# 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. The organization's founding membership included teams from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The leadership 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 (EWPRA).

The next major milepost 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.

The CWPA's office is located in Bridgeport, Pa., and is comprised of a Commissioner (Dan Sharadin), a Director of Communications (Ed Haas) and a Coordinator of Officials (Ed Reed). The league's staff oversees 290+ teams on the varsity and club levels for both men and women.

#### **Previous National Collegiate Club Champions**

Year	Champion	Runner-Up
1993	Northwestern University	University of Maryland
1994	United States Military Academy	University of Dayton
1995	University of Dayton	United States Military Academy
1996	University of Michigan	University of Arizona
1997	Dartmouth College	University of Colorado
1998	University of Michigan	Pennsylvania State University
1999	California Polytechnic State University	University of Richmond
2000	Michigan State University	University of Washington
2001	California Polytechnic State University	Villanova University
2002	California Polytechnic State University	University of Southern California
2003	University of Michigan	California Polytechnic State University
2004	California Polytechnic State University	University of Arizona
2005	Grand Valley State University	Michigan State University
2006	Michigan State University	Grand Valley State University
2007	California Polytechnic State University	Michigan State University
2008	Michigan State University	California Polytechnic State University
2009	University of California-Los Angeles	Florida International University
2010	University of California-Los Angeles	University of Texas
2011	University of Southern California	Yale University
2012	University of Southern California	University of California
2013	University of California-Los Angeles	Lindenwood University
2014	Lindenwood University	San Diego State University
2015	Lindenwood University	San Diego State University
2016	Lindenwood University	Long Beach State University
2017	San Diego State University	University of Texas
2018	Lindenwood University	University of Utah
2019	Lindenwood University	University of Southern California
2020	Canceled due to Coronavirus pandemic	
2021	Michigan State University	University of California-San Diego
2022	University of California-San Diego	California Polytechnic State University

# 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. Well hang in there, because the following information should help to make the picture much 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 six-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.

If all of this has you totally confused, just sit back and enjoy the game. 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.



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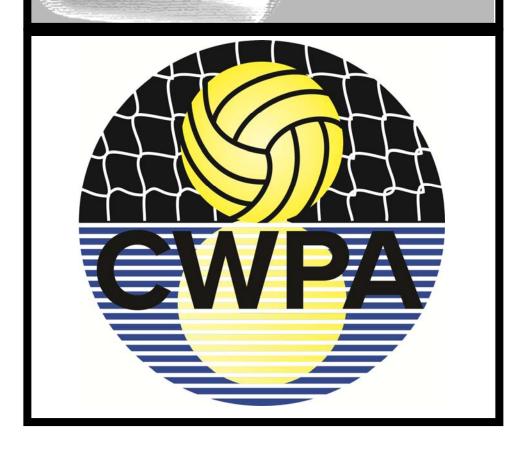
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# Qualification & Bracketing Procedure

Teams qualify through conference play, requiring a minimum of two tournaments. The following conferences/divisions (in addition to the host institution) receive automatic bids to the tournament: Atlantic; Big Ten; Florida; Great Lakes; Mid-Atlantic; Missouri Valley; New England; New York; Northwest; Pacific Coast; Rocky Mountain; Sierra Pacific; Southeast; Southwest; Texas. Teams are not seeded based on ability as they are placed in brackets within the championship schedule based on their division's finish the prior season.

Assignments are made in a specific order to afford teams the ability to plan in advance of the event. Bids are awarded in order of finish by division the prior year. The host team assumes the last position in the championship bracket, unless they win their division. In this case, they are assigned according to their division's finish the prior year. The second place team in their division then assumes the last position in the bracket. If final standings did not determine all positions, divisions tied in the final standings are assigned by random draw to determine where they will be placed.

The tournament is not seeded by ability, since there is no equitable means to determine the respective strength of the teams. Too few teams play outside of their division schedules to create an accurate seeding. Match-ups are therefore based upon the 2022 National Collegiate Club Championship results by division. The host region receives two automatic bids, one of which is assumed by the division champion and the other by the host site or division runner-up (the 16th position). This ensures the tournament host is always a participant.

Seeding for positions No. 1-11 are based on the results of the 2022 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship. As ties for the 13th and 15th positions in the final standings are not played out, the No. 12 and 13 positions are awarded by random draw to the Texas and Atlantic Divisions. The No. 14-15 positions are awarded to the Northwest and New York Divisions also by random draw.

Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. The host team always wears dark caps and is listed first on the scoreboard regardless of seed.

