

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.

Located in Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, the CWPA office is comprised of a Commissioner (Dan Sharadin), a Director of Communications (Ed Haas), a Coordinator of Officials (Ed Reed) and a collegiate club officiating assignor (Michael Francis). The staff oversees 280+ teams on the varsity and club level for both men and women to place the Collegiate Water Polo Association among the largest collegiate sports organizations in North America.

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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 the 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 a 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.

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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Qualification & Bracketing Procedure

Teams qualify through conference play, requiring a minimum of two tournaments.

Assignments are made in a specific order to afford teams the ability to plan in advance of the event. The host team assumes the last position in the bracket, unless it wins the division. In this case, the team is assigned according to the division's finish the prior year. The second place team in the host division then assumes the last position. Divisions that did not participate the prior year receive the lowest slots, with the remaining bids awarded in order of finish by division the prior year. If more than one division did not participate the prior year, the positions are determined by a random draw. If final standings did not determine all positions, divisions tied in the standings are assigned by random draw.

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 2023 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. 1-8 is based on the results of the 2023 Women's National Collegiate Club Championship. Due to the New York Division not competing in 2023, the division receives the No 15 position by league policy. Further, since the 13th-to-15th positions in the final standings are not played out, the No. 13 and 14 positions are awarded by random draw. The No 9 position is awarded to the runner-up from the previous year's champion (Big Ten) per league policy due to the Heartland Division not advancing a team to the championship field in 2024.

Due to the University of Texas declining to attend the championship, the Third Place team in the Texas Division (Texas State University) is awarded the No. 16 seed.

2024 National Collegiate Club Championship Bracketing

1st Position: University of Michigan
(*Big Ten Division*)

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

3rd Position: University of California-Davis
(*Sierra Pacific Division*)

4th Position: University of California-San Diego
(*Southwest Division*)

5th Position: Texas A&M University
(*Texas Division/Host*)

6th Position: University of Washington
(*Northwest Division*)

7th Position: University of Notre Dame
(*Midwest Division*)

8th Position: Northeastern University
(*New England Division*)

16th Position: Texas State University
(*Texas Division Third Place*)

15th Position: Cornell University
(*New York Division*)

14th Position: Yale University
(*North Atlantic Division*)

13th Position: Virginia Polytechnic Institute &
State University
(*Atlantic Division*)

12th Position: Florida State University
(*Southeast Division*)

11th Position: West Chester University
(*Mid-Atlantic Division*)

10th Position: University of Colorado
(*Rocky Mountain Division*)

9th Position: Michigan State University
(*Big Ten Division Runner-Up*)

History of the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship

Previous Women's National Collegiate Club Championship Hosts (2000-to-Present)

2000 – University of Arizona (Tucson, Ariz.)
2001 – Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)
2002 – Emory University (Atlanta, Ga.)
2003 – Carthage College (Kenosha, Wisc.)
2004 – California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)
2005 – Texas A&M University (College Station, Texas)
2006 – Northwestern University (Evanston, Ill.)
2007 – Williams College (Williamstown, Mass.)
2008 – University of Oregon (Mt. Hood Aquatic Center, Gresham, Ore.)
2009 – University of California-Davis (Davis, Calif.)
2010 – University of Arizona (Tucson, Ariz.)
2011 – University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, Indiana)
2012 – Florida State University (Tallahassee, Fla.)
2013 – University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, Minn.)
2014 – The Ohio State University (SPIRE Institute, Geneva, Ohio)
2015 – Middlebury College (Middlebury, Vt.)
2016 – University of California-Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, Calif.)
2017 – University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
2018 – University of Washington (Mt. Hood Aquatic Center, Gresham, Ore.)
2019 – University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, Indiana)
2022 – Huntsville Aquatic Center (Huntsville, Ala.)
2023 – University of California-Los Angeles (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Previous Women's National Collegiate Club Champions (2000-to-Present)

2000 – University of Washington def. Michigan State University
2001 – Michigan State University def. University of Florida
2002 – Michigan State University def. California Polytechnic State University
2003 – California Polytechnic State University def. Michigan State University
2004 – California Polytechnic State University def. Dartmouth College
2005 – California Polytechnic State University def. Dartmouth College
2006 – Michigan State University def. University of Florida
2007 – Fresno State University def. California Polytechnic State University
2008 – California Polytechnic State University def. University of Oregon
2009 – California Polytechnic State University def. University of Notre Dame
2010 – California Polytechnic State University def. University of Michigan
2011 – California Polytechnic State University def. University of California-Davis
2012 – University of California-Davis def. California Polytechnic State University
2013 – University of California-Davis def. University of Central Florida
2014 – San Diego State University def. University of Michigan
2015 – University of California def. University of Notre Dame
2016 – University of California-Santa Barbara def. University of Michigan
2017 – University of California-Davis def. California Polytechnic State University
2018 – University of California-Davis def. California Polytechnic State University
2019 – University of Florida def. University of California-Davis
2022 – University of California def. University of California-Santa Barbara
2023—University of Michigan def. University of California-Santa Barbara

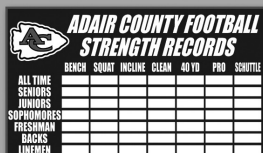
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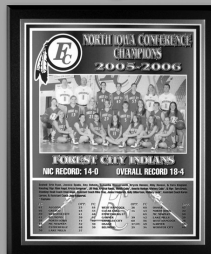
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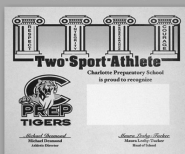
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Thanks to the athletes, coaches and fans who traveled to the event sites this season—and for those who are in attendance for the National Collegiate Club Championship—to cheer on their teammates, family and friends.

