

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. The following information is here to make your game-viewing experience a little bit 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.

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.

2021 MEN'S MID-ATLANTIC WATER POLO CONFERENCE WEST REGION CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

| Saturday, November 6, 2021 | | | | Game # | Score |
|----------------------------|---|-----|--|-------------|-------|
| 1:00 | 4th Seed — Washington & Jefferson College | vs. | 5th Seed — Mercyhurst University | 1 | |
| 2:30 | 3rd Seed — Salem University | vs. | 2nd Seed — Gannon University | 2 | |
| 6:00 | 1st Seed — McKendree University | vs. | Winner Game 1 | 3 | |
| 7:30 | Loser Game 1 | vs. | Loser Game 2 | 4 | |
| Sunday, November 7, 2021 | | | | Game # | Score |
| 10:00 | Winner Game 4 | vs. | Loser Game 3 | Third Place | |
| 11:30 | Winner Game 3 | vs. | Winner Game 2 | First Place | |

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

The MAWPC-West Region Champion qualifies for the 2021 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference Championship on Friday-Sunday, November 19-21, at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., against Bucknell University, Fordham University, George Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, Mount St. Mary's University, Wagner College and the host Midshipmen. The victor of the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference Championship earns a bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Water Polo Championship slated for the campus of the University of California-Los Angeles on December 2-5.



TEAM INFORMATION



GANNON UNIVERSITY

Gannon University enters the 2021 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Region Championship weekend as the No. 2 seed for the second time this year—following the Winter 2021 MAWPC-West Championship—as the Golden Knights downed Salem University (18-15 W), Mercyhurst University (8-1 W) and Washington & Jefferson College (14-8 W) with a loss to

McKendree University (11-8 L)...The Golden Knights are 7-2 overall against the rest of the MAWPC-West field as Gannon downed McKendree (15-10 W) and fell to Salem (11-10 L) in non-conference action during the regular season prior to clipping McKendree (13-11 W), Mercyhurst (14-9 W) and Salem (14-9 W) on October 23-24 for the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division II Eastern Championship...Gannon is aiming for the program's third MAWPC-West crown after turning back Mercyhurst (12-6 W) and McKendree (15-14 W OT) at the Hallman Aquatics Center as the host institution in 2019. The prior time Gannon hosted at Hallman in 2017, the team claimed the title by cutting through the championship field with victories over Washington & Jefferson (17-2 W) and former varsity program La Salle University (12-9 W) prior to defeating Mercyhurst (15-10 W) for the program's first conference title...Since the formation of the MAWPC-West, the Golden Knights have finished first (2019, 2017), second (Winter 2021) and third (2018, 2016). Earlier this year in championship hosted by Mercyhurst at the Hallman Aquatic Center in Erie, the Golden Knights stopped Salem (7-6 W) and former MAWPC-West/current MAWPC-East member Mount St. Mary's University (16-9 W) to reach the title tilt. Facing McKendree for the title, Gannon dropped a 21-8 game on February 28...Historically, the regular season runner-up has never won the MAWPC-West Championship as Mercyhurst (2016) and McKendree (2018) were the No. 4 seeds, while Gannon (2017, 2019) and McKendree (Winter 2021) held the No. 1 spot during their title years.

Location: Erie, Pa.
Mascot: Golden Knights
Head Coach: Shane Unger
Student Assistant Coach: Campbell Ruh
2021 Record: 11-8 (3-1 MAWPC-West)

