

Wisdom of a Wednesday ***Update - July 15, 2020***

It is my sincere hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe, and that this forced break from water polo has given you time to rejuvenate and has refueled your passion for officiating. Here we are in the middle of July, wondering if a fall water polo season is going to happen. I wish I had definitive answers for you, but I do not. What I do know is that we are in unprecedented times and things can change in the tweet of a whistle.

Ref School

As of this writing, the plan is to have a one day – online – ref school on **August 22**. Please understand that this is subject to change depending on the status of the fall season.

Tentative Schedule (PST)

9-11am

Covid-19 Officiating

Enhanced Referee Procedures

New Rules

1-3pm

Referee/Coach Interaction

Advantage & Hierarchy of Fouls

4-6pm

Professionalism

Referee Interaction

Evaluations

Reporting

For those who cannot make the one day format, each segment will be offered on a different day in the evenings. Those dates and times to be determined.

New Rules

Once the language for the new rules is finalized for the rule book, I will add them to the Advantage website for your perusal. This rules cycle has the most changes NCAA Water Polo has seen in some time. In a nutshell, the majority of the FINA/USAWP rules were merged into the NCAA water polo rules with the exception of:

- No shortening of the shot clock
- No flying substitutions
- No automatic penalty inside 6 meters when holding the ball

Please continue to keep yourself and those you love safe and healthy. I look forward to us all getting back on the deck.

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