2024 National Collegiate Club Championship Schedule

Friday, May 3, 2024				Game #	Score
9:00	University of Michigan	vs.	Texas State University	1	
10:10	University of Calif.-Los Angeles	vs.	Cornell University	2	
11:20	University of California-Davis	vs.	Yale University	3	
12:30	University of Calif.-San Diego	vs.	Virginia Tech	4	
1:40	Texas A&M University	vs.	Florida State University	5	
2:50	University of Washington	vs.	West Chester University	6	
4:00	University of Notre Dame	vs.	University of Colorado	7	
5:10	Northeastern University	vs.	Michigan State University	8	
6:20	Loser Game 5	vs.	Loser of Game 4	9	
7:30	Loser of Game 6	vs.	Loser of Game 3	10	
8:45	Loser of Game 7	vs.	Loser of Game 2	11	
9:55	Loser of Game 1	vs.	Loser of Game 8	12	
Saturday, May 4, 2024				Game #	Score
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 12	vs.	Winner of Game 9	17	
2:50	Winner Game 11	vs.	Winner Game 10	18	
4:00	Loser of Game 14	vs.	Loser of Game 13	19	
5:10	Winner of Game 13	vs.	Winner of 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	13th/15th	
9:50	Loser of Game 10	vs.	Loser of Game 11	13th/15th	
Sunday, May 5, 2024				Game #	Score
9:00	Loser of Game 22	vs.	Loser of Game 19	Seventh Place	
10:15	Winner of Game 19	vs.	Winner of Game 22	Fifth Place	
11:30	Loser of Game 21	vs.	Loser of Game 20	Third Place	
12:45	Winner of Game 20	vs.	Winner of Game 21	First Place	
<i>Award Ceremony immediately following 1st Place Game</i>					
2:15	Winner of Game 17	vs.	Winner of Game 18	Ninth Place	
3:30	Loser of Game 18	vs.	Loser of Game 17	11th Place	

Teams listed first wear dark caps and are home on the scoreboard. Host team always wears dark caps.



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Cornell University

New York Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2019

The six-time (2005, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2018, 2024) New York Division Champion Big Red of Cornell University last appeared in the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship field in 2019 as the division runner-up as victor Hartwick College was unable to attend per league policies...That year at the University of Notre Dame, Cornell faced the University of Washington (18-5 L) and Fresno State University (17-2 L) before suffering a 4-2 setback against the University of Virginia in a 13th/15th place game...In 2018, Cornell fell to The Ohio State University (17-4 L), topped Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (9-7 W), slipped versus the University of Oregon (12-6 L) and handled Wellesley College (15-7 W) in the 11th Place game...It marked the all-time best finish for the Big Red as the team previously placed 13th at Florida State University (2012) to go along with 15th place spots at Texas A&M University (2005), Northwestern University (2006) and the University of Notre Dame (2011)...In 2012, the team fell to the University of California-Santa Cruz (18-8 L) and Duke University (9-7 L) before topping Wellesley (10-8 W) for the Big Red's first-ever National Collegiate Club Championship tournament victory...The program previously faced the University of Michigan (17-1 L), the University of Utah (10-1 L) and Middlebury College (4-1 L) at Notre Dame; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (9-6 L), Middlebury College (9-6 L) and the University of Oregon (13-2 L) at Northwestern; and Rice University (10-2 L), Texas A&M (8-5 L) and Yale University (8-4 L) at Texas A&M...This year, Cornell swept through the New York Division with an 8-0 regular season mark prior to managing Hamilton College (19-3 W), New York University (13-2 W) and Syracuse University (10-7 W) at the division championship tournament hosted at Columbia University.



Table with 2 columns: Rank and Name. Location: Ithaca, N.Y. Mascot: Big Red. Head Coach: Giacomo Yang Como. Assistant Coach: Nate Smith. List includes Alex Bentley, Kimberly Bond, Emily Fitzgerald, Chesney Melissinos, MJ Raade, Kira Wilson, Ho'ohila Kawelo, Ann Jie Teo, Abby Grassick, Alicia Lugovskoy, Emma Moore, Sibylle Dupoint.