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| 1 | Jacob Hollo | Jr. | Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| 1A | Alvaro Marco | Fr. | Madrid, Spain |
| 2 | Marty Kaverman | Jr. | Erie, Pa. |
| 3 | Dylan Schmitzerle | So. | Plymouth, Mich. |
| 4 | Ben Fribourg | Fr. | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| 5 | Garrett Takei | So. | Fremont, Calif. |
| 6 | David Gallion | Sr. | Arlington, Va. |
| 7 | Seth Johnson | Jr. | Sugar Hill, Georgia |
| 8 | Robert Bolmanski | Sr. | Erie, Pa. |
| 9 | Anthony Squeglia | R-Sr. | Erie, Pa. |
| 10 | John Vieira | Sr. | Erie, Pa. |
| 11 | Tim Baer | R-Sr. | San Diego, Calif. |
| 12 | Ethan Hamp | R-Sr. | Chicago, Ill. |
| 13 | Vlad Mickic | Jr. | Subotica, Serbia |
| 14 | Jordan Kraus | Fr. | Erie, Pa. |
| 15 | Thomas Koelling | So. | St. Louis, Mo. |
| 16 | Grant Simeone | Fr. | Westerville, Ohio |
| 17 | Thomas Uht | Sr. | Erie, Pa. |
| 18 | Drago Marjanovic | Sr. | Belgrade, Serbia |
| 19 | Matthew Marks | Fr. | Milford, Ohio |
| 20 | Matt Harkrader | Fr. | Hatfield, Pa. |

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MCKENDREE UNIVERSITY

Defending Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Region Champion McKendree University topped Washington & Jefferson College (20-5 W), Salem University (14-6 W), Gannon (11-8 W) and Mercyhurst University (12-7 W) to finish 4-0 in MAWPC-West competition. Overall, the team—which claimed the regular season No. 1 spot and MAWPC-West Championship during the

Winter 2021 season after becoming the first team besides Gannon to win the regular season title—is 6-3 against the rest of the field as the Bearcats downed Mercyhurst (14-6 W) and fell to Gannon (15-10 L) in non-conference regular season competition prior to dropping games to Gannon (13-11 L) and Salem (12-10 L) with a victory versus Mercyhurst (20-6 W) to place Third at the four-team Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division II Eastern Championship on October 23-24...The 2018 and Winter 2021 MAWPC-West Champion to rate among three Division II teams to capture the MAWPC-West Region title joining Mercyhurst (2016) and Gannon (2017, 2019), the Bearcats downed Washington & Jefferson (18-8 W), Gannon (12-9 W) and Salem (13-12 W) to claim the 2018 MAWPC-West crown at the Hallman Aquatics Center as the No. 4 seed...In 2019, McKendree entered as the No. 2 seed and handled former varsity team Monmouth College (23-8 W) and Salem (16-15 W OT SD) prior to dropping a 15-14 game in overtime to Gannon...McKendree extinguished a four-year run (2016-to-2019) by Gannon as the regular season MAWPC-West Champion earlier this year and rolled through the MAWPC-West Championship field by downing W&J (26-9 W), Mercyhurst (15-9 W) and Gannon (21-8 W) to claim the program's second title...This is the sixth postseason berth in as many seasons for the Bearcats who debuted as a collegiate club team in 2016 and advanced to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship at the University of Notre Dame...In 2017 as a first varsity program, the squad fell to Salem (14-10 L), defeated Monmouth (18-10 W) and slipped past Connecticut College (7-6 W) to take Fifth Place at the MAWPC-West Championship...The Bearcats are making their second trip to West Virginia this year as all of the team's previous regular season games during the Winter 2021 season occurred on February 13-14 at the Aquatic Center at Mylan Park...This marks the inaugural MAWPC-West Championship not hosted at the Hallman Aquatics Center in Erie.

Location: Lebanon, Ill.
Mascot: Bearcats
Head Coach: Colleen Lischwe
Assistant Coach: Candice Vorbeck
2021 Record: 9-8 (4-0 MAWPC-West)

