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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Excerpted from the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 6.1:*

### **6.1 Mission Statement**

The purpose of postconference competition (PC) is to reward excellence in individual and team sports through regional and state championship competition.

The goals of PC are:

- A. To provide an opportunity for outstanding teams and individuals to compete in championship events.
- B. To enable individuals and teams to display the values of sportsmanship, dedication, desire, discipline, and tenacity at a high level of competition.
- C. To conduct quality and cost-effective events that ensure optimal athletic performance with minimal disruption of academic programs.
- D. To provide a meaningful athletic experience that will create a positive lifelong impression on student athletes.
- E. To assure equal athletic opportunities and resources for PC events for athletes of each gender.
- F. To provide opportunities for positive educational experiences for participants of each event.
- G. To provide formats and facilities which ensure the health, safety, and welfare of participants.
- H. To provide formats which consider the unique qualities of each sport.

#### **6.1.1 Mission Statement Guidelines**

##### **6.1.1.1 Regional Competition**

- A. A team sport's regional format (north and south combined) shall allow participation of up to 40 percent of the total number of teams competing statewide.
- B. An individual sport's regional format (north and south combined) shall allow participation of up to 40 percent of the total number of individuals competing statewide.

##### **6.1.1.2 State Championships**

- A. A team sport's state championship format shall allow participation of up to 10 percent of the total number of teams competing statewide.
- B. An individual sport's state championship format shall allow participation of up to 15 percent of the total number of individuals competing statewide.

##### **6.1.1.3 The following exceptions to the above guidelines may be approved through the normal legislative process:**

- A. Emerging sports that are expected to grow annually.
- B. Challenged sports that have been in existence for more than five (5) years and have limited numbers and static or declining growth.

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## INTRODUCTION

The following document is designed to provide participants, institutions, and event managers with the necessary information to qualify for, participate in, and/or, host a California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) postconference competition event. Please review the document carefully and thoroughly and contact the CCCAA Director of Championships with any questions.

All rules and regulations set forth in this handbook are subject to review and modification by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA).

## 1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

### 1.1 CCCAA POSTCONFERENCE COMPETITION EVENT NAMING RIGHTS

The official name of all CCCAA-sponsored events shall include the following:

First, “California Community College Athletic Association” (or its acronym “CCCAA”) followed by the sport, then the event designation: ({Northern or Southern} Regional {Round 1, 2, or 3; or Quarterfinals, Semifinals or Final Championship[s]}, or State Championship[s]).

#### 1.1.1 REQUIRED USAGE

The complete and accurate name must appear on all correspondence, advertisements, promotions, and apparel associated with the event.

Examples:

#### **BASEBALL**

Regional: **CCCAA Baseball (Northern or Southern) (Regional or Super Regional) Championship**

or

**California Community College Athletic Association Baseball (Northern or Southern) (Regional or Super Regional) Championship**

State: **CCCAA Baseball State Championship**

or

**California Community College Athletic Association Baseball State Championship**

#### **TRACK AND FIELD**

Regional: **CCCAA Track and Field (Northern or Southern) Regional Championships**

or

State: **California Community College Athletic Association Track and Field State Championships**

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## 1.2 DATES AND SITES

(See CCCAA Bylaw 3.11.)

### 1.2.1 CCCAA WATER POLO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL

- November 11-12, 2011  
Site: College of San Mateo  
Event Manager: Andreas Wolf, College of San Mateo

### 1.2.2 CCCAA Water Polo Southern California Regional Round 1

- November 9, 2011  
Site: Riverside Community College  
Event Manager: Barry Meier, Riverside Community College

### 1.2.3 CCCAA Water Polo Southern California Regional Round 2

- November 11-12, 2011  
Site: Riverside Community College  
Event Manager: Barry Meier, Riverside Community College

### 1.2.4 CCCAA Water Polo State Championship

- November 18-19, 2011  
Site: Cerritos College  
Event Manager: Kodee Murray, Cerritos College

## 1.3 START TIMES

See Section 1.4, Championship Format.