Texas State University

Texas Division Third Place
First National Championship Appearance

Texas State University, which took home third place at the Texas Division Championship on Saturday-Sunday, April 13-14, at Rice University, will make its Women's National Collegiate Club Championship debut this year thanks to the University of Texas. Due to the Longhorns electing not to accept the No. 16 position (utilized by the host institution if they do not claim their division championship) for academic reasons, the position was offered and accepted by Texas Division third place finisher Texas State...The Bobcats finished 5-3 during the Texas Division regular season and added contests against the University of North Texas (21-4 W), Texas (9-2 L) and Texas A&M University "B" (18-2 W) during the division championship tournament hosted by Rice University in Houston, Texas, on Saturday-Sunday, April 13-14...A 16-seed has never placed higher than Ninth (2023-University of California-Los Angeles, host, 8-6 W vs. San Diego State University; 2010-University of Arizona, host, 6-4 W vs. University of Utah) at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship since the field expanded to 16-teams in 2005...In recent history, Grand Valley State University (11th, 2022), the University of Notre Dame (10th, 2019), Pennsylvania State University (11th, 2017), Wellesley College (15th-T, 2016), Middlebury College (11th, 2015), Ohio State University (10th, 2014), the University of Minnesota (13th-T, 2013), Florida State University (13th-T, 2012), Miami University (15th -T, 2011) all finished outside the Top 10 between UCLA and Arizona's ninth place marks.



Table with 2 columns: Rank and Name. Location: San Marcos, Texas. Mascot: Bobcats. Head Coach: Clay Mathews. Assistant Coach: Jackson Nobles. List includes Preslee Carlisle, Tanner Boyle, Skylar Schottie, Rachel Cook, Dalia Kohn, Emma Sierra, Kendall Zimmerman, Tessa Welch, Meryl Johnson, Tyler Vest.

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Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Atlantic Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2018



Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, more commonly known as Virginia Tech, returns to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship following a perfect 8-0 regular season prior to stopping James Madison University (10-0 W), Georgetown University (14-4 W) and host the University of Virginia (16-5 W) for the Atlantic Division Championship held on Saturday-Sunday, April 20-21...A six-time division finalist with runner-up finishes behind Duke University (2015) and the University of Virginia (2016, 2019, 2022, 2023), this marks Virginia Tech's second appearance at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship as the team previously claimed the Atlantic Division crown in 2018 and appeared at the event hosted at Mt Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore. At Gresham, the Hokies clashed with the University of Florida (18-0 L), Cornell University (9-7 L) and Texas A&M University (16-1 L) to tie for 15th place in the final standings with Grinnell College...Virginia Tech will aim to make history and record the highest finish in the history of the National Collegiate Club Championship by a team from the Atlantic Division...Originally formed prior to the 2005 season, the Atlantic Division was absorbed by the Mid-Atlantic Division following its first season as James Madison University took the title and tied for 13th at Texas A&M University...Following a 10-year gap, the Atlantic Division was reformed prior to 2015 with Duke acquiring the crown and placing Ninth in 2015 at Middlebury College...Virginia added 11th (2016 at the University of California-Santa Cruz), 13th (2017 at the University of Pittsburgh; 2019 at the University of Notre Dame) and 15th (2022 at the Huntsville Aquatics Center; 2023 at the University of California-Los Angeles) placements as the Hokies will look to outperform their in-state rival and notch the division's first Top 10 mark.

Location: Blacksburg, Va.
 Mascot: Hokies
 Head Coach: Anna Goodman

1	Livy Meeting
1A	Avery Krivis
2	Cori Selig
3	Heather Brouwer
4	Liliana Gamiz
6	Mollie Morin
9	Anna Goodman
10	Bella Morales
11	Cate Carlson
12	Kata Kokinos
13	Delaney Scheibe
16	Katelyn Crumpacker
17	Maddi Griffith
22	Camille Marraccini
25	Grace Hailey

Yale University

North Atlantic Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2006



Yale University returns to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time since placing 12th in 2006 at Northwestern University. Competing out of the No. 2 position as the New England Division Champion, the Bulldogs dropped a game to Fresno State University (8-2 L), turned back the University of Pennsylvania (9-4 W), suffered a sudden victory setback against the University of Notre Dame (14-13 L OT SD) and dropped a contest to Middlebury College (3-2 L) to finish in 12th place among 16 teams on May 5-7, 2006...A six-time qualifier for the event (2001, 2005, 2006, 2013, 2016, 2024) with five division titles, the team did not compete at either the 2001, 2013 or 2016 National Collegiate Club Championships...The team did attend the 2005 National Collegiate Club Championship at Texas A&M University as the runner-up from the New England Division. Yale faced the United States Air Force Academy (9-7 L), Fresno State University (13-9 L) and Cornell University (8-4 W) to tie with James Madison University (which defeated Knox College by a 9-2 count in the other 13th/15th place game)...This year in the North Atlantic Division, Yale completed a perfect 8-0 regular season prior to turning back Colby College (18-3 W), Middlebury College (22-3 W) and host the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (19-11 W) to take the division crown and earn a return trip to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship.

