-11 OT W) to put another banner in the team's natatorium...Last year, GW fell to Bucknell in the title game, 9-4 as the Washington, D.C. and Lewisburg, Pa., institutions have a long-running rivalry...This marks GW's seven appearance at a league championship tournament since 2007...The squad finished in Seventh Place at the 2013 CWPA Championship hosted by Brown University prior to earning Eighth Place at the 2014 CWPA Championship hosted by Navy...The Colonials finished in 9th Place at the 2015 CWPA Championship hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)...Earlier in the century, George Washington claimed Third Place at the 2007 CWPA Championship hosted by Harvard after notching an Eighth Place mark at the 2003 CWPA Championship hosted by Navy.



This marks the final weekend of competition for La Salle University in the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) as the institution will eliminate the program following the Winter 2021 season...Overall, this marks the Explorers third appearance at the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC) Championship after moving over from the West Region prior to the commencement of the 2018 season...In 2018, the Explorers earned an Eighth Place finish at the MAWPC Championship hosted by Fordham as La Salle dropped games to Bucknell University (21-6 L), the United States Naval Academy (14-10 L) and McKendree University (15-7

L)...Last year at Bucknell's' Kinney Natatorium, the Explorers notched their second consecutive Eighth Place finish as the team dropped games to the host Bison (13-10 L), Wagner College (15-13 L) and Gannon University (15-9 L)...Excluding Princeton University, a Philly area school has never made a varsity title game in the sport of water polo...La Salle will aim to join the University of Pittsburgh, Slippery Rock University and Bucknell as the only schools from Pennsylvania to appear in a varsity title tilt since records began in 1972.

La Salle University

Head Coach: Tom Hyham

Assistant Coach: Andre Nycé

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|----|------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Veljko Kotarica | Fr. | Zrenjanin, Serbia |
| 1A | Alex Sanderson | Fr. | Thousand Oaks, Calif. |
| 1B | Tanner Powell | Fr. | San Clemente, Calif. |
| 1C | Enrique Carrasco | Fr. | El Paso, Texas |
| 2 | Tyler Williams | Jr. | Sinking Spring, Pa. |
| 3 | Josh Delillo | Jr. | Sinking Spring, Pa. |
| 4 | Cole Strohson | Sr. | Newport Beach, Calif. |
| 5 | Kiahi Horan | Fr. | Papamoa Beach, New Zealand |
| 6 | Karl Miller | Sr. | Arlington, Va. |
| 7 | Daniel Domotor | Sr. | Budapest, Hungary |
| 8 | Chris Furlong | Fr. | Enola, Pa. |
| 10 | Callin Chimilar | So. | Regina, Sask. |
| 11 | Ky Jagroo | So. | Kingston, Jamaica |
| 12 | Ash Lyne | Sr. | Plettenberg Bay, South Africa |
| 21 | Jordan McVeagh | So. | Camp Hill, Pa. |



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 (EWPR).

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, Pennsylvania and is comprised of Commissioner Dan Sharadin, Director of Communications Ed Haas, Director of Multimedia Justin Cypert, Coordinator of Membership Services Ian Thompson and 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.

