



**Referee Newsletter: August 17, 2021**

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I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health and ready for an exciting men's season. It's so good to be back but we are still in a cautionary time. There is no standard COVID protocol, each school seems to be developing their own policies for athletic competition with or without spectators. The Naval academy is requiring all officials to be vaccinated. Brown is requiring everyone to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status but not requiring a mask of officials when working, only between periods. Presenting a negative PCR test at least 72 hours before arriving on campus is a possibility. I will do the best I can to communicate each school's protocols before game contests or weekends.

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

If you are planning to officiate varsity games in 2021, you need to register for Arbiter and successfully pass the NCAA Rules Test (90%). It is a requirement before officiating NCAA varsity games. <https://www1.arbitersports.com/front/107515/Site>. Unfortunately, CWPA will not be able to cover this cost. The CWPA is in a financial hardship with the loss of two seasons depleting all resources. CWPA depends on participation and membership fees to meet expenses so it will take time and full participation to bring CWPA back to its previous status.

### **Amber Drury, NCAA National Coordinator just announced the new NCAA Test will be available Wednesday, August 18th**

News and announcements "Wisdom of a Wednesday" by Amber is 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 rule changes, center forward fouls, penalty fouls, perimeter fouls, unusual situations to game management discussions with examples. The two newest videos cover fouls in the center forward area <https://collegiatewaterpolo.org/cwpa-online-referee-education-series/> and one on the new 2020-2021 NCAA Rule Changes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i50Sn-PPjiM>.

Comments are welcomed and suggestions for new subject matter should be directed to me at [edswimpolo@charter.net](mailto:edswimpolo@charter.net)

### **Varsity Assignments Have Been Posted**

Check the CWPA website for the assignment master schedule: <https://collegiatewaterpolo.org/2021-fall-varsity-officiating-assignments/>

There may be some small changes along the way but I will do my best to communicate them via text message or email well ahead of time. If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

**CONFIRM YOUR ASSIGNMENTS** via email ASAP if you have not done so already. Invite individual game assignments will be sent out at least 10 days in advance. All nonleague contests such as invites, women's out of season contests or nonleague individual games are the responsibility of the host institution for referee expenses, according to CWPA compensation policies.