Location: New Haven, Conn.
 Mascot: Bulldogs
 Head Coach: Lucas Crihfield

1	Michelle Wu
2	Olivia Meisner
4	Caroline Utermann
6	Katherine Dick
7	Juliet Gottfried
8	Violette Perry
9	Mikiala Ng
10	Elizabeth Lin
12	Ellie Bourgikos
16	Sofia Manriquez
18	Sam Detor

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Team Information

University of Michigan

Big Ten Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2023

The Wolverines of the University of Michigan claimed the Big Ten Division Championship with a perfect 11-0 record...Following an 8-0 regular season mark to claim the No. 1 seed for the division championship on April 2-21 at Purdue University, the Maize & Blue "A" team defeated the University of Iowa (22-2 W), the University of Wisconsin (17-3 W) and Michigan State University (17-9 W) to take the Big Ten title...The defending National Champion after topping the University of Virginia (17-5 W), the University of Washington (17-6 W), the University of California (8-6 W) and the University of California-Santa Barbara (8-6 W) at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA), the Wolverines have previously placed first (2023), second (2010, 2014, 2016), third (2007, 2011, 2015), fourth (2012, 2013, 2022) and seventh (2009) in their other trips to Nationals...In 2022 at the Huntsville Aquatic Center in Huntsville, Ala., the Maize & Blue downed Colorado State University (12-2 W) and the University of Florida (12-4 W) before falling to UC-Santa Barbara (9-4 L) and the University of California-San Diego (10-7 L) to take fourth place...In 2016 at the University of California-Santa Cruz, the squad defeated Washington University in St. Louis (15-2 W), Middlebury College (20-3 W) and the University of Florida (6-4 W) before dropping a 13-7 decision versus UC-Santa Barbara...In 2015 at Middlebury, the Wolverines downed Boston University (14-9 W) and the University of Oregon (12-5 W), fell to California (13-5 L) and topped San Diego State University (7-5 W) for third place...In 2014 at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio, the team downed Washington in St. Louis (21-2 W), Lindenwood University (12-9 W) and the University of California-Davis (8-6 W) before dropping a 10-9 sudden death OT game against San Diego State University for the National Championship...Tough title tilt defeats are the modus operandi for the Maize and Blue as Michigan fell to California Polytechnic State University via a 6-5 final in the 2010 National Championship game at the University of Arizona.



Location: Ann Arbor, Mich.
Mascot: Wolverines
Head Coach: David Abbott
Assistant Coach: Adam Schnepf

- 1 Ava Dominick
- 1A Luisa Nierhoff
- 1A Allison Smith
- 1A Lydia Hargett
- 2 Lucy Baker
- 2 Vivyan Nieberding
- 3 Meredith Holm
- 4 Zannah Baker
- 5 Claire Tuttle
- 6 Tara Bharadia
- 7 Emma Kaipainen
- 8 Sarah Schenck
- 9 Riley Leongkay
- 10 Cal Streeter
- 11 Sarah Douglas
- 12 Allison Cifuentes
- 13 Avery Morren
- 14 Gracie Hou
- 15 Anna Leone
- 16 Hayley Mazurek
- 17 Mina Dizdarevic
- 17 Chloe Kimrey
- 18 Carly Evans
- 19 Cecilia Calatroni
- 20 Clare Wieland
- 21 Chloe Kiriluk
- 21 Kayla Lopez
- 22 Mia Barr
- 23 Vivian Janicki
- 24 Zoe Vance
- 25 Alicia Paans
- 26 Shelby Ostrewich
- 26 Alaina Mancani

University of California-Los Angeles

Pacific Coast Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2023

The University of California-Los Angeles returns to the championship for the second time in as many years...Last year as the host school/division runner-up, the team fell to the University of California (9-8 L) before topping the University of California-Davis (12-10 W), West Chester University (11-2 W) and San Diego State University (8-6 W) for ninth place...UCLA has recently placed fifth (2010), sixth (2008), seventh (2011) and ninth (2009, 2023) at the CWPA Championship...Historically, UCLA has claimed two Pacific Coast Division titles (2001, 2024) as the team also holds 10 runner-up finishes (2002, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2018, 2019, 2023)...The Bruins "A" team finished 7-1 during the 2024 Pacific Coast Division regular season before upending the University of California-Santa Barbara "B" (8-5 W), UC-Santa Barbara "A" (8-5 W) and California Polytechnic State University (9-4 W) to capture the division crown.



Location: Los Angeles, Calif.
Mascot: Bruins
Head Coach: Sarah Fellner

- 1 Charlie Flores
- 1A Noelle Antongiovani
- 2 Sydney Adler
- 3 Samantha DiMarco
- 4 Abby Brooks
- 5 Abygale Kim
- 6 Matalene Winters
- 7 Elizabeth Williams
- 8 Meena Khan
- 9 Natasha Gerhardstein
- 10 Charley Jackson
- 11 Marina Zernik
- 12 Grace Crabtree
- 13 Jaden Nguyen
- 14 Grayson Macleod
- 15 Jordyn Nishimura
- 16 Rachel Galvin
- 17 Maggie Benson

West Chester University

Mid-Atlantic Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2023

The Golden Rams of West Chester University return to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the second time thanks to claiming the Mid-Atlantic Division Championship at the University of Pittsburgh on Saturday-Sunday April 13-14...WCU finished 8-0 during the Mid-Atlantic Division regular season before stampeding through the Carnegie Mellon University (12-0 W) and the University of Pennsylvania (9-5 W) at the championship before edging out Pennsylvania State University "A" (2-1 W) in the lowest scoring division title game in collegiate club history...Last year at the University of California-Los Angeles, West Chester faced the University of Washington (7-5 L), the University of Virginia (9-8 W), the UCLA (11-2 L) and the University of Colorado (8-1 L) to take home 12th place...A Mid-Atlantic Division team has never made the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship title game. The division has reached the achievement in men's collegiate club competition as Penn State (1998) and Villanova University (2001) notched title tilt appearances with losses to the University of Michigan and California Polytechnic State University, respectively.



