

# 2021 Men's Club Annual Meeting Minutes

## Sierra Pacific Division

### Minutes, April 22, 2021

Attending: Tom Tracey, CWPA

California-Merced, Mia Nava & Earnest Spiller (Supervisor) - maybe host

San Jose State Jordan NG - maybe host

Stanford Connor Goodson - cannot host

California-Davis, Jared Trok- probably cannot

California State -Maritime Academy Steve Doten - host

California-Berkeley, Ari Diddams - like to host if small # of teams

The conference call opened with a discussion about the lack of competitive equity and how it harms the experience for teams with lopsided scores and multiple forfeits. To resolve this issue there needs to be a revision in the scheduling that increases the number of times similar programs compete against each other.

With the Sierra Pacific Division spanning such a large geographic footprint, merging with another division is not practical, so any effort along these lines will need to be made internally.

The call discussed all three schedule options (listed below) and the postseason championships: Teams like the idea of the Hybrid where everyone plays everyone but split into A/B Championship. Teams also liked the idea of the National Invite.

No one had any dates they could confirm to host as of the call, but several indicated interest. Teams were asked to find out from the Aquatics Director which dates were available and the email [office@collegiatewaterpolo.org](mailto:office@collegiatewaterpolo.org) within the next few weeks.

Cal Merced asked about the participation contact being due June 1<sup>st</sup> and the CWPA has asked that if you intend to play, submit the form and if something changes, notify the office later. The CWPA will be flexible. All teams on the call stated they are tentative as of today.

UC Davis stated they will likely only have one roster (no "B" team because of numbers).

Call ended with letting the leadership know there have been several changes in office staff but the CWPA continues to be there to serve them and create the best experience possible. They were asked to reach out to the office with questions or concerns and were thanked for their participation.

The next conference call to confirm the competitive structure. Teams need to discuss the options presented here and be ready to make a decision during the next call.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:00PM EDT (6:00PM PDT)

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### **Option 1      Status Quo**

Teams play within their division for the two regular season tournaments and then attend an “A” or “B” division championship based on their won/loss records within their division. Regular season match-ups are weighted according to past history.

Note, there are variations available for Option 1 that create regular season matchups based on historical data from the year prior. These are listed below for consideration.

Option 1A Teams are divided into three groups: 1-3, 4-6, 7-10. Each group plays those in their group twice then the next closest group once, with the balance of the remaining games drawn sequentially.

Advantages-teams will play most of their games against opponents that are close in ability.

Disadvantages- teams will play their “B” teams

Team	Gm1	Gm2	Gm3	Gm4	Gm5	Gm6	Gm7	Gm8
1st	2nd	2nd	3rd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
2nd	1st	1st	3rd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	8th
3rd	2nd	2nd	1st	1st	4th	5th	6th	9th
4th	6th	6th	5th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	10th
5th	4th	4th	6th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	7th
6th	5th	5th	4th	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	8th
7th	9th	9th	8th	8th	10th	10th	1st	5th
8th	7th	7th	9th	9th	10th	10th	2nd	6th
9th	8th	8th	10th	10th	7th	7th	3rd	10th
10th	9th	9th	8th	8th	7th	7th	4th	9th

Option 1B – Teams are divided so that 1-3 never play 7-10. This will reduce the chance that teams will play their B teams

Team	Gm1	Gm2	Gm3	Gm4	Gm5	Gm6	Gm7	Gm8
1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd	2nd	2nd	3rd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1st	1st	1st	3rd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1st	1st	2nd	2nd	4th	4th	5th	6th
4th	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd	5th	6th	7th	8th
5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	6th	7th	8th	9th
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Option 1C - Split into two brackets according to finish in the standings from prior year

Top five play double round robin in regular season followed by a championship  
 Bottom five play double round robin in regular season followed by a championship  
 Each championship winner moves on to their respective National Championship  
 The following year the worst team in the top five drops to the bottom bracket and the best team from the bottom moves to the top or they have the option to decline to move

**Option 2      Hybrid**

Teams play within their division during the first two weekends to determine standings. The top half of the teams from one division will play against the top half of the division from the neighboring division at the “A” Championship and the bottom half of the teams from each division will do the same at the “B” Championship.

**Option 3      Self -Selection**

Teams decide before the season begins whether they want to compete in the “A” bracket or the “B” bracket. The advantage means you would be playing against comparable programs from the beginning of the season as opposed to waiting until the championship, but it could mean longer travel distances.

**Minutes, May 4, 2021**

Attending: Dan Sharadin, CWPA; San Jose State, Jordan NG; Stanford, Connor Goodson; California State -Maritime Academy, Steve Doten; California-Berkeley, Ari Diddams and Adam Trask; California-Santa Cruz, Austin Young

The second conference call opened with a brief recap of the competitive format options discussed a week prior. The purpose of this call was to select which competitive option would be used this fall.

Teams chose to have a mail ballot issued since not everyone was represented on the call.

The Commissioner stated he would send an excel form that teams will need to complete, listing what dates they are unavailable to compete, and which dates they can host. The deadline for the form to be returned is May 15, but the office understands teams may not be able to

determine if they can host by that point in time. In this instance, teams should just indicate that on their form and notify the office when they get a date confirmed with their school.