## 1.4 CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT *Adopted for cost containment 7/1/10 through 6/30/12.*

### CCCAA STATE WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FORMAT 4/3/08

#### BRACKET A

North #1  
South #2  
North #3

#### BRACKET B

South #1  
North #2  
South #3

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**EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS (2008, 2010, 2012, 2014)** 4/3/08, 8/10/10, 10/6/10

**THURSDAY FRIDAY: (EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR)**

Bracket	Gender	Seed	Time
(A)	Women	21 vs 32	9:00 <u>10:30AM</u>
( <u>B</u> A)	Women <u>Men</u>	21 vs 32	10:30 <u>11:45AM</u>
(A) <u>B</u>	Men <u>Women</u>	1 vs 2	12:00 <u>1:00PM</u>
(B)	Men	1 vs 2	1:30 <u>2:15PM</u>
(A)	Women	1 vs 3	3:00PM
(B)	Women	1 vs 3	4:30PM

**FRIDAY SATURDAY: (EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR)**

Bracket	Gender	Seed	Time
(A)	Men	2 vs 3	9:00AM
(B)	Men	2 vs 3	10:30AM
(A)	Women	1 vs 2	12:00PM
(B)	Women	1 vs 2	1:30PM
(A)	Men	1 vs 3	3:00PM
(B)	Men	1 vs 3	4:30PM

**SATURDAY: (EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR)**

Women	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	9:00AM	<u>9:30AM</u>
Men	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	10:30AM	<u>10:45AM</u>
Women	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	12:00PM	
Men	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1:30	<u>1:15PM</u>

**ODD-NUMBERED YEARS 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015** 4/3/08, 8/10/10, 10/6/10

**THURSDAY FRIDAY: (ODD-NUMBERED YEAR)**

Bracket	Gender	Seed	Time
( <u>B</u> A)	Men	21 vs 32	9:00 <u>10:30AM</u>
(A)	Men <u>Women</u>	21 vs 32	10:30 <u>11:45AM</u>
(B)	Women <u>Men</u>	1 vs 2	12:00PM <u>1:00PM</u>
(A) <u>B</u>	Women	1 vs 2	1:30PM <u>2:15PM</u>
(B)	Men	1 vs 3	3:00PM
(A)	Men	1 vs 3	4:30PM

**FRIDAY SATURDAY: (ODD-NUMBERED YEAR)**

Bracket	Gender	Seed	Time
(B)	Women	2 vs 3	9:00AM
(A)	Women	2 vs 3	10:30AM
(B)	Men	1 vs 2	12:00PM
(A)	Men	1 vs 2	1:30PM
(B)	Women	1 vs 3	3:00PM
(A)	Women	1 vs 3	4:30PM

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## SATURDAY: (ODD-NUMBERED YEAR)

Men	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	9:00AM	<u>9:30AM</u>
Women	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	10:30AM	<u>10:45AM</u>
Men	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	12:00PM	
Women	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1:30	<u>1:15PM</u>

This will alternate each year with Men's #1 seed going 1<sup>st</sup> in odd years, Women's #1 seed going 1<sup>st</sup> in even years. The brackets will flip flop each year as well to produce equity between the winners of each regional tournament. 4/3/08

**The tournament host may modify the championship format and schedule games every two (2) hours if the facility is not able to provide adequate space for warm-up and warm-down.** (Adopted for Cost Containment 10/6/10 through 6/30/12.)

Note: Method of advancement according to NCAA Water Polo Rules "Tournament Advancement" Appendix C.1, 2, and 3. Host venue must have adequate lighting for evening games. 4/3/08

## 1.5 HOST AND SITE SELECTION

### 1.5.1 ON-SITE HOST ADMINISTRATORS FOR POSTCONFERENCE COMPETITION EVENTS

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.12.)

