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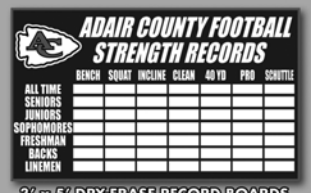
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History of the Collegiate Water Polo Association

The Collegiate Water Polo Association originally began as the Mid Atlantic Conference, founded by Dick Russell (Bucknell University swimming & water polo coach) in the 1970's. 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 staff, which is located in Bridgeport, Pa., oversees approximately 300 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	
2021	Michigan State University	University of California-San Diego
2022	University of California-San Diego	California Polytechnic State University
2023	University of California-San Diego	University of Florida
2024	University of California-San Diego	California Maritime Academy
2025	California Polytechnic State University	University of California-San Diego

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 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. 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 2025 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 2025 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship. Positions No. 12-to-15 are determined by random draw. Due to host the University of Alabama winning the Southeast Division, the team claims the No. 4 position, while division runner-up the Georgia Institute of Technology takes the No. 16 spot. Per league rule, Rocky Mountain Division runner-up the University of Colorado makes the field to replace division champion the University of Utah which declined to compete.

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.

2026 National Collegiate Club Championship Bracketing

1st Position: California Polytechnic State University
(Pacific Coast Division)

2nd Position: San Diego State Univ./UC-San Diego
(Southwest Division)

3rd Position: Texas A&M University
(Texas Division)

4th Position: University of Alabama
(Southeast Division)

5th Position: California State University-Chico
(Sierra Pacific Division Regular Season Champion)

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

7th Position: Florida International University
(Florida Division)

8th Position: University of Virginia
(Atlantic Division)

16th Position: Georgia Institute of Technology
(Rocky Mountain Division Runner-Up)

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

14th Position: Iowa State University
(Missouri Valley Division)

13th Position: University of Pittsburgh
(Mid-Atlantic Division)

12th Position: University of Notre Dame
(Great Lakes Division)

11th Position: University of Oregon
(Northwest Division)

10th Position: Indiana University
(Big Ten Division)

9th Position: Yale University
(New England Division)

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2026 National Collegiate Club Championship Schedule

				Game #	Score
Friday, November 6, 2026					
9:00	Cal Poly State University	vs.	Georgia Institute of Technology	1	
10:10	San Diego State/UC-San Diego	vs.	Cornell University	2	
11:20	Texas A&M University	vs.	Iowa State University	3	
12:30	University of Alabama	vs.	University of Pittsburgh	4	
1:40	California State University-Chico	vs.	University of Notre Dame	5	
2:50	University of Colorado	vs.	University of Oregon	6	
4:00	Florida International University	vs.	Indiana University	7	
5:10	University of Virginia	vs.	Yale University	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	
Saturday, November 7, 2026					
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 of Game 11	vs.	Winner of 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 9	vs.	Loser of Game 12	23 (13th/15th)	
9:50	Loser of Game 10	vs.	Loser of Game 11	24 (13th/15th)	
Sunday, November 8, 2026					
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	
Award Ceremony immediately following 1st Place Game					
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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Team Information

California Polytechnic State University

Pacific Coast Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2025

Location: San Luis Obispo, California
Nickname: Mustangs

1	Aidan Fitzpatrick	Arroyo Grande, Calif.
1A	Sam Rich	Santa Barbara, Calif.
2	George Stein	Piedmont, Calif.
3	Bo Clemens	Solana Beach, Calif.
4	Eros Brunel	Marseille, France
6	Cole Stanford	Marin, Calif.
7	Evan Grell	Pleasanton, Calif.
9	Maxwell Tuggle	Arroyo Grande, Calif.
10	Wyatt Rantz	Danville, Calif.
12	Colin Parker	Long Beach, Calif.
13	Tommy Martin	Walnut Creek, Calif.
14	James Lambert	Danville, Calif.
16	AJ Schoenberger	La Jolla, Calif.
17	Kaleb Lum	Alameda, Calif.
18	Ford Bovich	Oregon, Calif.
20	Hudson Macleod	Santa Barbara, Calif.
23	Nathan Arakawa	Castro Valley, Calif.
24	Dominic Sousa	Orcutt, Calif.

