

## ***Wisdom of a Wednesday (on a Monday)***

### ***Update – August 17, 2020***

I am hoping this update finds all of you and your loved ones healthy and safe. During these unprecedented times, our referee family has endured multiple losses. The most recent being Greg Hallisey from Virginia. Please join me in sending positive energy to his family. Greg whistled from coast to coast, any and all games that needed a whistle. He will be missed as a referee, but even more as a genuine and caring soul.

All of the conferences that sponsor varsity men's water polo (CWPA – MAWPC & NEWPC, GCC, MPSF, SCIAC & WWPA) have officially postponed their seasons. In case you missed it, below is the link to the most recent NCAA announcements regarding fall season sports:

[https://www.ncaa.com/live-updates/ncaa/ncaa-sports-news-schedule-changes-coronavirus-updates-all-sports?utm\\_campaign=trending](https://www.ncaa.com/live-updates/ncaa/ncaa-sports-news-schedule-changes-coronavirus-updates-all-sports?utm_campaign=trending)

#### **Referee School Postponed**

Referee School is postponed until we have a more firm date for the start of competition. The one day online school will take place 2-4 weeks prior to the start of the season with additional individual one day sessions afterward for those who cannot make the single day format.

#### **DATE TBA**

*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

In the meantime, starting in September, multiple monthly mini modules will be released so we can all ramp back up our game and get prepared once again for NCAA Water Polo. The modules will include the new rules, videos, mechanics, signalization, plus additional game situations that we can all do better.

Once water polo returns, there will be TONS of games that will need to be covered. Please ensure that you are prepared to return, both mentally and physically, and encourage any other referees, or potential referees, to join you!

More updates to follow as information becomes available.

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