



## **Referee Newsletter: February 16, 2022**

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I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health as COVID-19 and Omicron variant are slowly fading. CWPA is surviving but still has a few years of full seasons to get back up to speed financially. The 2021 men's varsity season went well, complimented with NCAA Championships. A huge **THANK YOU** to all those that helped make that seasons possible and to those of you that have made yourselves available for the 2022 women's varsity season.

Three big weekends have already passed for the women's season with several teams from outside the CWPA area flying into compete in the Michigan Invite and Bruno Classic weekends. In another week we will be starting the CWPA league games, time is moving quickly and it won't be long before championship season is upon us.

### **Master Schedule Available Online**

The assignments are posted online at the CWPA website. <https://collegiatewaterpolo.org/2022-spring-varsity-officiating-assignments/>

There are over 300 game assignments to be made at over 56 different sites. The MAAC conference is included as has been in the past. However, for the first time, MAAC referee compensation matches CWPA, with the exception of plane flights, which are restricted to one flight at VMI and one at the championships.

All head referees should contact their crew at least two weeks ahead of the contest to determine transportation and lodging plans. Now that we are getting close to league play it is very important to go through the CWPA for hotel reservations when it is league play. The head referee is responsible for coordinating transportation and accommodation plans. In CWPA league play, referee expenses goes through the CWPA office unlike non-conference games where the host institution is responsible for referee reimbursement. The host institution still pays for referee expenses when there are a few league games but the majority of games are non-conference. Host institutions get reimbursed for the league games at the end of the season by CWPA.

Game assignments will be available from me at least one week before the game dates. If you have any questions, PLEASE CALL ME!!!

### **Survey Monkey 2022 Women's Season**

For the first time we are soliciting satisfaction and rating surveys for all tournament or game sites this season. Coaches now have the ability to rate their satisfaction or dissatisfaction on the different aspects of the games and to rate each official on a five point scale ranging from far above average to far below average. They can also make comments on each question.

Here are the questions:

**How satisfied were you with the officiating crew this weekend?**

How satisfied were you with the overall officiating crew's professionalism?

**How satisfied overall were you with deck mechanics (signaling, positioning and communications)?**

How satisfied were you with the calling of ordinary fouls on the perimeter?

**How satisfied were you with calling ordinary fouls at center forward?**

How satisfied were you with calling exclusion fouls at center forward?

**How satisfied were you at calling exclusion fouls at the perimeter?**

How satisfied were you at calling exclusion fouls during transitions?

**How satisfied were you at calling of offensive fouls (Contra) at center forward?**

How satisfied were you at calling of offensive fouls (Contra) on the perimeter?

**How satisfied were you with calling offensive (Contra) fouls during transitions?**

How satisfied were you at calling the penalty foul?

**How would you rate Oscar Wild as an NCAA DI Official?**

**Mentoring Referees**

I have been asking several senior officials to work with less experienced ones, observing performances and providing feedback. We need to buildup the younger crew of referees because they are the future. Getting experience is a key factor in working to improve performance but without good feedback nothing changes. If you have a tier-1 referee in your crew be sure to utilize him or her to discuss specific calls and situations. Always utilize the time between periods to discuss situations with your partner and have a postgame debriefing. NO CELL PHONES PLEASE!

**Follow Arbiter: NCAA Water Polo Officiating ADVANTAGE**

If you are planning to officiate women's varsity games and wish to be eligible for championship assignments, whether DI or DIII, you should register for Arbiter.

<https://www1.arbitersports.com/front/107515/Site>

Unfortunately, CWPA will not be able to cover this cost. The CWPA is still in financial hardship with the loss of two seasons depleting all resources.

Amber Drury, NCAA Coordinator of Officials has been publishing focus points for officials in her "Wisdom of Wednesday" or WOW publications. This is a must read for all varsity officials.

**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>.

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