The all-time leader among active collegiate club programs in Men's Club Championships with six (1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2025) in nine title game appearances (1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2022, 2025), the Mustangs of California Polytechnic State University claimed their 14th Pacific Coast Division title (1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2018, 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026) with a 7-1 regular season prior to picking up victories over the University of California-Santa Barbara "B" (23-2 W), California Polytechnic State University "B" (13-5 W) and host the University of California-Los Angeles "A" (12-10 W) on Saturday-Sunday, October 31-November 1...The squad previously finished Second (2003, 2008), Third (2000, 2017, 2018, 2024) and Fifth (2006) at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship to accompany their titles since 2000...The Mustangs are the inaugural institution to reach the half dozen mark in Men's National Collegiate Club Championships as the Mustangs were tied with Lindenwood University (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019) for the most all-time prior to last year's win in Carlisle, Pa., at the Carlisle Family YMCA...A Pacific Coast Division team has won the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship 11 times since 1993 as the division claimed the crown in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2025...Prior to last year's appearance, a Pacific Coast Division team last made the title tilt in 2022 when the University of California-San Diego outlasted Cal Poly, 7-6, at the Chehalem Aquatic & Fitness Center in Newberg, Ore...In the history of the championship, Cal Poly has defeated the University of Richmond (1999), Villanova University (2001), the University of Southern California (2002), the University of Arizona (2004), Michigan State University (2007) and the University of California-San Diego (2025) in the national title game...Last year in Carlisle, the Mustangs managed the University of Missouri (16-2 W), the University of Florida (16-4 W), Texas A&M University (11-4 W) and UC-San Diego (9-8 W) to snap a three-year run of titles by the Tritons...At the University of Florida in 2024, Cal Poly topped the Georgia Institute of Technology (12-4 W) and Texas A&M (16-14 W), took an 11-4 semifinal loss to UC-San Diego and bested Boston College (20-5 W) in the Third Place game...At the Chehalem Aquatic & Fitness Center in Newberg, Ore., during the 2022 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship, the Mustangs faced the University of Washington (27-7 W), the University of Colorado (15-8 W) and Washington University in St. Louis (19-5 W) prior to taking a 7-6 loss to UC-San Diego in the title tilt...Competing at Arizona in 2018, the team took on the University of Alabama (22-5 W), the University of Michigan (12-2 W), the University of Utah (10-8 L) and the University of California (10-8 W) to pick-up a Third Place mark...During the 2017 championship hosted by Florida State University, Cal Poly—competing as the No. 16 seed to replace then Northwest Division Champion Oregon State University in the field—stunned three-time defending National Champion/No. 1 seed Lindenwood University (8-4 W) before battling The Ohio State University (7-5 W), the University of Texas (9-6 L) and Southern California (15-8 W) to take home Third Place...At the 2008 National Collegiate Club Championship hosted by Ohio University, No. 1 seed Cal Poly dropped Ohio (13-7 W), Dartmouth College (10-5 W) and Arizona State University (8-3 W) before running into Michigan State (15-13 L) in the title game...Before last year, the team's last National Championship came in 2007 at the University of Arizona as Cal Poly overcame Georgia Tech (16-2 W), Middlebury College (15-4 W), Miami University of Ohio (13-2 W) and Michigan State (7-6 W OT)...A year prior in 2006, the team took on host Miami (Ohio) (8-2 W), Williams College (11-3 W), Grand Valley State University (10-9 L) and Arizona (8-6 W) to garner Third Place...The 2004 National Champion, Cal Poly rolled over the University of South Dakota (16-2 W), the University of Oregon (17-4 W), Yale University (10-3 W) and Arizona (7-5 W) at the University of Notre Dame.

Cornell University

New York Division Regular Season Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2021

Location: Ithaca, New York
Nickname: Big Red
Head Coach: Yuval Grossman

1	Joshua Ploshay	Houston, Texas
2	Yair Sas	Berkeley, Calif.
3	Luke Rattanvijai	Newton, Mass.
4	Camden Keller	Seal Beach, Calif.
5	Will Earls	Castleton, Vt.
6	Luke McGrath	Lincroft, N.J.
7	Eric Park	Irvine, Calif.
8	Nate Smith	Reading, Mass.
9	Alec Ranker	Chicago, Ill.
10	Joe Brown	Westerly, R.I.
11	Matt Genet	Sunnyvale, Calif.
12	Beckett Finkel	Park City, Utah
13	James Ronayne	Annapolis, Md.
14	Alexander Seyer	St. Louis, Mo.
15	Eli Sheaffer	Carpinteria, Calif.
17	Eli Golde	Gainesville, Fla.
18	Rogelio Cianchini	San Juan, P.R.
20	Zach Zooby	San Jose, Calif.
22	Rouzbeh Rahai	Long Beach, Calif.

New York Division regular season champion Cornell University makes the field after the New York Division title game was canceled versus Columbia University at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) on Sunday, November 1 during the first quarter...Due to winning the regular season—combined with a 23-9 regular season victory by the Big Red on October 18 against the Lions—Cornell advances to the National Collegiate Club Championship...The Big Red last made the field in 2021 at the Huntsville Aquatics Center and faced Michigan State University (12-5 L), the Georgia Institute of Technology (10-8 W), the University of Texas (12-9 L) and Boston College (17-3 W) to claim 11th Place...The team is making the program's sixth appearance at Nationals after placing Fourth (2000 at King County Aquatic Center, Federal Way, Wash.), 11th (2021 at Huntsville), 12th (2013 at University of California-San Diego) along with tying for 13th (2014 at Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center, Salt Lake City, Utah) and 15th (2012 at Osborn Aquatic Center, Corvallis, Ore.)...The last New York Division program to make the title game was the United States Military Academy which won (1994) and lost (1995) versus the University of Dayton in back-to-back years.

Georgia Institute of Technology

Southeast Division Runner-Up
Last National Championship Appearance — 2024

Location: Atlanta, Georgia
Nickname: Yellow Jackets
Head Coach: Jeff Drewes
Assistant Coach: Kelsey Drewes

1	Edward Chang	Gr.	Houston, Texas
1A	Khoa Tran	Jr.	Media Pa.
3	Ben Ward	Sr.	Atlanta, Georgia
4	Ahmad Fareed	Jr.	Alpharetta, Georgia
5	Saasaan Ghorieshi	Jr.	John's Creek, Georgia
6	Joshua Ingleson	Gr.	Marietta, Georgia
7	Joseph Giugliano	Jr.	Suffield, Conn.
8	Justin Duong	So.	Hong Kong
9	Jack Belawske	Fr.	Marietta, Georgia
10	Jackson Chatfield	Sr.	Decatur, Georgia
12	George Thomas	Gr.	San Ramon, Calif.
13	Charles Nancarrow	Jr.	Marietta, Georgia
14	Zachary Pierce	Fr.	Discovery Bay, Calif.
15	Marc Matos	Gr.	Fayetteville, Georgia
18	Ryan O'Meara	Gr.	Andover, Mass.
19	Max Kornegay	Sr.	Marietta, Georgia
20	Liam Bien	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio

An eight-time (2002, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2021, 2024) Southeast Division Champion, the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech have previously placed Eighth (2002 at California Polytechnic State University/2003 at Texas A&M University) and 11th (2007 at University of Arizona) with ties for 13th (2009 at University of Florida /2011 at home/2024 at Florida) and 15th (2008 at Ohio University/2021 at Huntsville Aquatic Center)…In the program's last appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship in 2024 at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla., Georgia Tech dropped games to California Polytechnic State University (12-4 L) and the University of Michigan (15-13 L) before downing Florida State University (20-9 W) to tie with the United States Military Academy for 13th position...Led by head coach Jeff Drewes, the Ramblin Wreck' finished the regular season with a 6-2 mark to clinch the No. 2 seed for the Southeast Division Championship at home in Atlanta. At the event, Tech took down Auburn University (11-6 W) and Tulane University (5-0 W) prior to suffering a 17-7 setback against the University of Alabama...Georgia Tech is the No. 16 seed due to Alabama claiming the Southeast Division Champion's position at No. 4. Per league rules, the runner-up from the host institution's division (if the host wins their division title) assumes the No. 16 spot.

University of Pittsburgh

Mid-Atlantic Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2019

Location: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Nickname: Panthers
Head Coach: Hayden Hertz

1	Ethan Luginbuhl	Fr.	Perkasie, Pa.
1A	Kyle Mair	Fr.	Blue Bell, Pa.
2	Giulio Minerbi	Sr.	Milan, Italy
3	Callan Bunger	Fr,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
4	Carter Vandermolen	Jr.	Lansdale, Pa.
5	Andrew Davis	Sr.	Lansdale, Pa.
6	Simon Green	Fr.	Narberth, Pa.
7	Kayhaan Farahbakhshlan	Jr.	Sudbury, Mass.
8	Braden Hardel	So.	King of Prussia, Pa.
9	Caden Currykosky	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
10	Param Bhavsar	So.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
11	Pavle Kuljic	So.	Beverly, Mass.
12	Andrew Kelly	Jr.	Pennsburg, Pa.
13	Percy Kyd Bruneau	Fr.	Washington, D.C.
14	Brett Musselman	Sr.	Perkasie, Pa.
17	Max Davis-Denny	So.	Pasadena, Calif.
18	Ryan Walter	Fr.	Perkasie, Pa.
19	Parker Schepman	Jr.	San Jose, Calif.
20	Michael Timm	So.	Quakertown, Pa.
21	Nico Jacobs-Alarcon	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
22	Santi Campuzano	Fr.	Lake Worth, Fla.
24	Andrew Seltz	Sr.	Cornelius, N.C.
25	Alex Briglia	Sr.	Emmaus, Pa.

The University of Pittsburgh returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship thanks to the program's inaugural Mid-Atlantic Division Championship title...The Panthers rolled through the Mid-Atlantic Division by posting an 8-0 regular season record prior to clipping Carnegie Mellon University (13-11 W), Pennsylvania State University "B" (14-10 W) and host Pennsylvania State University "A" (8-7 W) in State College, Pa., to earn the program's second berth to the National Collegiate Club Championship...Pitt earned its inaugural appearance at Nationals due to hosting the 2019 championship in Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 15-17. The Panthers tied with the University of Alabama for 13th place in the final standings as Pittsburgh faced Lindenwood University (26-3 L), Boston College (16-10 L) and Oregon State University (18-6 L)...Pittsburgh will aim to surpass the best-ever finish by a Mid-Atlantic Division squad as Pennsylvania State University (1998) and Villanova University (2001 vs. California Polytechnic State University) finished second.

Iowa State University

Missouri Valley Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2024

Location: Ames, Iowa
Nickname: Cyclones

1	Jonathan Ryken	Fr.	Ames, Iowa
1A	Lucas Adell	Fr.	Aurora, Ill.
2	Austin Olson	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
3	Jack Rabe	Sr.	Marion, Iowa
4	Maxwell Moore	Fr.	Ballwin, Mo.
5	Juan Garay	Fr.	Lima, Peru
6	Ryan Losh	Gr.	Libertyville, Ill.
7	Casey Smith	Jr.	Santa Clara, Calif.
8	Charlie Friedman	Fr.	Deerfield, Ill.
9	Tovi Kharpak	So.	Mundelein, Ill.
10	Chris Corrtill	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
11	Sam Perez	Jr.	La Grange, Ill.
12	Michael Bongi	So.	Los Altos, Calif.
13	Noah Sleeper	Sr.	Ankeny, Iowa
14	Evan Stanke	So.	Highland Park, Ill.
15	Mohamed Elliboudy	Jr.	Alexandria, Egypt
16	Riley Traviss	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.
17	Teddy Chui	So.	Lincolnshire, Ill.
18	Natalie Dirienzo	Jr.	Frankfort, Ill.
20	Jorge Stewart Davila	Fr.	Frisco, Texas
22	Sam Cullen	So.	Dike, Iowa
23	Owen Reed	Fr.	Atwater, Calif.
24	Mateo Surma	So.	Bettendorf, Iowa
25	Emmett Nix	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill.
26	Brody Lamos	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Iowa State University is back at the National Collegiate Club Championship following the program's third division title (2005 Great Plains, 2024 Missouri Valley)...In 2014 at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah, the team came in as the Third Place finisher from the Great Plains Division and faced Lindenwood University (22-5 L), Michigan State University (17-7 L) and Cornell University (20-10 L) to tie for 15th...The team tied for 13th in 2005 at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., with contests against the University of Arizona (12-2 L), Pennsylvania State University (11-6 L) and Washington University in St. Louis (18-8 W)..In 2024 at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla., the Cyclones fell to the host Gators (27-5 L), the University of Oregon (11-5 L) and the United States Military Academy (15-4 L) to tie with Washington University in St. Louis for 15h place...The team finished 10-1 in the Missouri Valley Division during the 2026 season—including an 11-9 defeat of Illinois State University at home in Ames, Iowa, for the title.