### 1.5.2 EVENT SITE (See CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.6 and 6.14.3.)

1.5.2.1 The postconference competition event site should have adequate campus security and suitable parking with minimal cost to the event budget. The competition area shall be draped to stage this prestigious event. Secure appropriate banners from the Office of the CCCAA Executive and corporate sponsors. Individual school posters are permissible but will withstand scrutiny of the CCCAA. Additional facility needs include adequate locker rooms, spectator seating, athletic training area, practice area, officials' dressing room, concessions area, space for ticket and program sales, and coaches/media hospitality room.

1.5.2.2 The official event scorekeeper/announcer's table should provide adequate seating for the following individuals: scorekeeper, announcer, scoreboard operator, statistics crew, CCCAA sport representative, and alternate official.

### 1.5.2.3 CCCAA WATER POLO REGIONALS

The sites for regional postconference competition shall be rotated among member conferences located in each region and within the member colleges of each conference. Pools for these sites must furnish a minimum course width of 20 yards and be 25 meters in length from goal face to goal face and a minimum depth of 6.5 feet.

### 1.5.2.4 CCCAA WATER POLO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The site shall be alternated between northern and southern regions and shall be established two (2) years in advance. Pools for these sites must furnish a minimum course of 20 yards in width and be 25 meters in length from goal face to goal face and a minimum depth of 6.5 feet.

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## 1.6 SPORTS COMMITTEE

Not addressed for this sport.

## 1.7 ANNUAL FORMS

The following forms are available at <http://www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp>:

- Event Contract
- Water Polo Proposed Budget
- Water Polo Final Financial Statement
- Water Polo Participating Team Expense
- Event Manager Checklist

## 2 DETERMINATION OF COMPETING INSTITUTIONS

### 2.1 CONFERENCE COMPETITION AND REPRESENTATION

#### 2.1.1 MEN

- A. Northern California—There are two (2) water polo conferences. They are designated as the Big Eight and Coast conferences. *4/5/07*
- B. Southern California—There are four (4) water polo conferences. They are the Orange Empire, Pacific Coast, South Coast, and Western State conferences.

#### 2.1.2 WOMEN

- A. Northern California—There are two (2) water polo conferences. They are designated as the Big Eight and Coast conferences. *4/5/07*
- B. Southern California—There are four (4) water polo conferences. They are the Orange Empire, Pacific Coast, South Coast, and Western State conferences.

### 2.2 CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION

### 2.3 SEEDING COMMITTEE AND QUALIFYING PROCEDURES

Seeding of teams to CCCAA Water Polo Regional and CCCAA State Championship events shall be completed as listed in this section. As a first order of business, each conference shall present its conference teams in rank order. The rank order shall be noted and kept by the meeting chair. Conference seeding representatives shall follow their conference's team placement. The Seeding Committee shall not in any way change the rankings of colleges as specified by the conference. All games played (regulation and pool play) including no contests or forfeitures, both resulting in 5–0 scores, shall be used in the seeding and challenge formula to seed regional tournaments.

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## 2.3.1 CCCAA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONALS

### A. CCCAA Northern Regional Qualifying

1. The Men's Northern California Water Polo Committee shall be comprised of one (1) representative from each conference. The champion from each conference will automatically qualify. Other teams bidding to qualify for the four (4) at-large spots must present their records to the Men's Northern California Water Polo Committee at the selection meeting to be held one (1) week prior to the tournament.
2. After the entries have been selected, the committee will then seed the men's teams according to strength for the tournament. The seeding formula (see Section 2.3.1.B) will be used for selecting the four (4) at-large teams and seeding the tournament.
3. The CCCAA Women's Northern California Water Polo Committee shall be comprised of one (1) representative from each conference. The champion from each conference will automatically qualify. Other teams bidding to qualify for the four (4) at-large spots must present their records to the Women's Northern California Water Polo Committee at the selection meeting to be held one (1) week prior to the tournament. 4/5/07
4. After the entries have been selected, the Committee will then seed the women's teams according to strength for the tournament. The seeding formula (see 4.2.C) will be used for selecting the four (4) at-large women's teams and seeding the tournament. 4/5/07

### B. Seeding and Challenge Formula for the CCCAA Northern California Regional Tournament

1. Fifty (50) percent for head-to-head competition. A score of up to plus or minus five (5) points will be counted for the winning team and for the losing team. This shall be for the number of times the teams have met.