# 2023 National Collegiate Club Championship Bracketing

1st Position: University of California-San Diego (Southwest Division)

2nd Position: University of California-Los Angeles (Pacific Coast Division)

> 3rd Position: Michigan State University (Big Ten Division)

4th Position: Washington University in St. Louis (Great Lakes Division)

> 5th Position: University of California (Sierra Pacific Division)

6th Position: University of Colorado (Rocky Mountain Division)

7th Position: Pennsylvania State University (Mid-Atlnatic Division)

8th Position: McKendree University (Missouri Valley Division)

16th Position: University of Utah (Host/Rocky Mountain Division Runner-Up)

15th Position: U.S. Military Academy (New York Division)

14th Position: University of Oregon (Northwest Division)

13th Position: University of Virginia (Atlantic Division)

12th Position: Baylor University (Texas Division)

11th Position: University of Alabama (Southeast Division)

10th Position: University of Florida (Florida Division)

9th Position: Dartmouth College (New England Division)

day, N	ovember 10, 2023			Game #	Score
9:00	University of Utah	vs.	University of CalifSan Diego	1	
10:10	University of CalifLos Angeles	vs.	United States Military Academy	2	
11:20	Michigan State University	vs.	University of Oregon	3	
12:30	Washington University in St. Louis	vs.	University of Virginia	4	
1:40	University of California	vs.	Baylor University	5	
2:50	University of Colorado	vs.	University of Alabama	6	
4:00	Pennsylvania State University	vs.	University of Florida	7	
5:10	McKendree University	vs.	Dartmouth College	8	
6:20	Loser of Game 5	vs.	Loser of Game 4	9	
7:30	Loser of Game 6	vs.	Loser of Game 3	10	
8:40	Loser of Game 7	vs.	Loser of Game 2	11	
9:50	Loser of Game 8	vs.	Loser of Game 1	12	
urday,	November 11, 2023				
9:00	Winner of Game 1	vs.	Winner of Game 8	13	
10:10	Winner of Game 4	vs.	Winner of Game 5	14	
11:20	Winner of Game 2	vs.	Winner of Game 7	15	
12:30	Winner of Game 3	vs.	Winner of Game 6	16	
1:40	Winner of Game 9	vs.	Winner of Game 12	17	
2:50	Winner of Game 11	vs.	Winner of Game 10	18	
4:00	Loser of Game 14	vs.	Loser of Game 13	19	
5:10	Winner Game 13	vs.	Winner Game 14	20	
6:20	Winner of Game 15	vs.	Winner of Game 16	21	
7:30	Loser of Game 15	vs.	Loser of Game 16	22	
8:40	Loser of Game 12	vs.	Loser of Game 9	23	
9:50	Loser of Game 10	vs.	Loser of Game 11	24	
day, N	November 12, 2023				
9:00	Loser of Game 22	vs.	Loser of Game 19	7th Place	
10:15	Winner of Game 19	vs.	Winner of Game 22	5th Place	
11:30	Loser of Game 21	vs.	Loser of Game 20	3rd Place	
12:45	Winner of Game 20	vs.	Winner of Game 21	1st Place	
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2:15	Winner of Game 17	vs.	Winner of Game 18	9th Place	
3:30	Loser of Game 18	vs.	Loser of Game 17	11th Place	
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## United States Military Academy

New York Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

The 1995, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 2022 and 2023 New York Division Champion, the Cadets of the United States Military Academy field a roster of players who will graduate and be commis-



Location:

Nickname:

sioned as officers in the United States Army in a wide varsity of fields...Army downed New York Division regular season champion Cornell University by a 10-8 score to claim the 2023 New York Division Championship at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute...Army's history in the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) predates the formation of divisions as the program captured the 1994 National Collegiate Club Championship against the University of Dayton...In 2002 at California Polytechnic State University, Army finished in a tie for 13th...A year prior, the team earned 12th Place at the

So. Darien, Conn. Liv Peters Dane Vestal So. San Diego, Calif. Robby Demont Jr. Riverbank, Calif. Max Orlowski Jr. Canonsburg, Pa. Wesley Baca Ir. Englewood, Fla. Fr. Danielsville, Georgia William Johnson Frankey Fradelizio Fr. Fairfax, Calif. Cooper Littrell Fr. San Antonio, Texas Cooper Cates Fr. Edgewood, Texas Christopher Perera So. Cincinnati, Ohio Ryan Stader So. Springfield, Va. Jack Robinson So. Kailua, Hawaii Eric "EB" King Sr. Zachary, La. Jorden Corpuz Sr. Ewa Beach, Hawaii Eddie Chen Jr. Madison, Wisc. 15 Lily Holtmeier So. San Ramon, Calif. Carter Highum Jr. Carmel, Ind. Sr. Novato, Calif. Ikaria Falvey Jeremy Poster Ir. San Anselmo, Calif. Dane Vestal Fr. San Diego, Calif.

West Point, N.Y.

Cadets

University of Florida...In 2016, Army again placed 12th at the University of Notre Dame prior to earning an Eighth Place in 2017 at Florida State University...In 2018 at the University of Arizona, Army tied for 13th Place as the team fell to the University of Utah (18-11 L) and the host Wildcats (14-11 L) prior to turning back the University of Alabama (10-7 W)...In 2019 at the University of Pittsburgh, the team faced the University of California-San Diego (19-7 L), Oregon State University (11-10 W), Boston College (13-7 L) and Notre Dame (10-9 L) to once again claim 12th Place...Last year, USMA fell to McKendree University (16-11 L), Alabama (15-9 L) and the University of Washington (13-11 L) to tie with Oregon State University for 15th Place.