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| 1A | Jimmy Cronin | So. | Naperville, Ill. |
| 1C | Ori Scanlon | Sr. | Orlando, Fla. |
| 2 | Josh Carlson | Sr. | New Lenox, Ill. |
| 3 | Schuyler Cramer | Fr. | Thornton, Colo. |
| 4 | Jespyn Bishop | Fr. | Brighton, Colo. |
| 5 | Torin Ferguson | Fr. | Haleiwa, Hawaii |
| 6 | Uros Pelemis | Gr. | Belgrade, Serbia |
| 7 | Tony Sunagawa | Sr. | Chino Hills, Calif. |
| 9 | Michael Rojas | Gr. | Cali, Colombia |
| 10 | Nico Rodriguez | Sr. | Bogota, Colombia |
| 11 | Jackson Spencer | Sr. | O'Fallon, Mo. |
| 13 | Sam Guffey | Jr. | Fircrest, Wash. |
| 14 | Pedro Osorio | Sr. | San Bernardino, Calif. |
| 15 | Tristan Clue | Sr. | Chino Hills, Calif. |
| 16 | Alex Napawan | Fr. | Chesterfield, Mo. |
| 18 | Andrew Serrano | Sr. | Riverside, Calif. |
| 19 | Adam Serrano | So. | Riverside, Calif. |
| 20 | Matthew Haygood | Sr. | Chino Hills, Calif. |

TEAM INFORMATION



MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

Mercyhurst University will aim to make the program's third title game in six tries....The 2016 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Region Champion after handling Washington & Jefferson College (12-9 W), Gannon University (12-10 W) and Connecticut College (11-8 W) in the inaugural event, Mercyhurst finished in Second Place at the 2017 championship after topping Monmouth College (19-5 W) and Salem University (17-16 W OT SD) before falling to top-seed Gannon (15-10 W) in the tournament title tilt...In 2018, the Lakers finished in Fourth Place as Mercyhurst downed Connecticut (13-7 W) before dropping back-to-back games to Salem (13-12 L) and Gannon (14-4 L)... In 2019, the Lakers came in as the No. 4 seed and topped Connecticut (14-12 W), but fell to Gannon (12-6 L) and Salem (16-9 L) to finish in Fourth Place...An eight-time Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division II Champion with titles in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016, the Lakers will aim to advance to a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Water Polo Championship qualifying tournament for only the third time in program history...The 2012 CWPA Southern Division Championship runner-up, Mercyhurst made the CWPA Eastern Championship at Princeton University and finished in Fourth Place among the eight teams in the field with a victory over the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (6-5 W) and losses to St. Francis College Brooklyn (12-11 L) and the host Tigers (13-9 L)...In 2016, the Lakers finished Seventh at the MAWPC Championship hosted by Bucknell University as the team fell to George Washington University (17-6 L) and the United States Naval Academy (12-8 L) prior to topping Connecticut (15-11 W) in the Seventh Place game...During the Fall 2021 season, Mercyhurst fell to Salem (17-9 L), Washington & Jefferson (10-9 L), Gannon (8-1 L) and McKendree University (12-7 L) in league play with non-conference games versus Salem (14-11 L, 18-14 L), McKendree (14-6 L, 20-6 L) and Gannon (14-9 L)...The Lakers will be playing without and in memory of longtime head coach Curtis Robinette who passed away prior to the start of the season following a battle with cancer.

Location: Erie, Pa.
Mascot: Lakers
Interim Head Coach: Zarko Sadikovic
Interim Assistant Coach: Anna Batcheller
2021 Record: 1-18 (0-4 MAWPC-West)

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| 1 | Nash Greeven | Sr. | Vista, Calif. |
| 1A | Tony Golin | Fr. | Dexter, Mich. |
| 2 | Michael Gutman | Sr. | Columbus, Ohio |
| 3 | Teagan Thomas | Jr. | St. Louis, Mo. |
| 4 | Aleksa Vucurovic | Sr. | Novi Sad, Serbia |
| 5 | Joel Parnell | Sr. | Saint Andrew, Jamaica |
| 6 | Benjamin Villareal | Fr. | Fleetwood, Pa. |
| 7 | Kywann Jagaroo | Jr. | Kingston, Jamaica |
| 8 | JP Kirouac | Fr. | Atlanta, Georgia |
| 9 | Mathieu Davis | Sr. | Montego Bay, Jamaica |
| 10 | Derek Kagen | Jr. | San Diego, Calif. |
| 11 | Brennan Cumbly | So. | Grand Blanc, Mich. |
| 12 | Reed Bearden | Jr. | Grand Blanc, Mich. |
| 13 | Parker Wood | Fr. | Carlsbad, Calif. |
| 14 | Luke Tanner | Jr. | Cooper City, Fla. |
| 17 | Nicholas Miller | So. | St. Charles, Mo. |
| 20 | Erich Fuhrman | Fr. | Erie, Pa. |