Location: West Chester, Pa.
Mascot: Golden Rams
Head Coach: Anthony Shoppe

- 1 Jasmine Thek
- 3 Katherine Hayner
- 4 Ashley Cregar
- 5 Kaitlyn Gunderson
- 7 Sarah Poissant
- 8 Robbie Witikko
- 10 Emma Seifert
- 12 Bella Belville
- 14 Hannah Christie
- 15 Mary Rubino
- 16 Maura O'Donnell
- 18 Alayna Capaldi
- 19 Liv Chicchi
- 20 Morgan James

Florida State University

Southeast Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2023

The Seminoles of Florida State University return to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the third time...The host of the 2012 championship, FSU earned its inaugural league championship last year as the team made the field previously as the host/No. 4 seed from the Southeast Division...At the 2012 event hosted by FSU at the Morcom Aquatic Center, the Seminoles fell to California Polytechnic State University (18-3 L) and Arizona State University (19-4 L) prior to outlasting the University of Oregon (8-7 W). The game against Oregon was unique as the Seminoles should have faced the Longhorns of the University of Texas in the 13th/15th place game. However, due to an early flight for the Ducks, Texas and Oregon exchanged positions and the Longhorns topped the University of Notre Dame by a 12-5 score for 11th place... Last year at the University of California-Los Angeles as the Southeast Division Champion, Florida State faced the University of Notre Dame (10-6 L), San Diego State University (16-9 L) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (10-9 W) to finish in a tie with the University of California-Davis for 13th place...This year, Florida State finished 10-1 in the Southeast Division—including victories over the University of Central Florida "B" (5-0 Forfeit W), the University of Florida "B" (18-7 W) and Florida "A" (10-9 W OT) to repeat as division champion and earn a spot in the 2024 Women's National Collegiate Club Championship field.



Location: Tallahassee, Fla.
Mascot: Seminoles
Head Coach: Adam Gaffey

- 1 Sophie Bassett
- 1A Ceronne Mascall
- 2 Chloe DeAvila
- 3 Rosa Priest
- 4 Morgan Frazier
- 5 Charlotte "CJ" Palmer
- 6 Lindsey Chessman
- 7 Caroline Bowyer
- 9 Hannah Johnson
- 12 River Hastings
- 13 Meredith Hadala
- 14 Medley Bohn
- 16 Khloe Riordan
- 17 Madilyn "Maddie" Johnson
- 20 Isabella Serrano
- 21 Jiya Uttamchandani



Michigan State University

Big Ten Division Runner-Up

Last National Championship Appearance — 2019

A three-time National Champion (2001, 2002, 2006) and two-time runner-up (2000, 2003), Michigan State University returns to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time since the 2019 event at the University of Notre Dame...In 2019, the Spartans battled the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (6-5 L), the University of Virginia (11-0 W), Fresno State University (14-9 W) and the Colorado School of Mines (10-5 W) to take 11th place...In the history of the tournament, the Spartans have placed first (2001, 2002, 2006), second (2000, 2003), third (2005), fourth (2007), sixth (2004), ninth (2008) and 11th (2019) as Michigan State holds the third most National Championships behind California Polytechnic State University (seven) and the University of California-Davis (four)...Michigan State's 2019 Big Ten Division Championship marked the first under the auspices of the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) as the division was independent of the league prior to 2010...Before 2019, the team last made the National Championship field in 2008 at Mt. Hood Community College as MSU fell to the University of California-Los Angeles (8-6 L) in the first round prior to rolling over Texas A&M University (9-5 W), California State University-Chico (11-6 W) and New York University (8-3 W) to claim Ninth Place...Michigan State was the only non-West Coast team to win a Women's National Collegiate Club crown in the history of the event dating back to 2000 prior to the University of Florida (2019) and the University of Michigan (2023) achieving the feat...Michigan State punched its ticket to the Lone Star State and the campus of Texas A&M University by going 6-2 during the Big Ten Division regular season before meeting host Purdue University (17-3 W), Ohio State University (10-2 W) and defending National Champion/division champion the University of Michigan (17-9 L) at the division championship tournament.