#### University of Utah

Rocky Mountain Division Runner-Up/Host Last National Championship Appearance — 2019

The University of Utah returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the second time as host after performing the duties in 2014 at Kearns...The 2018 National



Championship game runner-up as the Utes finished second behind Lindenwood University with a 14-11 loss at the University of Arizona, the team most recently claimed Fourth Place at the 2019 NCCC hosted by the University of Pittsburgh with defeats of the University of Alabama (18-4 W) and the University of Florida (9-6 W) along with losses to the University of Southern California (10-5 L) and the University of California-San Diego (15-13 L OT)...A six-time Rocky Mountain Division Champion (2007, 2009, 2012, 2018, 2019, 2023) since the division's formation in 2006, Utah has never finished outside the Top 10 by previously taking Ninth (2007, at Arizona; 2014 at

Salt Lake City, Utah Location: Nickname: Utes

Head Coach: Kevin Coughenour Asst. Coach: Brad Engelke

Forrest Coughenour Jr. Park City, Utah 1A/18 Peter Grinsell Jr. Cottonwood Heights, Utah Alex Brett Sr. Los Altos, Calif. William Bennett So. Orange, Calif. Josh Potter So. Layton, Utah Tanner Iones Sr. Danville, Calif. Luke Aldover So. Redondo Beach, Calif. Greysen Gaderson Fr. Austin, Texas Graeson Coughenour Jr. Park City, Utah Wyatt Spalding Fr. New Albany, Ohio Ethan ThunellSo. Holladay, Utah

Andrew Shaw So. Magna, Utah Aidan Moss So. Clayton, Calif. Tate Tetreault Fr. Hermosa Beach, Calif.

Rocky Smith Fr. Draper, Utah Luke Creal Jr. Carlsbad, Calif.

Phil Morgan Ir. Baltimore, Md. Rye Thelan Fr. Portland, Ore.

Kearns), Seventh (2009 at Florida), Fourth (2012 at the Osborn Aquatics Center/Oregon State University; 2019 at Pittsburgh) and Second (2018 at Arizona).

#### **Team Information**

Location:

Nickname:

#### University of California-San Diego

Southwest Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

The University of California-San Diego returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the sixth time-and the fifth time as a division champion—as the Tritons claimed the 2018 and 2019 Southwest Divi-



sion Championships prior to collecting the 2021 Pacific Coast Division crown and taking the Southwest title in 2022 and 2023...Last year at the Chehalem Aquatics & Fitness Center in Newberg, Ore., UC-San Diego defeated Dartmouth College (15-5 W), the University of California (11-7 W), the University of Michigan (14-6 W) and California Polytechnic State University (7-6 W) to claim the National Championship...The Tritons topped Oregon State University (20-5 W), the University of Pennsylvania (18-5 W) and Washington University in St. Louis (16-5 W) prior to suffering a 12-11 setback against Michigan State University in the 2021 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship title game at the Huntsville Aquatic Asst. Coach: Larry Sanders Bryce Elsner Sr. Carlsbad, Calif. 1A Winston Loh So. Fullerton, Calif. Anshul Devnani Gr. Orlando, Fla. Graham McClone Gr. Placerville, Calif. Jackson Cassidy Sr. San Diego, Calif. Parker Knopf Gr. Norco, Calif. Matthew Spry So. Santee, Calif. Sheldon French Sr. San Diego, Calif. Malachi Sanders Sr. San Diego Calif. Connor Stauffer Jr. Mill Valley, Calif. Berk Aksov Sr. Los Gatos, Calif. Peter Olson Coronado, Calif. Jr. Gr. Madrid, Spain Gonzalo Rivera Braden Clark So. San Diego, Calif. 14 Andrew Cagney Fr. Whittier, Calif. Joseph Holloway Rocklin, Calif. Jr. David Culver So. Santa Cruz, Calif. Alexander Voldby Jr. Copenhagen, Denmark August Bargreen Fr. Palm Springs, Calif. Luke Childs Fr. Berkeley, Calif. Filippo Maninetti Fr. El Cerrito, Calif.

La Iolla, California

Tritons

Head Coach: Hector Sanchez

Center in Huntsville, Ala...In 2019 at the University of Pittsburgh, the Tritons battled the United States Military Academy (19-7 W), California State University Maritime Academy (10-7 W) and Lindenwood University (11-9 L) before stopping the University of Utah by a 15-13 score in overtime to claim Third Place...The team finished in Fifth Place at the 2018 Championship hosted by the University of Arizona as the Tritons faced Oregon State University (14-3 W), Lindenwood (7-3 L), The Ohio State University (11-7 W) and the University of Texas (7-6 W)...Prior to 2018, UC-San Diego made the field as the No. 16 seed for the 2013 event by way of serving as host...In their first appearance at the National Championship tournament, the Tritons fell to the University of California-Los Angeles (10-7 L), stopped the University of Oregon (10-6 W) and Cornell University (16-12 W OT) prior to upending the University of Maryland (11-7 W) in the Ninth Place game.