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SALEM UNIVERSITY

Salem University will host the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference (MAWPC)-West Championship for the first time...This is the inaugural MAWPC-West Championship not hosted at the Hallman Aquatics Center in Erie...Previous hosts Mercyhurst University (2016) and Gannon University (2017, 2019) combined for three crowns over the span of the last five prior MAWPC-West Championships...The first exception is 2018 when Salem managed Mercyhurst (13-12 L) in the semifinals to set-up a 13-12 defeat of the Tigers by McKendree University in the title tilt...The other exception came during the Winter 2021 season as McKendree stormed through the field to take the most recent title...Salem had never finished outside the Top Four at the MAWPC-Championship prior to earning Fifth Place with a 25-24 defeat of Washington & Jefferson College at the Winter 2021 tournament...In 2019, the Tigers topped W&J (22-8 W) before falling to McKendree (16-15 L OT SD) and tripping Mercyhurst (16-9 W) in the Third Place game...In 2018, the team defeated Monmouth College (25-10 W) and Mercyhurst (13-12 W) before taking a 13-12 loss to McKendree in the championship game...In 2017, the Tigers defeated McKendree (14-10 W) to make the tournament semifinals. However, Mercyhurst edged Salem by a 17-16 score in sudden death overtime prior to the Tigers taking a 16-13 victory against former varsity team La Salle University in the Third Place game...Salem placed Fourth at the inaugural/2016 MAWPC-West Championship as the team defeated Monmouth (18-15 W) prior to falling to Connecticut College (19-15 L) and Gannon (14-7 L)...Salem's first and only championship in men's water polo came in 2004 as the Tigers topped Mercyhurst in the Division II Eastern Championship...The 2005, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Division II Eastern Championship runner-up, the Tigers will strive to give head coach Rob Bullion his first title and join Mercyhurst, Gannon and McKendree among the Division II schools which have claimed the MAWPC-West Championship...Salem finished 2-2 in MAWPC-West play this Fall in games versus Gannon (18-15 L), Mercyhurst (17-9 W), W&J (16-9 W) and McKendree (14-6 L)...Overall, the team finished 6-3 against the rest of the field with non-conference wins over Mercyhurst (14-11 W) and Gannon (11-10 W) to go along with Division II Eastern matchups versus Mercyhurst (18-14 W), McKendree (12-10 W) and Gannon (14-9 L) as the Tigers finished in Second Place at the event.

Location: Salem, W.Va.

Mascot: Tigers

Head Coach: Rob Bullion

Assistant Coaches: Justin Kassab

Robert Juhas

2021 Record: 11-12 (2-2 MAWPC-West)

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| 1 | Julen Alonso | So. | Madrid, Spain |
| 1A | Goncalo Silva | Fr. | Lisbon, Portugal |
| 1B | Duarte Costa | Fr. | |
| 1C | Tyrese Clement | Fr. | |
| 2 | Ivan Zivojinovic | Fr. | Belgrade, Serbia |
| 3 | Saequan Miller | R-Jr. | Nassau, Bahamas |
| 4 | Nikola Krstonosic | Fr. | |
| 5 | Chad Rowley | R-Fr. | Port of Spain, T&T |
| 6 | Blake Wind | Fr. | |
| 7 | Mike Diaz | Gr. | Visalia, Calif. |
| 9 | Greyson Campbell | R-Fr. | Lansdale, Pa. |
| 10 | Misha Holtzkamp | Fr. | |
| 11 | Manuel Soto Estela | So. | Puerto Rico |
| 12 | Reabetswe Theledi | Fr. | |
| 14 | Petar Leontijevic | Gr. | Belgrade, Serbia |
| 17 | Carson Hicks | Fr. | Elmhurst, Ill. |
| 18 | Ethan Hinz | Fr. | Schwenksville, Pa. |

