

Welcome to Advantage!

Welcome to the 2024-25 season!

If you received this letter via email, you have successfully registered for the NCAA central hub. If you are viewing this letter on [refquest.com](https://www.refquest.com) and have not registered yet, please click Register in the top right corner. Click [here](#) for more information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program.

The rapidly approaching end of summer signals another season of NCAA water polo is right around the corner. I know that we are anxious to get back to college polo. The Advantage central hub provides a common national platform where we can gather for community-wide growth and improvement as we strive to improve the great game of college water polo.

Below you will find eligibility requirements and important dates for the 2024-25 season. Please visit the Advantage central hub frequently to stay current on the latest officiating news and information, rules interpretations and clarifications, and videos of recurring plays and how they are to be officiated. You will also have access to complete eligibility requirements for postseason assignment consideration.

You have made your first of many great calls of the season by choosing to register with the NCAA. Thank you for being a critical part of the NCAA Water Polo Referee Program. If you have ideas or suggestions for improvement, please email me at wpncoamber@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the season. When the officiating community is on the same page, it is good for the game. Thank you for your diligence in preparing for the upcoming season!

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Eligibility:

Eligibility Requirements for NCAA Postseason Consideration: To be eligible to be considered for NCAA postseason assignment, officials must complete the following criteria:

- Register on RQ+ (refquest.com)
- Consent to a background check
- Pass Rules Test
 - o 50 questions
 - o 90% score required to pass
 - o Three (3) attempts allowed
- Attend the virtual referee seminar on August 24
 - o Additional details will be made available shortly
- Referee a minimum of 12 NCAA contests (men's season) - 15 NCAA contests (women's season)
- Be nominated by at least one of the conferences with an AQ
- Whistle at a conference championship with an AQ
- Officiate no more than three (3) consecutive NCAA championships

NCAA water polo leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items.

Important Dates:

- Rules Test Available – August 20, 2024 (Approximate Date)
- Referee Seminar – August 24, 2024

The test will re-open in January for any officials only available to whistle the spring season.

General and Professional Liability Insurance:

As a part of your RQ registration, insurance is included for all intercollegiate contests. The program provides insurance for contests officiated from August 1, 2024 to August 1, 2025.

- \$6,000,000 per incident (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess)
 - o Includes personal and advertising injury, bodily injury and property damage, damage to premises, abuse, and molestation (domestic and international)
- \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Professional Liability coverage
 - o Includes errors and omissions, coordinators/supervisors, game graders, evaluators (domestic and international)

- \$15,000 Accident/Medical per occurrence
 - Includes accidental death and dismemberment, excess accident/medical beyond existing coverage
- Option to expand coverage GL/PL coverage for all non-intercollegiate events
 - Ability to extend coverage for officiating high school and other sanctioned contests
- Option to purchase increased game fee replacement insurance
 - This insurance offering is intended to cover instances where an injury or other medical event sustained from a covered accident renders you totally disabled and unable to work games you had been assigned. The coverage can pay fees for missed intercollegiate games, up to \$500 a week (for as many as 52 weeks).

Welcome Packet:

Hard copies of this year's rules book will begin shipping in September. Again this year, to reduce the cost of registration, an official may "opt out" of receiving a hard copy of the rules book. A digital version of the rules book will be available under "Publications" on Advantage.

Registration Fees:

All Divisions: \$100