



Referee Newsletter: July 14, 2022

Ed Reed, Coordinator of Officials

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health with a wonderful Fourth of July celebration behind you. The 2022 women's varsity season went well, complimented with exciting CWPA Championship at Bucknell, CWPA DIII Championship at Grove City College and NCAA Championships at Michigan. A huge **THANK YOU** to all those that helped make the season possible and to those of you that will make yourselves available for the 2022 men's varsity season.

The men's season looks to be very similar to the 2021 season with invites during the first three weeks then getting into conference play. In both the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Conferences some of the weekends will have assignments where as few as one or two games will be played. In situations where two games are played in one day, if you need to get dressed and leave the facility to eat before the next game, the games will be considered single contests (ex.10AM and 4PM). If you need to drive 175 miles or more (one way) the single game fees are \$200 regardless of tier category, plus mileage up to \$200 miles, and per diem etc.

Master Schedule Available Online

The assignments will be posted online at the CWPA website.

<https://collegiatewaterpolo.org/2022-spring-varsity-officiating-assignments/>

There are 46 assignment dates which vary from 1-3 days with over 250 individual game assignments between non-conference, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Conferences.

All head referees should contact their crew, confirm assignments with Ed Reed, Coordinator of Officials, **at least two weeks prior to the contest**. Confirm transportation, lodging needs and arrival/departure plans if flying. For non-conference games contact the host coach ASAP since they need to arrange for lodging. CPWA office also needs to know ASAP for all conference dates so the office can make hotel reservations where overnight stays are required.

For CWPA conference game dates, referee expenses go through the CWPA office via the Head Referee Report: <https://collegiatewaterpolo.org/officiating/about-officiating/forms/>. 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 designated conferences games but the majority are non-conference. Host institutions get reimbursed/credit for the league games at the end of the season by CWPA when institutions are billed.

Specific 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 Men's Season

We will be 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 5 point scale ranging from far above average to far below average. They can also make comments on each question. It's important that consistent non emotional or biased

feedback is provided. When evaluating the data it is not difficult to see patterns of responses that are inconsistent with the real data especially when video has been provided or evaluator feedback given. 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 and Evaluations

I have been asking several senior officials to work with less experienced ones, observing performances and providing feedback. We need to build-up 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** while you are working a game PLEASE! Your deck presence, communication and attention project an impression that is positive or negative. BE ON THE POSITIVE SIDE.

Follow Arbiter: NCAA Water Polo Officiating ADVANTAGE

If you are planning to officiate men's varsity games and wish to be eligible for Northeast or Mid-Atlantic Championship assignments or maintaining their CWPA Tier-1 or Tier-2 status, you should register for Arbiter and take the NCAA Rules Test (90% passing grade). Registration will not be available until August <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>.

Comments are welcomed and suggestions for new subject matter should be directed to me at edswimpolo@charter.net