### University of California-Los Angeles

Pacific Coast Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2013

Following a decade away, the University of California-Los Angeles returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship after downing previously unde-



feated California Polytechnic State University by an 8-7 score in overtime to claim the Pacific Coast Division crown...A three-time National Champion (2009, 2010 2013) and six-time Pacific Coast Division Champion (2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2023), the team previously finished First (2009, 10-7 W vs. Florida International University; 2010, 12-8 W vs. University of Texas; 2013, 20-15 W vs. Lindenwood University), Fourth (2005) and Fifth (2012) in the squad's prior trips to the National Collegiate Club Championship.

Los Angeles, California Location: Nickname: Bruins

Head Coach: Doug Merkel

Kellan Grant Gr. Claremont, Calif. 1A Gabriel Taylor Fr. Moreno Valley, Calif. Nikolai Haines Sr. Ventura, Calif. August Blatney Philadelphia, Pa. Jr. Duncan Vaughan Portola Valley, Calif. Sr. Matt Wallin Jr. Irvine, Calif. Tanner Larsen Sr. San Diego, Calif.

Jacob McCormick Sr. Roseville, Calif. Brandon Case Fr. San Diego, Calif. Zane LaBute So. Brentwood, Calif. 11 Ian Turner Rocklin, Calif.

Jr. Kobe Escobar Aliso Viejo, Calif. 12 Jr. Auburn, Calif. Joey O'Shea So.

15 Tony Humphries So. Costa Mesa, Calif. Kasey Tarbet 22 So. Agoura Hills, Calif.

23 Matt Hom Sr. Sacramento, Calif. Kyle Hetherton Fr. Clayton, Calif.

#### Michigan State University

Big Ten Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2021

Michigan State University returns for another try at the National Collegiate Club Championship with eyes on returning to the top of the national scene by claiming another Top Five finish at the tournament...The



Spartans placed Fifth at the 2019 tournament hosted by the University of Pittsburgh after previously claiming 10th at the 2014 event held at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah...MSU, which placed Third and Fourth at the 2010 and 2009 championships hosted by Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah, and the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla., respectively, on the heels of four straight National Championship game appearances (2005-to-2008), has four National Championships (2000, 2006, 2008, 2021) and a pair of runner-up finishes (2005, 2007) on its record...MSU earned the program's fifth Big Ten Division Championship (2010, 2014, 2019, 2021, 2023) since the teams joined the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) prior to the 2010 campaign by posting a 7-1 league record before stopping the University of Iowa (15-3 W), The Ohio State University (12-10 W) and regular season champion the University of Michigan (8-6 W).

East Lansing, Michigan Location: Nickname:

Spartans Head Coach: Tom Anderson

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1	Ben Schuchardt
1A	Cooper Randall
1B	Matĥieu Ruelle
2	Chandler Jones
3	Ian Worst
4	Greg Damidot
5	Luke Sayler
6	Nate Chalmers
7	Patrick Tutt
8	Dustin Schmidt
9	Wesley Obetts
10	Leo Varitek
11	Dawson Clark
12	Connor Moritz
13	Maxim Todorovic
14	Anderson Lovett
15	Henry Mason
16	Dashiell Jones
17	Ben Deininger
18	Matt Debona
19	Mert Ali Yener
20	Gabe Almeida
21	Logan Stevens
22	Owen Torres
23	Matt Welmerink
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returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship Hudsonville, Mich. for the third time in program Lake Forest Ill. Dexter, Mich. history...In 2003, Virginia Hudsonville, Mich.

claimed its first Southeast Division crown and tied for 15th in the final National Collegiate Club Championship standings by dropping games to the University of Arizona (24-6 L), Colgate University (19-8 L) and the host Aggies of Texas A&M University (19-10 L) in College Station, Texas...Last year at the Chehelam Aquatic & Fitness Center in Newberg, Ore., Virginia

Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

Location: Charlottesville, Virginia

Nickname: Cavaliers Head Coach: Willem Palmer

Roberto Carbone

Asst. Coaches: Pranay Vittal, Michael Vaden, Nick Hoffs

Pranay Vittal Jr. Princeton, N.J. Will Mitchell So. Fairfax, Va. Willem Palmer Jr. Mill Valley, Calif. Micah Hawkins Gr. Bakersfield, Calif. Michael Vaden Gr. Newport Beach, Calif. John Bettis Sr. Virginia Beach, Va. So. Portland, Ore. Max Spurr Ethan Scrifres So. Sacramento, Calif. Hunter King So. Salem, Va. Nick Hoffs So. Laguna Beach, Calif.

Fr. Genova, Italy

fell to the University of California (18-8 L) and Dartmouth College (14-13 L), but rallied for a 17-14 defeat of host Oregon State University in a 13th/15th Place game to tie with the University of Washington (Wash.) for 13th in the final 16-team standings...Historically, Virginia's 2003. 2022 and 2023 titles mark the only times the team has advanced to the Atlantic Division title tilt since the formation of the group prior to the 2000 season.