Location: East Lansing, Mich.
Mascot: Spartans
Head Coach: Ali Kraft
Assistant Coach: Nick Kraft

1	Grace Rivera
3	Sabrina Boss
5	Sarah Koehler
7	Namika Page
8	Paige Beers
9	Amelya Roberts
10	Sarah Olson
12	Mikaela Hulliberger
13	Rachel Huysler
15	Alli Suttron
18	Adrianna Alcaia
20	Nora Wagner
21	Reese Carlson
30	Alyssa Light

University of California-Davis

Sierra Pacific Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2023

The 2012, 2013, 2017 and 2018 National Championships, the University of California-Davis is making the program's 12th appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship...The 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2024 Sierra



Pacific Division Champion, the Aggies have experienced significant success at the National Collegiate Club Championship...Last year at the University of California-Los Angeles as the Sierra Pacific Division runner-up, UC-Davis fell to Boston University (12-9 L) and the host Bruins (12-10 L) prior to taking down the University of Virginia (14-4 W) in a 13th/15th place game...In 2019 at the University of Notre Dame, UC-Davis knocked off the host Irish (17-6 W), Boston College (14-5 W) and San Diego State University (7-6 W OT SD) prior to suffering a 4-3 title game defeat against the University of Florida...In 2018 at Mt. Hood Community College, the Aggies edged California Polytechnic State University, 5-4, to claim the program's fourth National Championship...It marked the second time in as many years the Aggies and Mustangs met for the crown as UC-Davis took down Cal Poly, 9-8, in 2018 at the University of Pittsburgh...In 2016, the Aggies finished in Third Place at the NCCC as the Aggies took care of Florida, 14-9...In 2014, the team also finished in Third Place...UC-Davis, which entered the 2012 championship field as the Sierra Pacific Division runner-up, claimed its first National Championship by downing Cal Poly, 2-1, at Florida State University after previously placing fifth at home in 2009 and third in 2008 at Mt. Hood Community College...The Aggies became the first team that did not win a division championship to claim the national championship as UC-Davis lost to the University of California-Santa Cruz by an 11-8 final score in the 2012 Sierra Pacific Division title tilt...In 2013, UC-Davis repeated as National Champions as the squad topped the University of Central Florida in a 6-5 National Championship game...In 2011, the Aggies appeared in the National Championship game for the first time falling to Cal Poly, 6-2, at Notre Dame.

Location: Davis, Calif.
Mascot: Aggies
Head Coach: Annika Kreuger

1	Ali Diaz
1A	Callie McClain
3	Bella Campos
4	Jordyn Stiles
5	Aidan Jacobo
6	Leilani Chavez
7	Kayla Landman
8	Kaitlyn Heindl
10	Lauren Jennings
11	Amelia Scalas
12	Kailah Lillie
13	Julia Ratti
14	Katie Jennings
15	Audrey Laskey
18	Amiah Merrill
22	Charlotte Wu

University of Colorado

Rocky Mountain Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2023

The University of Colorado returns to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship after picking up 11th place last year at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) with games against Texas A&M University (11-4 L), the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (12-11 W), San Diego State University (11-2 L) and West Chester University (8-1 W)...Last year's Women's National Collegiate Club Championship berth marked the program's first since tying for 13th place in 2018 at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore...This year, the Buffaloes finished the regular season with a 5-2-1 mark to earn the No. 3 seed for the Rocky Mountain Division Championship. At the championship hosted at the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center in Thornton, Colo., the squad rolled through the field with wins over the University of Utah "B" (15-1 W), the United States Air Force Academy (10-7 W) and the University of Utah "A" (5-4 W) to earn a trip to College Station...A five-time division champion after previously taking the 1997 and 2003 Southwest Division crowns prior to collecting the 2018, 2023 and 2024 Rocky Mountain titles, Colorado is making its fourth appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship (2003, 2018, 2023, 2024) as the event did not exist in 1997...In 2003 at Carthage College, the Buffaloes notched an eighth place finish in a 12-team field by falling to the University of Florida (8-4 L), defeating Rice University (12-7 W) and dropping back-to-back games to Purdue University (8-4 L) and Miami University (10-5 L)...In 2018, the team was shutout by California Polytechnic State University (14-0 L), dropped a 10-4 game to Pennsylvania State University and picked up a 7-0 lightning shortened victory over Grinnell College in a 13th/15th place game...A Rocky Mountain Division team has never made the championship title game with prior ninth (2016), 11th (2023), 12th (2011, 2015, 2019), 13th (2018, 2022) and 15th (2017) place finishes in 16-team fields.



Location: Boulder, Colo.
Mascot: Buffaloes
Head Coach: Adam Watson
Assistant Coach: Benji Budic

1	Sophie Simpson
2	Sashi Weerawarana
3	Erin Ruster
4	Meredith Case
5	Linda Ngo
7	Isabelle Hardie
8	Mimi Herrick
9	Zoe Daukush
10	Sofia Goicoechea
14	Taylor Blakely
16	Lina Phinney
20	Peyton Schmitz
22	Gwen King
24	Morgan Brunn-Jensen

University of California-San Diego

Southwest Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2022

The University of California-San Diego returns to the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the second time since the program's inaugural appearance in 2018 at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore...The Tritons placed fifth in their first-ever appearance at Nationals by defeating Grinnell



