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**COLLEGIATE WATER POLO  
ASSOCIATION  
DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP**

**APRIL 17-18 , 2021  
KENOSHA, WISCONSIN**

**HOSTED BY CARTHAGE COLLEGE**

## 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 inside five-meters, 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 approximately three seconds of free time to throw the ball to another teammate or swim it up the pool. A player cannot shoot a free throw unless outside the five-meter line and without hesitation. If the ball is not put into play within this time, 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.



## 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 (EWPPA).

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.

Located in Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, the CWPA office is comprised of a Commissioner (Dan Sharadin), a Director of Communications (Ed Haas), a Director of Multimedia (Justin Cypert) 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 collegiate sports organizations in North America.



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## 2021 Division III Championship Schedule

**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

				Game
Noon	4th Seed—Carthage	vs.	1st Seed—Austin	1
3:00	2nd Seed—Wittenberg	vs.	3rd Seed—Grove City	2

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

				Game
9:00	Loser Game 1	vs.	Loser Game 2	Third Place
Noon	Winner Game 1	vs.	Winner Game 2	First Place

*Award Ceremony immediately following Championship Game*

*Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. Host team always wears dark caps and is listed first on the scoreboard regardless of bracket position.*

## Previous CWPA Division III Champions

Year	Champion	Runner-Up
2020	Season Canceled—COVID-19	
2019	Macalester College	Austin College
2018	Macalester College	Connecticut College
2017	Macalester College	Washington & Jefferson College
2016	Connecticut College	Washington & Jefferson College
2015	Connecticut College	Washington & Jefferson College
2014	Connecticut College	Washington & Jefferson College
2013	Connecticut College	Grove City College
2012	Grove City College	Washington & Jefferson College
2011	Grove City College	Washington & Jefferson College
2010	Grove City College	Carthage College

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## Team Information

**Head Coach:** Mark Lawrence

**Assistant Coach:** Jeff Passwater

1	Valery Plachonkina	Jr.	Castro Valley, Calif.
1A	Erin McCormack	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
1B	Emily Engberson	Fr.	Copper Canyon, Texas
2	Shannon Berry	Jr.	Austin, Texas
3	Ally DeRado	So.	Orange, Calif.
4	Maddie Jacks	So.	Richmond, Texas
5	Kendall Katusak	Jr.	Round Rock, Texas
6	Sophie Oliver	So.	Houston, Texas
7	Brooke Le	Jr.	Flower Mound, Texas
8	Molly Corso	So.	Longwood, Fla.
9	Presley Woods	Jr.	Lantana, Texas
10	Madison Taylor	Jr.	Copper Canyon, Texas
11	Kate Askew	So.	Highland Village, Texas
12	Kylee Noble	Fr.	Argyle, Texas
13	Aubrey Pasky	So.	Paso Robles, Calif.
14	Lexi Wong	Jr.	Lantana, Texas
16	Katherine Cox	So.	Flower Mound, Texas
17	Abby Fuscone	So.	Hoffman Estates, Ill.
18	Alyssa Albers	Jr.	Lake Jackson, Texas
19	Cory McGrath	Fr.	Flower Mound, Texas
20	Emily Plaszewski	Fr.	Lockport, Ill.
21	Sammi Thiele	Fr.	Keller, Texas
22	Alyssa Ross	Fr.	San Jose, Calif.



### AUSTIN COLLEGE

Location: Sherman, Texas

Mascot: Kangaroos

Led by former Brown University, United States Naval Academy and Arizona State University assistant coach and prior Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) head coach Mark Lawrence, Austin College has risen up the ranks of the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III teams to rate as a contender for the No. 1 spot in the weekly Division III Poll...Ranked at No. 2 in the April 14 Division III Top Five Poll, the 'Roos rolled to a 4-2 record, including a 1-0 mark in regular season league action, as the team fell to University of the Pacific (16-6 L, 19-14 L) before upending Penn State Behrend (17-4 W), Gannon University (11-10 W), Mercyhurst University (11-9 W) and Grove City College (27-9 W).

## Team Information

**Head Coach:** Jocelyn Bernhardt

1A	Elaine Miller	Jr.	Worthington, Ohio
2	Alliefair Scalise	Sr.	Clarence, N.Y.
4	Tia Kannel	So.	York, Pa.
7	Emory Shepson	So.	Grove City, Pa.
9	Kyra Johnson	Jr.	Hamilton, Va.
10	Michelle Danley	So.	Friendswood, Texas
12	Reese Trauger	So.	Perkasie, Pa.
13	Sophia Melanson	Jr.	Wexford, Pa.
14	Heather Russell	Sr.	Frewsburg, N.Y.
15	Clarie Lochstet	Fr.	Ambler, Pa.