# Washington University in St. Louis

Great Lakes Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance—2022

A seven-time Division III Club National Champion, Washington University in St. Louis is the only team to claim four consecutive Men's National Championships (Division III or National Collegiate)



with D3 crowns in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019...In 2021 as a first-time participant at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship, the Bears rolled through the field at the Huntsville Aquatic Center in Huntsville, Ala., against Florida State University (12-10 W) and the University of Southern California (11-9 W) before taking a 16-5 setback against the University of California-San Diego. In the Third Place game, Washington collected a 13-9 defeat of the University of California for the highest finish ever recorded by a

Location: St. Louis, Missouri Nickname: Bears Head Coach: Miguel Figueras

Asher Schwartz

Dominic Lee

Jack Blodgett

Josh Bergdolt

Owen Gregg

Nolan Lamphere

Tristan Lorincz

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2	Andrew Woolbert	Trumbull, Conn.
3	Santiago Gonzalez Navarrine	St. Louis, Mo.
4	Jude Licea	Eugene, Ore.
5	Antonio Mendez-Trendler	Baltimore, Md.
6	Owen Limbrick	St. Louis, Mo.
7	Matteo Dall'Olmo	Los Angeles, Calif.
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13	Sammy Fehr	Los Angeles, Calif.
14	Mason Roth	Phoenix, Md.
15	Nicholas Hernandez	Cupertino, Calif.
17	Andrew Hyde	New York, N.Y.
18	Andrew Hoette	St. Peters, Mo.
21	Jakob Shenfeld	Los Angeles, Calif.
23	Chris Allen	Fullerton, Calif

Division III institution at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship...Last year at the Chehalem Aquatic & Fitness Center in Newberg, Ore., the Bears foraged victories over the University of Alabama (16-11 W) and McKendree University (17-11 W) before falling to California Polytechnic State University (19-5 L) and the University of Michigan (9-8 L) to garner Fourth Place.

#### **University of Oregon**

Northwest Division Champion

University of Virginia

The University of Virginia

Atlantic Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2013

Following a decade away, the University of Oregon Ducks waddle back to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship in 2023...A nine-time



Northwest Division Champion (2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2023), Oregon most recently tied for 13th place at the 2013 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship hosted by the University of California-San Diego. At the championship, the Ducks fell by a 13-9 count in overtime to Indiana University, suffered a 10-6 setback against the host Tritons and claimed a 23-4 dispatching of Illinois State University in a 13th/15th Place game to tie with the University of Georgia for the position in the final 16-team standings...Prior to the 13th Place finish, the team had never placed outside the Top 10

Location: Eugene, Oregon Nickname: Ducks Head Coach: George Montgomery Asst. Coaches: Alyssa Watersson, Izzy Piranio

Hunter Kincaid Fr. Carlsbad, Calif. Soren Chopra Fr. Bend, Ore. So. San Diego, Calif. Gaven Brady Andy Yarrington Sr. Saratoga, Calif. Drew Buan Jr. Redwood City, Calif. David Mitrovcan Morgan So. Novi Sad, Serbia Jay Thomas So. Tualatin, Ore. Hunter Pilarski San Jose Calif. Jr. Adi Mellacheruvu Fr. Cupertino, Calif. Carter Sloane So. Carlsbad, Calif. Henry Sturges Fr. Lake Oswego, Calif. Sam Stiles Fr. Ashland, Ore. Aj Iboa Garcia Sr. Eugene, Ore. Jackson Woolfolk Fr. San Diego, Calif. Will Rowell Fr. Palo Alto, Calif. Alan Nedellec Jr. San Diego, Calif. 23 Carter Tran So. San Jose, Calif.

with prior 10th (2012 at the Osborn Aquatic Center/Oregon State University; 2011 at the Georgia Institute of Technology; 2007 at the University of Arizona), Ninth (2010 at Southern Utah University), Eighth (2005 at Williams College; 2004 at the University of Notre Dame) and Sixth (2008 at Ohio University) Place marks...The best finish at the championship by a Northwest Division team came in 2000 as the University of Washington finished second via a 6-5 loss to Michigan State University in the title game.





#### University of Alabama

Southeast Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

The University of Alabama advances to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the fifth time in as many vears...In 2017 at Florida State University, Alabama held its own against the University of



Michigan (15-5 L), the University of Colorado (10-9 L) and Boston College (12-11 L) to finish in a tie for 15th place...In 2018 at the University of Arizona, the Crimson Tide dropped games to California Polytechnic State University (22-5 L), the University of Florida (15-13 L) and the United States Military Academy (10-7 L) to finish in a tie for 15th Place...The Crimson Tide fell to the University of Utah (18-4 L), the University of Notre Dame (13-10 L) and the United States Naval Academy (17-12 L) at the University of Pittsburgh in 2019 to once again tie for 15th place...Following the loss of the 2020

Location: Birmingham, Alabama Nickname: Crimson Tide Head Coach: Nick Ward

- Ethan Stout Chase McClure
- Ryan Karadayi Reif Richardson
- Mic DiLascia Jake Alves
- Chase DiMauro Will Rigazzi
- Collin Sczcesny Nate Pedigo Sidd Mupparaju Nicholas Perera
- Drew Wangard Hank Jaffe Owen Schadler
- Edi Stefanescu 21 Brian Kent