TEAM INFORMATION



WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE

The Presidents of Washington & Jefferson College will seek to capture the first championship in the history of the institution's men's water polo team...A three-time Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Division III Championship runner-up (2007, 2009, 2011), W&J will seek to improve on a Sixth Place finish at the Winter 2021 Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference

(MAWPC)-West Championship as the Presidents fell to eventual champion McKendree University (26-9 L), Mercyhurst University (17-12 L) and Salem University (25-24 L)...In 2019, the team placed fifth as W&J dropped a contest to Salem (22-8 L) prior to defeating both Monmouth College (8-7 W) and Connecticut College (9-8 W)...In 2018, W&J placed sixth with a loss to eventual champion McKendree (18-8 L), a win over Monmouth (21-9 W) and a 14-13 setback in overtime against Connecticut...The team took Eighth Place in an eight-team field at the 2017 MAWPC-West Championship as the Presidents fell to eventual champion Gannon University (17-2 L), Connecticut (19-10 L) and Monmouth (14-12 L)...In 2016, W&J finished in Fifth Place by falling to eventual champion Mercyhurst (12-9 L) prior to defeating Monmouth (19-7 W) and La Salle University (23-6 W) in a seven-team field...Washington & Jefferson faced the rest of the field only once this year as the Presidents fell to McKendree (20-5 L), Gannon (14-8 L) and Salem (16-9 L) with a victory over Mercyhurst (10-9 W)...This weekend marks the second time in 2021 the Presidents will compete in West Virginia after previously falling to McKendree (24-6 L) and Mount St. Mary's University (17-10 L) on February 13...Entering the weekend with a 9-10 record, the Presidents have a chance to make history and record either their first .500 or winning season since at least 2005 (9-10) as yearly records for W&J are not available before 2005.

Location: Washington, Pa.
Mascot: Presidents
Head Coach: Nikola Malezanov
2021 Record: 9-10 (1-3 MAWPC-West)

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| 1 | Caine Dusza | So. | Souderton, Pa. |
| 1A | Zishuo Ma | Jr. | Los Alamitos, Calif. |
| 2 | Will Kitsch | Sr. | Mohnton, Pa. |
| 3 | Ryan Bannon | Jr. | Broomfield, Colo. |
| 4 | Kyle Rubenstein | Sr. | Abington, Pa. |
| 5 | Elijah Muzzi | Jr. | Honolulu, Hawaii |
| 6 | AJ Alderman | So. | Camp Hill, Pa. |
| 7 | Chris Edwards | So. | Bexley, Ohio |
| 8 | Robert Nino | Jr. | Madera, Calif. |
| 9 | Lazar Marsenic | So. | Park Ridge, Ill. |
| 10 | Robert Koch | Sr. | Worcester, Pa. |
| 11 | Cam Spicer | Sr. | Lansing, Mich. |
| 13 | Ostin Woodfin | Jr. | Bakersfield, Calif. |
| 14 | Mitchell Rubio | Jr. | Wexford, Pa. |
| 15 | Anthony Ames | Jr. | Canyon County, Calif. |
| 18 | Andrew Edwards | Jr. | Columbus, Ohio |
| 19 | Aidan Johnson | Fr. | Nassau, Bahamas |
| 20 | Kieran Shannon | Fr. | Mechanicsburg, Pa. |
| 21 | Alex Lee | Jr. | Los Angeles, Calif. |

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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 milestone 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 the league staff is comprised of Commissioner Dan Sharadin, Director of Communications Ed Haas, Director of Multimedia Justin Cypert and Coordinator of Officials Ed Reed.

The staff oversees 290+ 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.