University of California-San Diego

Potential Southwest Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2025

Location: La Jolla, California
Nickname: Tritons
Head Coach: Jackson Cassidy

1	Kaleb Dorse	Oceanside, Calif.
1A	Brian De Lama	Fontana, Calif.
2	Anthony Le	Encinitas, Calif.
3	Otis McAdams	Long Beach, Calif.
4	Gabriel Burks	Ann Arbor, Mich.
5	Luke Childs	Berkeley, Calif.
6	Andrew Cagney	San Diego, Calif.
7	Max Bayer	Poway, Calif.
8	Matt Spry	Santee, Calif.
9	Charalampos Konstantinou	Limassol, Cyprus
10	Filippo Maninetti	El Ceritto, Calif.
11	Preston Tchoi	San Jose, Calif.
12	Gonzalo Rivera	Madrid, Spain
13	Cade Winston	Sacramento, Calif.
14	Aaron Horst	Oceanside, Calif.
15	Alexander Miller	San Diego, Calif.
16	Rahul Iyengar	San Diego, Calif.
17	Eric Cheng	Carlsbad, Calif.

Because the Southwest Division Championship title game being canceled at the University of Arizona due to severe weather, the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) is listing both potential victors—the University of California-San Diego and San Diego State University—which will play for the title on Monday, November 2, after the program goes to press...UC-San Diego has eight prior Men's National Collegiate Club Championship appearances before the 2026 season as the Tritons claimed the 2018 and 2019 Southwest Division Championships prior to collecting the 2021 Pacific Coast Division crown and taking the Southwest title in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025…Last year at the Carlisle Family YMCA, the Tritons powered past Villanova University (25-9 W), the University of Colorado (8-3 W) and the University of Alabama (19-5 W) before seeing a three-year (2022-to-2024) reign as the National Champion come to an end via a 9-8 loss to California Polytechnic State University. The championship game appearance marked the fifth in five years (2021-to-2025) to establish a new record for consecutive trips to the title tilt...In 2024 under Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Hall of Fame coach Hector Sanchez, the Tritons stuck a fork in Florida State University (18-4 W), the University of Virginia (12-8 W), California Polytechnic State University (11-4 W) and California Maritime Academy (17-10 W) at the University of Florida's Stephen C. O'Connell Center to capture the program's third consecutive National Collegiate Club Championship. It marked the second time a school won three straight Men's National Collegiate Club titles joining the 2014-to-2016 Lindenwood University Lions. Further, the Tritons became the third program to appear in four straight Men's National Collegiate Club Championship title games (2001-to-2024) joining Cal Poly (2001-to-2004), Michigan State University (2005-to-2008) and Lindenwood (2013-to-2016)...In 2023 at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah, UCSD rolled past the University of Utah (18-8 W), Dartmouth College (15-10 W), the University of California (15-9 W) and Florida (12-8 W) to repeat as Men's National Collegiate Club Champions...In 2022 at the Chehalem Aquatics & Fitness Center in Newberg, Ore., UC-San Diego defeated Dartmouth (15-5 W), California (11-7 W), the University of Michigan (14-6 W) and Cal Poly (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 in the 2021 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship title game at the Huntsville Aquatic Center in Huntsville, Ala...In 2019 at the University of Pittsburgh, the Tritons battled the United States Military Academy (19-7 W), Cal Maritime (10-7 W) and Lindenwood (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 (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.

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San Diego State University

Potential Southwest Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2017

Location: San Diego, California
Nickname: Aztecs
Coach: Ali Nouredinne
Assistant Coaches: Jack Griffith, Garrett Johnson

1	Ben Ostrowski	Sr.
1A	Ian Manson	Sr.
2	Paxton Powers	So.
3	Vaughan Clark	Jr.
4	Ben Hecht	Jr.
5/15	Adam Montoe	Jr.
6	Aidan Crouch	Jr.
7/17	Barrett Satre	Jr.
8	Justin DiPietro	Sr.
9	Jordan Butcher	So.
10	Lucas Draper	Jr.
11	Colton Weed	So.
13	Robert Merrick	So.
14	Miles Boone	Jr.
16	Tyler Piscopo	Jr.
20	Jackson Loyd	So.