- So. Irvine, Calif. Sam Dockiewicz Fr. Virginia Beach, Va. Sr. Naperville, Ill. Steven Popiolek
  - So. Houston, Texas
  - Sr. Cincinnati, Ohio Gr. Naperville, Ill.
  - So. Greenwich, Conn. Fr. San Juan Capistrano, Calif.
  - Fr. Lansdale, Pa. Fr. Virginia Beach, Va.
  - Gr. Aurora, Ill. Ir. Lincolnshire, Ill.
  - Sr. Reading, Pa. Gr. Cincinnati, Ohio
  - Ir. Lincolnshire, Ill.
  - Fr. Greenwich, Conn. So. Ann Arbor, Mich.
  - Gr. Rocklin, Georgia Sr. Marietta, Georgia
- 23 Mason Bedell Fr. St. Louis, Mo.

season to the COVID-19 pandemic, Alabama returned in 2021 as the host institution at the Huntsville Aquatics Center and garnered a 13th place mark with games against McKendree University (13-7 L), the University of Texas (15-9 L) and the Georgia Institute of Technology (6-1 W)...Last year in Oregon, the Crimson Tide surged to an 11th place finish with results versus Washington University in St. Louis (16-11 L), Army (15-9 W), Florida (10-8 L) and the University of Texas (18-13 W).

Location:

Nickname:

#### **Baylor University**

Texas Division Champion First National Championship Appearance

Baylor University makes its inaugural appearance at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship with hopes of rectifying one thing-a Texas Division team has never returned to campus with a National Championship First



Place plaque...A first-time division champion after tying with the University of Texas "A" for the Texas

Preston Sanders Sr. San Clemente, Calif. Seth Kacura Jr. San Clemente, Calif. Trev Ponzi So. Lake Jackson, Texas Jackson Roth Sr. San Jose, Calif. Stephen McMillen Sr. Newport Beach, Calif. Gr. Chicago, Ill. John Marchetta Justin DeMouy So. San Antonio, Texas Cole Harvey Orange, Calif. 11 Hunter Hart Jr. Houston, Texas 12 Jake Pistone Jr. San Diego, Calif.

Waco, Texas

Bears

Division regular season title with 8-0 marks, the Bears took care of business at the division championship tournament hosted by Rice University. At the Texas Division Championship tournament, Baylor stopped Texas State University (19-2 W) and Texas A&M University "A" (9-7 W) prior to downing the Longhorns of the University of Texas "A" by a 5-4 count to punch the program's ticket to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship...It marked Baylor's first division title game appearance as the team joins Texas A&M (2001, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2016), Texas Tech University (2011) and Texas (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022) to become the fourth team to win the Texas Division Championship and represent the group in the National Collegiate Club Championship field...The highest finish by a Texas Division team at the championship belongs to Texas as the Longhorns finished as the runner-up at the 2010 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship hosted by Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah, with a 10-8 loss to the University of California-Los Angeles in the title tilt.

#### University of California

Sierra Pacific Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

The 2012-to-2018 and 2021-to-2023 Sierra Pacific Division Champion, the University of California will look to complete a set of top three finishes by claiming the National Championship in 2023 and become the first Sierra Pacific Division team to capture a Men's Na-



tional Collegiate Club Championship title plaque...In 2018 at the University of Arizona, the Golden Bears stopped Boston College (9-6 W) and The Ohio State University (15-3 W) before falling to Lindenwood University (17-13 L) and California Polytechnic State University (10-8 L) to place Fourth...In 2017 at Florida State University, California topped Ohio State (8-4 W) in the Fifth Place game... A year prior at the University of Notre Dame, California fell to the University of Colorado (10-9 L) in the Fifth Place game...In 2015, Cal topped Dartmouth College, 13-12, in the Third Place game at the University of California-Santa Cruz...In 2014, Cal fell to Lindenwood, 11-10, in the semifinals before topping Boston College, 10-9, in the Third Place game at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Utah...In 2013, the Bears lost to Lindenwood, 16-14, in the semifinals and topped Dartmouth, 6-4, in the Third Place game at the University of California-San Diego...In 2012, the Golden Bears fell in the title game to the University of Southern California by a 12-11 final score in Corvallis, Oregon...In 2021, the team lost in sudden death overtime to eventual National Champion Michigan State University, 12-11, before dropping the Third Place game to Washington



Joseph Huly Jacob Lindy Christopher Wazzan Dylan Hughes Kai Mohl Caleb Pine Carson Bacci Rvan Elkhouri Cooper Tunney Colby Alonzo Cvrus Amiri Tommy Kennedy Calder Hilde-Jones David Robertson 16 Sai Basset Sai Gunhan Giacomo Rivers Altieri Lance Rhee Zebedee Boggeri Giacomo Pellegrini Ramin Behrooz Ben Goldberg Talal Al Awadhi 25 Peter Reyes Hosny Hussein

Location:

Nickname:

Head Coach: Alex Lee

Alex Mueller

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Berkeley, California

Golden Bears

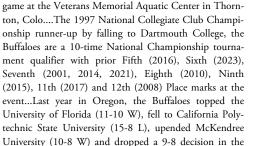
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University in St. Louis, 13-9, in Huntsville, Ala...Last year in Newberg, Oregon, the squad topped the University of Virginia (18-8 W), fell to UC-San Diego (11-7 L) and managed Pennsylvania State University (11-8 W) and the University of Colorado (9-8 W) to take Fifth Place.