### GROVE CITY COLLEGE

Location: Grove City, Pennsylvania

Mascot: Wolverines

The lone team in the 2021 field with a previous championship title under their belt, Grove City College will aim to reclaim the Collegiate Water Polo Association Division III Championship...The 2010, 2011 and 2012

CWPA Division III Champion, the Wolverines have finished first (2010, 2011, 2012), second (2013), fourth (2015), fifth (2014, 2016, 2019) and sixth (2017, 2018) in the history of the championship tournament...The Wolverines will aim to follow the example of 2017, 2018 and 2019 CWPA Division III Champion Macalester College which finished sixth in 2016 and captured the crown a year later...Prior to the Scots, no team had finished lower than third the previous season and gone on to win the championship the following year since Connecticut College placed third in 2012 at Grove City and captured the crown in 2013 at home...This will mark Grove City's first championship appearance at Carthage as the Firebirds have never previously hosted the CWPA Division III tournament...Grove City enter this weekend with a 3-5 record—including a 3-4 mark in league competition—as the Wolverines fell to Wittenberg University (20-11 L, 23-17 L), Austin College (27-9 L), Mercyhurst University (26-10 L) and Washington & Jefferson College (16-13 L), while defeating W&J (16-15 W), Carthage (13-11 W) and Penn State Behrend (12-11 W).

**Head Coach:** Ryan Castle

1	McKenna Sutterlin	Fr.	Lansing, Mich.
2	Alyssa Sayatovic	Fr.	Berwyn, Ill.
3	Izzy Bertaud	Jr.	Denver, Colo.
4	Taylor Woitesek	Fr.	Glenview, Ill.
6	Savita Chandarana	Fr.	Lockport, Ill.
7	Victoria Hodges	Fr.	Oxford, Mich.
8	Sophie Flott	Jr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
9	Arianna Dakuras	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
10	Annika Hoglund	Fr.	Mesa, Arizona
12	Kayli Sayatovic	Jr.	Berwyn, Ill.
13	Meghan Fisher	Jr.	Tinley Park, Ill.
14	Gabrielle Pavesich	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.
15	Mary Gargano-Price	So.	Carol Stream, Ill.



### CARTHAGE COLLEGE

Location: Kenosha, Wisconsin

Mascot: Firebirds

Carthage College will aim to continue an upward swing in the final standings following a string of Third Place marks and a Fourth Place finish in 2019...The runner-up at the inaugural Division III Championship in 2010 (8-7 L vs. Grove City College at Utica College), the team snapped a two-year cycle of fifth place finishes in 2011 and 2012 at Macalester Col-

lege and Grove City, respectively, by placing fourth in 2013 via a 6-5 loss to Washington & Jefferson College in the Third Place game at Connecticut...In 2014, the team finished third as Carthage outlasted host Macalester, 8-7 OT SD, in a game that lasted one hour and 45 minutes and a then NCAA record four sudden-death periods...In 2015, Carthage was again involved in a sudden death overtime game as the squad wrapped up the season with an 11-10 defeat of host Grove City in the Third Place game...In 2016, the squad finished in Third Place via a 14-11 defeat of Penn State Behrend at Connecticut...At Macalester in 2017, the squad stopped Connecticut College by a 9-5 final score to place third...Carthage topped Washington & Jefferson College by an 11-6 count to again notch a Third Place finish in 2018...In 2019, the squad fell to Monmouth College at Connecticut in the Third Place game...This year, Carthage went 0-8 against CWPA Division III competition, including with previous games versus fellow championship participants Wittenberg University (20-9 L, 9-4 L) and Grove City (13-11 L).

**Head Coach:** Sivan Pardon

1	Caroline Coleman	Jr.	Ovideo, Fla.
1A	Jordan Brough	Fr.	North Palm Beach, Fla.
2	Riley Kettelson	Fr.	New Lenox, Ill.
3	Savannah Cross	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio
5	Emma Menjivar	Jr.	Moreno Valley, Calif.
6	Grace McLaughlin	Fr.	Hatfield, Pa.
9	Elizabeth Schexnaider	Fr.	Friendswood, Texas
10	Meghan Lythgoe	So.	Mason, Ohio
11	Shelby Carroll	Fr.	Wildomar, Calif.
12	Kiersten Heverly	Jr.	Pottstown, Pa.
16	Ashley Nazario	Fr.	Helotes, Texas
18	Kailey Cordova	So.	Schaumburg, Ill.



### WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

Location: Springfield, Ohio

Mascot: Tigers

A third year program making its second appearance at the CWPA Division III Championship following the cancellation of the 2020 event due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tigers of Wittenberg University have roared this year with hopes of brining the program's first league championship

back home to the Buckeye State...Led by former University of Hawaii standout athlete and assistant coach Sivan Pardon, Wittenberg claimed Sixth Place during its inaugural CWPA Championship appearance in 2019 at Connecticut College by taking an 11-9 setback versus Grove City College in the Fifth Place game...This year, Wittenberg stands at 5-1—including a 5-0 mark versus league competition—as the squad downed Grove City (20-11 W, 23-17 W), Penn State Behrend (9-5 W) and Carthage College (20-9 W, 9-4 W) and suffered a 17-6 setback versus Division II institution Mercyhurst University of the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA)...History is likely to be made this weekend as a team from Texas (Austin), Wisconsin (Carthage) and Ohio (Wittenberg) has never won a CWPA Division III Championship with Pennsylvania (Grove City: 2010 2011, 2012), Connecticut (Connecticut College: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) and Minnesota (Macalester College: 2017, 2018, 2019) previously claiming the crown.