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Texas A&M University

Texas Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2025

Location: College Station, Texas
Nickname: Aggies

1	John Pawsat	Houston, Texas
1A	Ryan Sharar	Cypress, Texas
2	Leyton Kraft	Pearland, Texas
3	Zach Hobbs	Austin, Texas
4	Sebastian Warren	Houston, Texas
5	Logan Kraft	Pearland, Texas
6	Daniel Gremillion	Dallas, Texas
7	Korban Tubbs	San Antonio, Texas
8	Elijah Hernandez	Denton, Texas
9	Connor McSorley	Plano, Texas
10	Travis Thames	Pearland, Texas
11	Petar Simovic	Montenegro
12	Mason Mote	Cypress, Texas
14	Tomas Gomes	Tracy, Calif.
15	Channing Miller	Houston, Texas
16	Patrick Amann	San Antonio, Texas
17	Patricio Romero	Mission, Texas
18	Xander Zerr	Friendswood, Texas
19	Sean Stewart	Pearland, Texas

Texas A&M University is back at the National Collegiate Club Championship after clashing with Pennsylvania State University (13-5 W), California State University-Chico (11-10 W), California Polytechnic State University (11-4 L) and the University of Alabama (11-10 W) to claim Third Place in 2025...An eight-time Texas Division Champion (2001, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2016, 2024, 2025, 2026), Texas A&M University returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship after knocking off the University of Texas by an 8-6 score on October 26 at home in College Station, Texas, for the Texas Division Championship...The Aggies are making their third consecutive appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship after earning the program's first berth since the 2016 event at the University of Notre Dame…In 2024 at the University of Florida, the team took on the University of Michigan (11-9 W), California Polytechnic State University (16-14 L), the University of Virginia (19-18 L) and Washington University in St. Louis (17-12 W) to claim Seventh Place...In 2016, Texas A&M faced the University of Colorado (11-7 L), the host Irish (8-2 L) and Duke University (12-7 W) to tie with Florida State University for 13th Place...It marked Texas A&M's first appearance at Nationals since taking Ninth Place in 2008 at Ohio University...In 2007 at the University of Arizona, the team tied for 13th...In 2002 at Cal Poly, the team tied for 15th a year after tying for 15th at the inaugural 16-team Men's National Collegiate Club Championship in 2001 hosted by Florida.

University of Oregon

Northwest Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2024

Location: Eugene, Oregon
Nickname: Ducks
Head Coach: Jackson Woolfolk

1	Nathan Sands	Fr.	Albany, Ore.
3	Chase Blitzer	Fr.	San Jose, Calif.
4	Ethan Van Ess	Fr.	Bend, Ore.
5	Hunter Kotar	So.	Eugene, Ore.
6	Eli Snider	So.	Eugene, Ore.
7	Gavin Morag	Fr.	Monmouth, Ore.
8	Ayush Iyer	So.	San Jose, Calif.
10	Kalei O'Grady	Fr.	Eugene, Ore.
12	Jase Michel	Fr.	Bend, Ore.
14	Quinton Perkins	Fr.	Portland, Ore.
16	Will Rowell	Sr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
18	Drew Clapham	Fr.	El Cajon, Calif.
20	Zander Merrill	Fr.	Half Moon Bay, Calif.
21	Elias Pyka	Fr.	Encinitas, Calif.
22	Kainoa Bird	Fr.	Honolulu, Hawaii
23	Bode Weiss	So.	Eugene, Ore.
25	Christopher Ryder	Jr.	Bend, Ore.

The University of Oregon returns to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time since finishing 11th—via forfeit–and playing four games at the 2024 event hosted by the University of Florida. The Ducks faced Boston University (18-12 L), Iowa State University (11-5 W) and Pennsylvania State University (16-11 L) to make the 11th place game versus the University of Michigan. However, Michigan forfeited the game due to flight arrangements and the United States Military Academy won a lottery to play Oregon in the 30th and final game of the weekend (Oregon won 14-8)...Oregon made the 2026 field by finishing 3-1 during the Northwest Division regular season (including a 15-12 loss to regular season champion the University of Washington "A") prior to downing Western Washington University (19-4 W), Oregon State University (20-10 W) and Washington "A" (10-7 W) at home in the Amazon Aquatic Center to earn the division crown and a trip to "Rocket City"...An 11-time Northwest Division Champion (2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2023, 2024, 2026), the Ducks most recently finished 10th (2023), 11th (2024) and tied for 13th (2013) at Nationals. Prior to the tie for 13th in 2013, the team had never placed outside the Top 10 with prior 10th (2007, 2011, Ninth (2010), Eighth (2004, 2005) and Sixth (2008) Place marks.

University of Notre Dame

Great Lakes Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2025

Location: Notre Dame, Indiana
Nickname: Irish
Head Coach: Nate Pennington

1	Xavier Williams	So.	Houston, Texas
6	Connor Burke	Jr.	Hinsdale, Ill.
7	Shaun Gonzales	Fr.	Santa Ana, Calif.
8	Zach Jones	Jr.	Bellaire, Texas
9	Ethan Thomas	Fr.	Portland, Ore.
10	Michael Skale	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
11	Nate Pennington	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio
12	Owen Helenski	So.	Conshohocken, Pa.
17	Brendan Russell	Jr.	Daphne, Ala.
20	Brody Suba	Fr.	Orinda, Calif.
21	Nico Lohmann	Fr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil

The University of Notre Dame makes the program's fifth appearance at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship...The host of the 2004 and 2016 events, the Irish enter this year's clash as a division champion for the third time after previously claiming the Great Lakes Division title in 2019 and 2025…In the history of the event, Notre Dame has finished 13th (2004), 12th (2025) and 11th (2016, 2019) and will look to join Northwestern University (1993), the University of Dayton (1995), the University of Michigan (1996, 1998, 2003), Michigan State University (2000, 2006, 2008), Grand Valley State (2005) and Lindenwood University (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018) as Midwest teams with National Championships in men's water polo...Last year at the Carlisle Family YMCA in Carlisle, Pa., the Irish faced the University of Colorado (8-7 L), Villanova University (10-6 W), Dartmouth College (9-4 L) and the University of Washington (10-7 L) to claim 12th...Notre Dame earned its spot in the 2026 National Collegiate Club Championship field by going 3-0 at home in the lone Great Lakes Division tournament by defeating Wayne State University (24-7 W), Case Western University (20-3 W) and Grand Valley State University (16-10 W). Following the decision of Wayne State and Case Western to not compete at the Great Lakes Division Championship tournament, the Irish downed host Grand Valley State (13-8 W) at Rockford High School in Rockford, Mich., for the division crown and berth to this weekend's event.

Yale University

New England Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2021

Location: New Haven, Connecticut
Nickname: Bulldogs
Head Coach: Douglas Hausladen

1	Garrett Curtis	Jr.	New Haven, Conn.
1A	Roshan Khanna	Fr.	San Jose, Calif.
2	Avery Misner	Sr.	San Mateo, Calif.
3	Parker Russon	Fr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
4	Max Ringelstein	Jr.	Moultonborough, N.H.
5	Max Colomer	Sr.	Palos Verdes, Calif.
7	Art Li	Sr.	New Orleans, La.
8	Nicolas Christofferson	Sr.	McLean, Va.
9	Andrew Yang	Fr.	Princeton Junction, N.J.
10	Teddy Meeks	Jr.	Menlo Park, Calif.
12	Tomas Watson	Sr.	London, England, U.K.
14	Nick Jones	Law	St. Louis, Mo.
15	Antonio Giraldez Greco	So.	New Haven, Conn.
17	Arthur Cornelis	So.	New York, N.Y.
21	Ryan Karr	Fr.	Menlo Park, Calif.

Yale University is back at the National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time since finishing in Second Place at the 2011 event hosted by the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, under then head coach Andy Lewandowski and then assistant coach Doug Hausladen…This year, the team finished 9-1-1 in the New England Division, including victories over host Boston College (11-7 W), Northeastern University (14-9 W) and Dartmouth College (10-8 W) at the division championship tournament...In 2011, the Bulldogs defeated Villanova University (9-3 W), Texas Tech University (11-9 W OT) and Columbia University (10-9 W OT) before taking an 8-5 setback versus the University of Southern California (USC) in the National Championship game...The 2011 trip marked the third consecutive appearance by Yale at the National Collegiate Club Championship...A seven-time New England Division Champion (2003, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2026), Yale previously placed second (2011), seventh (2009), fifth (2005), fourth (2004) and third (2003) at Nationals.

Indiana University

Big Ten Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2013

Location: Bloomington, Indiana
Nickname: Hoosiers
Head Coach: Jason Zhao
Asst. Coaches: Jake MacLeod, Aadi Rajvanshi, Evan Louie

1	Aiden Reedy	Jr.	Elmhurst, Ill.
1A	Aram Kedeshian	So.	Pasadena, Calif.
2	Max Lapointe St-Georges	Sr.	Lincolnshire, Ill.
3	Wesley Scott	Sr.	Oak Park, Ill.
4	Chris Killeen	Jr.	Greenwich, Conn.
5	James Struhs	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
6	Meyer Chemerinski	So.	Los Angeles, Calif.
7	Maximilian Borsovskly	Sr.	Berlin, Germany
8	Adam Gaffney	Jr.	Barrington, Ill.
9	Jason Zhao	Sr.	Buffalo Grove, Ill.
10	Carter Smith	So.	Southlake, Texas
11	Greg Huseby	So.	River Forest, Ill.
12	Will Keyes	So.	Oak Park, Ill.
13	Sam Sinzheimer	So.	Aurora, Ill.
14	Ethan Pautsch	Sr.	Orland Park, Ill.
15	James Lowrey	Fr.	Hermosa Beach, Calif.
16	Billy MacLeod	So.	Aurora, Ill.
17	Jake MacLeod	So.	Aurora, Ill.
18	Preston Page	Sr.	Larkspur, Calif.
19	Jeremy Lane	Fr.	Oak Park, Ill.
20	Ethan Korakas	Fr.	Wellesley, Mass.
21	Parker Etnyre	Jr.	Lafayette, Calif.
22	Max Mikus	Jr.	Yorba Linda, Calif.
23	Arek Kedeshian	So.	Pasadena, Calif.
24	Brady Harrington	Fr.	Westwood, Mass.
25	Leo Wiston	Jr.	Hendersonville, Tenn.
26	Charlie Beyer	Fr.	Oak Park, Ill.

Indiana University will make the program's second appearance at the National Collegiate Club Championship…The 2013 Big Ten Division Champion, Indiana's victory marks the first time since their last appearance at Nationals that a team besides either Michigan State University or the University of Michigan will represent the Big Ten Division. For accuracy, Ohio State University—a current Big Ten Division member—represented the Great Lakes Division during the 2013, 2014, 2017 and 2018 Men's National Collegiate Club Championships..In 2013 at the University of California-San Diego in La Jolla, Calif., Indiana faced the University of Oregon (13-9 W OT), the University of California-Los Angeles (10-7 L), Arizona State University (12-9 L) and the University of Texas (11-8 W) to earn an 11th Place finish...The Hoosiers earned the way to the Cotton State by overcoming a 2-4-1 regular season record and No. 6 seed at the Big Ten Division Championship hosted by Ohio State University to down No. 3 seed the University of Michigan "A" (9-8 W), No. 2 seed Michigan State University (10-9 W) and host/regular season champion Ohio State (10-9 W).