College (5-0 W Forfeit), dropping a game to Lindenwood University (6-4 L) and rallying back with defeats of the University of Washington (7-6 W) and Oregon State University (4-3 W)...In 2022 at the Huntsville Aquatics Center in Huntsville, Ala., the Tritons defeated the University of Central Florida (8-3 W) and Texas A&M University (13-4 W), slipped in a semifinal game versus the University of California (13-9 L) and stopped the University of Michigan (10-7 W) for third place...This year, UC-San Diego finished 11-0 in the Southwest Division. The "A" team rolled through the division championship tournament last weekend at home in La Jolla, Calif., by handling the University of Arizona (22-3 W), the University of California-Irvine (19-5 W) and San Diego State University (7-3 W)...A Southwest Division team has never won the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship as San Diego State—which captured the 2014 crown—was a member of the Pacific Coast Division at the time...Historically, the Southwest Division was comprised primarily of Southwest teams (University of Arizona, Arizona State University, U.S. Air Force Academy, University of Utah, etc.) until a realignment of the Pacific Coast, Rocky Mountain and Southwest Divisions following the 2014 campaign.

Location: La Jolla, Calif.
Mascot: Tritons
Head Coach: Macey Kadifa
Assistant Coaches: Joseph Kadifa, Mackenzie Cottle

1	Story Waxman
1A	Brynna Moore
2	Amdana Martilla
3	Elizabeth Hernandez
4	Emma Amakasu
5	Jaclyn Hahn
7	Nadia Alcaraz
8	Natalie Kaplanyan
9	Kayleigh Dennen
10	Tania Frank
11	Isabella Pedrazzani
13	Julia Deruns
15	Abigail Keegan
16	Riley Cristat
17	Sunny Perkins
20	Cecilia Sommerfield

Texas A&M University

Texas Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2023

A 12-time Texas Division Champion (2001, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024), Texas A&M University will serve as the site of the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship for the second time after previously hosting the 2005 event...After electing to not compete at the 2019 event, the team returned to the championship field in 2022 to face the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (6-4 W), the University of California-San Diego (13-4 L), Boston College (14-4 W) and the University of Oregon (8-7 L) to finish in sixth place...At the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA), the Aggies faced the University of Colorado (11-4 W), Arizona State University (8-5 L), the University of Notre Dame (11-8 W) and the University of Washington (9-6 W) to claim fifth place in 2023...This year, A&M finished 7-1 during the regular season prior to the "A" team topping Texas A&M "B" (5-0 W Forfeit), host Rice University (17-1 W) and the University of Texas (12-6 W) at the division championship tournament...This year marks the Aggies' 12th appearance at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship tournament following berths in 2001 (eighth), 2005 (12th), 2008 (15th), 2010 (13th), 2013 (12th), 2014 (12th), 2015 (15th), 2017 (Ninth), 2018 (13th), 2022 (sixth) and 2023 (fifth). A Texas Division team has never made the title game as either the division champion/representative or host team has placed fifth (2023), sixth (2005, 2022), eighth (2006, 2001), ninth (2017), 10th (2009, 2004), 11th (2012, 2011, 2003), 12th (2014, 2013, 2005, 2002), 13th (2010, 2007, 2016, 2018) or 15th (2008, 2015, 2019) since 2001.



Location: College Station, Texas
Mascot: Aggies
Head Coach: Alexander McQueen
Assistant Coach: Alexis Hedge

- 1 Leah Nelson
- 1A Reagan Smith
- 2 Ava Faux
- 3 Alexandria Hitt
- 4 Sadie Shorter
- 5 Emily Nguyen
- 6 Avery Davis
- 7 Danielle Collins
- 10 Mia Senmache
- 11 Ava Rodriguez
- 12 Shannon Connolly
- 13 Kayla Shaunfield
- 14 Danielle Gerac
- 17 Braela Loftin
- 18 Sydney Vu
- 19 Sara Vorhaben
- 20 Emma Bushbom
- 21 Meghan Shimer

University of Notre Dame

Midwest Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2023

The University of Notre Dame is making another appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship...Notre Dame has placed second (2009, 2015), fourth (2002), sixth (2001, 2010), seventh (2000, 2023), ninth (2006, 2013, 2014), 10th (2008, 2019, 2022), 11th (2007, 2011) and 12th (2012) in the championship's history...In 2009 at the University of California-Davis, the Irish fell 6-4 to California Polytechnic State University in the National Championship game...In 2015 at Middlebury College, Notre Dame again advanced to the National Championship game, but fell by an 11-5 count against the University of California...Head coach Brian Coughlin is in his 26th season at the helm of the program and has led Notre Dame to rate among the best and most consistent collegiate water polo programs in the nation as the Irish are a perennial threat to capture the program's inaugural National Championship title...The Irish marched through the Midwest Division this year as the team finished 11-0—including victories over Illinois State University (17-3 W), Miami University (19-6 W) and Grand Valley State University (11-5 W) at home in the Rolf's Aquatic Center during the Midwest Division Championship tournament on April 13-14...In 2022 at the Huntsville Aquatic Center in Huntsville, Ala., the Irish suffered an 8-4 setback versus the University of California-Santa Barbara before facing the University of Virginia (15-9 W), Grand Valley State (10-9 W OT SD) and Arizona State University (10-4 L) to finish in 10th place...Last year at the University of California-Los Angeles, Notre Dame dispatched Florida State University (10-6 W) before dropping back-to-back games to the UC-Santa Barbara (9-5 L) and Texas A&M University (11-8 L). In the Seventh Place game versus Boston University, the Irish collared the Terriers by a 14-9 count.