# University of Colorado

Rocky Mountain Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

The University of Colorado is back at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the third time in as many years thanks to an 8-4 defeat of the University of Utah in the Rocky Mountain Division title



Fifth Place game to the University of California (9-8 L).

Boulder, Colorado Location: Nickname: Buffaloes Head Coach: Adam Hurd

Austin Dale

Tyler Armstrong

Adam Watson

Ryan Bannon

- Rafa Arajuo Kyle Morelan Nico Madrid

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- Matthias Maser Ethan Meli
- Iackson Williams 10 Jason Bollella 11 Matteo Petty
- 12 Breno Araujo
- Mason Maclear Sebastian Vargas
- Jack Dawson 17
- Lachlan Nagel 21
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- Ir. Yorba Linda, Calif. Yorba Linda, Calif. So.
- Sr. Newport Beach Calif. Gr. Broomfield, Colo.
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Sr.
- Walnut Creek, Calif. So. Sr. New Canaan, Conn.
- So. Oak Park, Ill.
- So. Newbury Park, Calif.
- Sr. Newport Beach, Calif. Sr. Newport Beach, Calif.
- Fr. Orinda, Calif. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Sr.
- Benjamin Budic Jr. San Diego, Calif.
- So. Denver, Colo. Sr. Los Altos, Calif.
- Jr. Melbourne, Australia Jr. Santa Cruz, Calif.
- Cormac Brown So. Darien, Conn.
- Damon Shultz So. Sai Kung, Hong Kong

#### Pennsylvania State University

Mid-Atlantic Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

The Nittany Lions of Pennsylvania State University return to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship after taking down host/Mid-Atlantic Division regular



season champion Villanova University, 15-13, in Villanova, Pa., for the program's 10th Mid-Atlantic Division Championship (1998, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2022, 2023)...Last year at the Chehalem Aquatic & Fitness Center in Newberg, Ore., the Nittany Lions dinged the University of Texas (15-13 W) before dropping back-to-back games to the University of Michigan (16-14 L) and the University of California (11-8 L). In the Seventh Place game, Penn State picked up a 5-0 forfeit victory over McKendree University...In 2017, at Florida State, Penn State faced the United States Military Academy (8-7 L), the host Seminoles (14-10 W), the

Location: State College, Pennsylvania Nickname: Nittany Lions Head Coach: Chad Crump Asst. Coach: Todd Roth

1	Evan Mancini	Sr.	Lansdale, Pa.
1A	Jackob Bolles	Sr.	Reading, Pa.
2	Danny Crump	So.	Blue Bell, Pa.
3	Jacob Harkins	Sr.	Hollywood, Fla.
4	Matthew Fencel	Jr.	Camp Hill, Pa.
5	Keegan Engstrom	Sr.	Pasadena, Calif.
6	Brien Yaglenski	Jr.	Schwenksville, Pa.
7	Ryan McLaughlin	Jr.	Blue Bell, Pa.
8	Luke Price	So.	Fort Washington, Pa.
9	Jack Cassidy	Sr.	West Chester, Pa.
10	Colin Henry	Jr.	Pennsburg, Pa.
11	Ethan Apaliski	Jr.	Allison Park, Pa.
12	Liam McMillin	Fr.	Carlisle, Pa.
14	Louie Porter	Jr.	King of Prussia, Pa.
15	Teddy Nagle	Ir	Spring House, Pa

So. Hazleton, Pa.

Fr. Chalfont, Pa.

University of Florida (10-7 W) and Lindenwood University (13-6 L) to claim 10th Place...In 2016 at the University of Notre Dame, Penn State finished in Seventh Place with a 10-4 win over Grand Valley State University, an 8 -3 loss to San Diego State University, a 15-10 defeat California and a 9-6 victory over McKendree...In 2015 at the University of California-Santa Cruz, the team placed 10th with a loss to Long Beach State University (13-5 L) along with wins versus the host Banana Slugs (16-13 W) and the University of Maryland (12-5 W) prior to an 8-3 loss to the University of Colorado in the Ninth Place contest...Prior to 2015, Penn State claimed runner-up (1998), Eighth (2014), 10th (2009), 11th (2012) and 12th (2005) place marks.

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#### McKendree University

Missouri Valley Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

McKendree University is back after claiming Sixth and Eighth Place in 2021 and 2022, respectively...In 2021, the team collected a 13-7 win



over host the University of Alabama, a 16-4 loss to the University of California, a 12-10 overtime win against the University of Colorado and a 15-8 loss to the University of Southern California...Last year, the squad topped the United States Military Academy (16-11 W) before dropping games versus Washington University in St. Louis (17-11 L), Colorado (10-8 L) and Pennsylvania State University (5-0 L Forfeit) to take Eighth Place...This marks the

Lebanon, Illinois Location: Nickname: Bearcats Head Coach: Alex Figueras

Benton Fonner

Asst. Coaches: Colleen Lischwe, Josh Carlson,

Maddy Bolton

5	Rowan Daughtrey	Fr.	Commerce City, Calif.
7	Eli Grande	Jr.	San Bernardino, Calif.
9	Nathan Weintraub	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas
10	Luke Schmidt	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
11	Kris Eyolfson	So.	Winnipeg, Manitoba
13	Xander McWhorte	r So.	Cypress, Texas
17	Brody Loftin	Fr.	Houston, Texas
19	Ethan Gray	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
21	TI Joubert	Ĭr	Johannesburg S A

Jr. St. Louis, Mo.