University of Alabama

Southeast Division Champion/Host
Last National Championship Appearance — 2025

Location: Birmingham, Alabama
Nickname: Crimson Tide

1	Aaron Rivera	Elmhurst, Ill.
1A	Bram Gerken	Bend, Ore.
2	Jason Tockstein	San Diego, Calif.
3	Campbell Dorand	San Clemente, Calif.
4	Hank Jaffe	Charlotte, N.C.
5	Jackson Lesnever	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
6	Jake Alves	San Clemente, Calif.
7	Thomas Russell	Lancaster, Pa.
8	James Beamer	Calhoun, Georgia
9	John Bryner	Columbus, Ohio
10	Chase Dimauro	Lansdale, Pa.
11	William Rigazzi	Virginia Beach, Va.
12	Cyrus Harshbarger	Sacramento, Calif.
15	Jared Carollo	Buffalo Grove, Ill.
16	Landon Kenny	Pleasanton, Calif.
18	Mauricio Carmona	Chicago, Ill.
21	Chuck O'Connor	Cincinnati, Ohio

The University of Alabama advances to the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the seventh time since 2017...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 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)...At the University of Oregon in 2022, 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)...In 2023 at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah, the Crimson Tide dropped games to the University of Colorado (16-5 L) and the University of Oregon (13-9 L) before topping Army (15-8 W) to finish in a tie for 13th place…Last year at the Carlisle YMCA Aquatic Center in Carlisle, Pa., the team defeated Dartmouth College (13-10 W) and Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech) (13-7 W) before falling to the University of California-San Diego (19-5 L) and Texas A&M University (11-10 L) to finish in Fourth Place.

California State University-Chico

Sierra Pacific Division Regular Season Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2025

Location: Chico, California
Nickname: Wildcats
Head Coach: Carlos Cazares

1	Kameron Warren
1A	Lucas Primavera
2	Owen Wolfe
3	Joseph Stanbridge
4	Vinny Gasparini
5	Cameron Reed
6	Logan Williams
8	Hank Wildenradt
10	Travis Kralj
12	Jack Ludington
13	Chase Jackson
14	Ben Castillo
15	Rhett Wildenradt
18	Tony Trapanese
20	Colby Day
21	Griffin Marks
22	Rylan Regan
23	Max Radonich
25	Loren Nystrom

California State University-Chico is back at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship after placing fifth last year. Following conference runner-up finishes in 1998 (Pacific Coast Division), 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2023 (Sierra Pacific Division) and the runner-up during the Sierra Pacific Division regular season with a 7-1 record (a 10-7 loss to regular season champion the University of California at California Maritime Academy the only blemish) last year, Chico State avenged the loss by defeating the University of California-Santa Cruz (15-7 W), California Maritime Academy (15-7 W) and California (10-8 W) to capture the institution's inaugural men's collegiate club division crown in 2025. The team then faced the University of Michigan (10-9 W OT), Texas A&M University (11-10 L), the University of Florida (15-10 W) and the University of Colorado (13-10 W) in Carlisle, Pa., at the Carlisle YMCA Aquatic Center...Cal State-Chico did not win its division this year as the regular season champion advances due to the Sierra Pacific Division championship also occurring this weekend.

University of Colorado

Rocky Mountain Division Runner-Up
Last National Championship Appearance — 2025

Location: Boulder, Colorado
Nickname: Buffaloes
Head Coach: Adam Hurd
Assistant Coach: Ryan Bannon

1	JP Duran	Fr.	Prosper, Texas
2	Chase Weddell	Fr.	Temecula, Calif.
3	Chase King	Jr.	Danville, Calif.
4	Cole Lawrence	Fr.	San Ramon, Calif.
5	Simone Abboud	Fr.	San Diego, Calif.
6	Ron Zamir	Jr.	Palo Alto, Calif.
7	Noam Peleg	Fr.	Portland, Ore.
8	Kaden Doran	So.	Corona, Calif.
9	Justin Gabriel	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.
10	Matteo Petty	Sr.	Orinda, Calif.
11	Nathan Chase	Fr.	Dallas, Texas
12	Tyler Patay	Jr.	San Diego. Calif.