Location: Notre Dame, Ind.
Mascot: Irish

- Head Coach:** Brian Coughlin
- 1 Olivia Sanders
 - 1A Hazel Bramble
 - 2 Grace Kellerman
 - 4 Audrey Filonczuk
 - 6 Rory Kilmer
 - 7 Abygail Dravis
 - 8 Lauren Rodenberg
 - 10 Emily Shank
 - 11 Natalina Antongiovanni
 - 12 Lizette Tello
 - 13 Grace Christopher
 - 15 Isabella Fernandez
 - 17 Abbie McCarthy
 - 20 Cara Walicki
 - 21 Catherine Rao

University of Washington

Northwest Division Champion

Last National Championship Appearance — 2023

An 11-time (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2024) division champion, the University of Washington handled Oregon State University "B" (18-2 W), Western Washington University (14-5 W) and Oregon State University "A" (10-4 W) at the Northwest Division Championship to cap off a 6-1 schedule...At the 2023 Women's National Collegiate Club Championship hosted by the University of California-Los Angeles, Washington faced West Chester University (7-5 W), the University of Michigan (17-6 L), Boston University (8-5 W) and Texas A&M University (9-6 L) to garner sixth place...It marked the team's first appearance at the club championship since placing sixth at the 2019 tournament hosted by the University of Notre Dame when the Huskies battled Cornell University (18-5 W), California Polytechnic State University (9-5 L) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (5-3 W) prior to taking an 11-8 setback versus Lindenwood University in the fifth place game...In the history of the championship, the Huskies have previously placed first (2000), sixth (2003, 2019, 2023), seventh (2016, 2017, 2018), eighth (2004) and 13th (2008)...In 2001, Washington won the division, but elected not to attend the championship hosted by Miami University (Ohio)...In the team's first trip to the championship in 2000, Washington defeated California State University-Chico (9-7 W) and host the University of Arizona (6-3 W) prior to defeating Michigan State University for the title...In 2018 tournament host, the Huskies downed Pennsylvania State University (12-7 W), fell to Cal Poly (11-5 L) and the University of California-San Diego (7-6 L) prior to topping Boston College (10-7 W) in the seventh place game...At the 2017 championship hosted by the University of Pittsburgh, the Huskies faced Columbia University (20-2 W), The Ohio State University (6-5 W), Grand Valley State University (6-5 L) and Dartmouth College (8-4 W) to again finish in seventh place...At the 2016 championship hosted by the University of California-Santa Cruz, the Huskies managed the University of Virginia (13-7 W), dropped a 19-2 game against the University of California-Davis and a 20-4 contest to San Diego State University prior to taking down Middlebury College (12-10 W) in the seventh place clash.



Location: Seattle, Wash.
Mascot: Huskies
Head Coaches: Abby Sylvester,
Jenna Somberg

- 1 Julia Lubas
- 1A Keira Garcia
- 3 Anika Harding
- 4 Eliza Wilkins
- 5 Charlotte Wolfert
- 7 Charlotte Mitchell
- 8 Makenzie Edwards
- 9 Josephine Southwell
- 10 Addie Sciammas
- 11 Alexandra Krepsik
- 15 Mia Stitt
- 16 Grace Sheehan
- 20 Nicole Strella

Northeastern University

New England Division Champion

First National Championship Appearance

A first-time qualifier for the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship thanks to a 10-8 defeat of Boston University on Sunday, April 18, at Boston College for the program's inaugural division crown, the Huskies of Northeastern University stormed through the New England Division standings to post an 11-0 mark...The Huskies have experienced a steady climb over the past several seasons in the division...Last year, Northeastern finished 5-6 in the New England Division to claim fifth place...In 2022, the squad took sixth place in the division with a 3-4 mark...Prior to the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 seasons due to the COVID-19 outbreak, Northeastern finished 1-10 in the 2019 New England Division standings on the heels of a 2-9, seventh place mark in 2018 and a 3-8, sixth place finish in 2017...In 2016, the Huskies went 4-7 for fifth place...A year prior in 2015, the team was 4-7 and took home seventh place after recording 6-5, fourth place (2014) and 5-7, third place (2013) marks in the program's inaugural seasons as part of the Collegiate Water Polo Association.



Location: Boston, Mass.
Mascot: Huskies
Head Coach: Jo Brinkman
Assistant Coach: Aislin Black

- 1 Katie Kupyer
- 1A Kathleen McClatchie
- 1B/10 Lauren De Sousa
- 2 Isabelle Cenizal
- 4 Kenza Ashworth
- 6/12 Avery Emison
- 7 Lejla Najarro
- 11 Kayla McCleave
- 13 Anna Schlegel
- 14 Jamie Tishkoff
- 15 Katelyn Taylor
- 16 Ansley Cooper