Bearcats fourth appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship following the program's inaugural berth in 2016...In 2016, the Bearcats made the field as the Northwest Division champion the University of Washington and runner-up Oregon State University elected not to attend allowing the runner-up from the Missouri Valley Division to make the field at the University of Notre Dame...Overall, McKendree edged Boston College (12-10 W), fell to the University of Michigan (10-8 L) and Colorado (9-8 L OT SD) prior to dropping the Seventh Place game versus Penn State (9-6 L)...The team punched its ticket to this year's championship by capturing the Missouri Valley Division crown with an 8-0 mark in regular season competition as the division championship tournament was canceled for lack of a hosting site.

#### Dartmouth College

New England Division Champion Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

The Big Green of Dartmouth College return to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship after eluding host Boston College, 13-9, to capture the New England Division Championship...A nine-time New England Divi-



sion champion (1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2022, 2023), Dartmouth went 3-1 last year at the 2022 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship in Newberg, Ore., as the team fell to the University of California-San Diego (15-5 L), but rallied back to knock-off the University of Virginia (14-13 W), the University of Texas (15-9 W) and the University of Location: Hanover, New Hampshire

Nickname: Big Green Head Coach: John Budner

Asst. Coaches: Forrest Pollard, Ed Ferris

Chris Colsman Jr. Weston, Mass. Ulysses Hill Fr. Los Angeles, Calif. Mason Westkaemper Jr. Dallas, Texas Ethan Sjoenell Jr. Brentwood, Calif. Dylan Bienstock Sr. Santa Barbara, Calif. Lachlan MacDonald Gr. Capetown, S.A. 6/22 Tucker Jones Sr. Chicago, Ill. Max Sweeney Fr. Los Angeles, Calif. Alex Chen Sr. Chadds Ford, Pa. Andrew Kim Sr. Fairfax, Va. Nic Nikcevic Fr. Palo Alto, Calif. Chad Danger Klaas Sr. Hood River, Ore. Felipe Leao So. Greenwich, Conn.

Florida (13-10 W) to claim Ninth Place...It marked the Big Green's first appearance at Nationals since a Fourth Place finish at the 2015 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship hosted by the University of California-Santa Cruz. In 2015, Dartmouth dispatched the University of Maryland (14-8 W) and the University of Illinois-Chicago (13-8 W) being taking a 15-10 setback against Lindenwood University. In the Third Place game, the University of California came out with a 13-12 defeat of Dartmouth...A New England Division team has not won the National Championship since Dartmouth accomplished the feat in 1997 after finishing as the division's runner-up...In its National Collegiate Club Championship appearances since 2000, Dartmouth has placed Fourth (2013, 2015), Sixth (2012), Seventh (2001), Eighth (2008) and Ninth (2022).

#### University of Florida

Florida Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

The University of Florida returns for another run at the National Championship after topping Florida State University, 15-5, for the Florida Division title...The crown



marked the program's eighth Florida Division Championship (2002, 2003, 2008, 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023) and 10th (Southeast Division: 2000, 2001) overall division title...In the history of the program at Nationals, the Gators have recorded marks of Eighth (2000), Third (2001), 11th (2002), Ninth (2003), Fourth (2008), 13th (2009), Third (2011), 12th (2017), 10th (2018), Sixth (2019) and 10th (2023) to make the Top 10 eight times...A Florida Division team has made the National Championship title game only onceappropriately in the Sunshine State—as Florida International University fell to the University of California-Los Angeles in 2009 at Florida in Gainesville.

Location: Gainesville, Fla. Nickname: Gators Head Coach: Lucas Weaver Asst. Coaches: Connor Umpierre

Logan Mazor

- Adriano Zunino Gr. Lima, Peru
- Jr. Hollywood, Fla. Nicholas Santarsiero Fr. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- Dante Lorenzo-Rodriguez Jr. Miami, Fla.
- Antonio De Souza Sr. North Bay Village, Fla.
- Jonah Bennett Fr. Pompano Beach, Fla.
- Tyler Conti Gr. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- Mateo Friedman-Bello So. Sanford, Fla.
- Dylan Umpierre Jr. Orlando, Fla.
- Gabriele Bassani Gr. Parma, Italy
- Tritsan Hollon-Brooks Gr. Marietta, Georgia
- 12 Leo Isom Fr. Miami, Fla.
- Micah Bayle 13 So. Hudsonville, Mich.
- 14 Luke Carey Sr. Orlando, Fla.
  - John Chiappone Fr. Miami, Fla.
- Nathan Weaver Sr. London, Ontario 17
  - Eli Golde Sr. Gainesville, Fla.
- Gr. Goshen, Ind. 18 Clancy Short
  - Nicky Borden Fr. Danville, Calif.

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Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Commissioner: Dan Sharadin