An 11-time Rocky Mountain Division Champion (2008, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025), the University of Colorado is back at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship due to division champion the University of Utah electing not to compete....The 1997 National Collegiate Club Championship runner-up, the Buffaloes are a 14-time National Championship tournament qualifier with prior Second (1997), Fifth (2016), Sixth (2023, 2025), Seventh (2001, 2014, 2021), Eighth (2010, 2023), Ninth (2015, 2024), 11th (2017) and 12th (2008) place marks at the event...In 2022, the Buffaloes topped the University of Florida (11-10 W), fell to California Polytechnic State University (15-8 L), upended McKendree University (10-8 W) and dropped a 9-8 decision in the Fifth Place game to the University of California (9-8 L)...In 2023 at the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah, Colorado faced the University of Alabama (16-5 W), Michigan State University (9-8 L), the University of California-Los Angeles (9-7 L) and Dartmouth College (11-6 L) to take home Eighth Place...At Florida in 2024, the team suffered a 15-14 loss in sudden death overtime to the University of Virginia prior to stampeding for wins over Florida State University (16-9 W), the University of Michigan (15-6 W) and Pennsylvania State University (15-13 W) to collect Ninth Place...Last year at the Carlisle YMCA Aquatic Center in Carlisle, Pa., Colorado defeated the University of Notre Dame (8-7 W), fell to the University of California-San Diego (8-3 L), topped Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech) (11-6 W) and lost to California State University-Chico (13-10 L) to finish in Sixth Place...Colorado—which claimed the Rocky Mountain Division regular season title and No. 1 seed at the championship—lost to the University of Utah by a 9-7 score in the division title game. However, the Utes elected not to attend permitting the Buffaloes to make the trip to Alabama. They are the first runner-up to make the field since the University of Southern California replaced San Diego State University as the Southwest Division representative at the 2021 National Collegiate Club Championship also in Huntsville...The Buffaloes and California State University-Chico both have a chance to become the third team to win the National Championship without a division crown as California Polytechnic State University achieved the feat in 1999 by handling the University of Richmond at the University of Arizona as the Pacific Coast Division runner-up (California Baptist University won the division title) and the University of Southern California repeated the trick in 2012 at the Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis, Ore., as the No. 11 seed (Atlantic Division Champion the University of North Carolina and runner-up the United States Naval Academy elected not to compete awarding the spot to the runner-up from the 2011 National Champion Pacific Coast Division)/ Pacific Coast Division runner-up (the University of California-Los Angeles won the title) with a 12-11 defeat of the University of California.

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Florida International University

Florida Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2009

Location: Miami, Florida
Nickname: Golden Panthers

1	Connor Altentado	Miami, Fla.
2	Lester Machado	Hialeah, Fla.
3	Nicholas Navarro	Hialeah, Fla.
4	Charlotte Lucas	Dania Beach, Fla.
5	Jordan Waithe	Port of Spain, T&T
7	Yassin Taymour	Cairo, Egypt
8	Ronny Rueda	Miami, Fla.
9	Juan Lopez	Barquisimeto, Venezuela
10	Zeyad Zahran	Cairo, Egypt
11	Yassin Moussa	Cairo, Egypt
12	Guillermo Reboredo	Caracas, Venezuela
15	Yovany Marquez	Hialeah, Fla.

Florida International University returns to the National Collegiate Club Championship for the first time since 2009 as the Golden Panthers went 5-2-1 during the regular season to claim the No. 3 seed at the Florida Division Championship. FIU knocked off the University of Florida "B" (23-6 W), host University of Florida "A" (13-12 W) and Florida State University "A" (15-14 W) in Gainesville, Fla., to punch the team's ticket to Huntsville...Florida International last made the National Championship field in 2009 at Florida in Gainesville, Fla...Led by then head coach Carroll Vaughan and graduate student Chris Arias, the Florida Division Golden Panthers defeated Columbia University (15-13 W), the University of Utah (12-8 W) and Michigan State University (15-4 W) before losing to the University of California-Los Angeles (10-8 L) in the National Championship game...This marks FIU's fifth trip to Nationals as the Florida (2007, 2009, 2026) and Southeast (2005, 2006) Champion holds prior second (2009), fifth (2006), sixth (2007) and seventh (2005) place marks at the event.

University of Virginia

Atlantic Division Champion
Last National Championship Appearance — 2024

Location: Charlottesville, Virginia
Nickname: Cavaliers

1	Carter Grohe	Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va.
3	Boris Rubel	Gr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
4	Trey Taylor	Jr.	Baltimore, Md.
5	Dominic Feracci	So.	Baltimore, Md.
6	Ted Zhang	Gr.	Salt Lake City, Utah
8	Penn Clay	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
9	Joe Mills	Fr.	Alexandria, Va.
12	Nico Della Pietra	Fr.	Greenwich, Conn.
16	Sam Lindsey	Jr.	Virginia Beach, Calif.
17	Ethan Scifres	Sr.	Granite Bay, Calif.
20	Roberto Carbone	Sr.	Genova, Italy
24	Gavin Root	So.	Baltimore, Md.

The University of Virginia appears at the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship for the fifth time in program history…The Cavaliers are back in the field after going 7-1 in the Atlantic Division-North Region race prior to defeating championship host the University of Maryland (20-10 W), North Carolina State University (31-18 W) and the United States Naval Academy (21-12 W) at the Atlantic Division Championship...This should be Virginia's sixth trip to Nationals. However, last year the team informed the league of their inability to compete two days prior to the start of play in Carlisle, Pa., at the Carlisle Family YMCA. Division runner-up Navy was unable to commit due to government travel regulations as Atlantic Division third place finisher Virginia Polytechnic State University filled the position per league policy...In 2003, Virginia claimed the 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 2022 at the Chehelam Aquatic & Fitness Center in Newberg, Ore., Virginia 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…At the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Kearns, Utah, in 2023, the Cavaliers faced Washington University in St. Louis (19-12 L), Baylor University (15-12 W), host the University of Utah (17-12 W) and the University of Oregon (15-6 W) to take Ninth Place…In 2024 at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla., the team met the University of Colorado (15-14 W OT SD), the University of California-San Diego (12-8 L), Texas A&M University (19-18 W) and Florida (15-14 W) to claim Fifth Place.