#### Example:

Cuesta 11, Modesto 10 = Cuesta +1, Modesto -1  
Cuesta 12, Modesto 9 = Cuesta +3, Modesto -3  
Cuesta 8, Modesto 10 = Cuesta -2, Modesto +2  
Cuesta +2, Modesto -2

2. Fifty (50) percent for all games played with common opponents of up to plus or minus five (5) points which shall be used for determining goal difference between all common opponents.

#### Example:

Cuesta 10	Ventura 8	(+2)
Cuesta 8	Orange Coast 11	(-3)
Cuesta 15	West Valley 3	(+5 max.)
= Cuesta		+4
Modesto 9	Ventura 7	(+2)
Modesto 10	Orange Coast 11	(-1)
Modesto 7	West Valley 3	(+4)
= Modesto		+5
<b>= Cuesta +4, Modesto +5</b>		

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3. If common opponents have met more than one (1) time, then add point totals and divide by number of games played.

**Example:**

Cuesta 5	Long Beach 10	(-5)
Cuesta 6	Long Beach 5	(+1)
Cuesta 7	Long Beach 9	(-2)
<b>Cuesta (-6)</b>	<b>÷ 3 games =</b>	<b>(-2)</b>
Modesto 5	Long Beach 10	(-5)
Modesto 10	Long Beach 6	(+4)
<b>Modesto (-1)</b>	<b>÷ 2 games =</b>	<b>(-½)</b>

4. Total points from head-to-head and common opponents (coop).

**Example:**

Cuesta	Modesto
+2 (head-to-head)	-2 (head-to-head)
+4 (coop)	+5 (coop)
-2 (coop)	-½ (coop)
<b>+4 Total</b>	<b>-2 ½ Total</b>

5. Cuesta seeded ahead of Modesto.
6. Conference finish supersedes formula. No team can be seeded ahead of a team which finished ahead of them in the conference.
7. Only community college competition shall be used when applying the formula.

## 2.3.2 CCCAA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONALS

### A. CCCAA Southern Regional Qualifying

1. The men's and women's southern regional shall be a 10-team, single-elimination tournament through two (2) rounds. The four (4) remaining teams will playoff for first through third for seeding to the state championship.
2. The conference champion from each conference (Orange Empire, Pacific Coast, South Coast, and Western State) shall receive an automatic bid to the CCCAA Southern California Regional Water Polo Tournament. The next best six (6) at-large teams will comprise a total of ten (10) teams. The selection committee, which shall be comprised of coaches of the first- and second-place teams from each conference, shall seed the ten (10) qualifying teams. The meeting will be held at the college that is hosting the CCCAA Southern California Regional Water Polo Tournament. Teams bidding to qualify for the six (6) at-large spots must present their written records in person or by proxy at the Men's and Women's Selection Committee meeting.
3. Each conference shall designate its top-ranked team in case of a co-championship, and each conference shall designate its champion.
4. After the entries have been selected, the committee will then seed the teams according to strength for the tournament. The seeding formula (see Section 2.3.2.B)

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will be used for selecting and seeding the tournament. Teams partaking in this seeding process must present their written records in person or by proxy at this Men's and Women's Selection Committee meeting.

## B. Seeding and Challenge Formula for the CCCAA Southern California Regional Tournament. How to Qualify: 10/30/09

1. If a team is ahead of all three (3) teams by either head-to-head competition or common opponents: That team shall win that seed.
2. If two (2) of the teams are 2-1 and two (2) teams are 1-2: The teams with the 1-2 record are out and the remaining two (2) teams go against each other by head-to-head or common opponents. The winner will get the seed.
3. If three (3) of the teams are 3-1 and one (1) team is 0-3: The 0-3 team is out, and the other teams must see who is ahead by head-to-head competition and/or common opponents. The remaining three (3) teams will challenge each other by head-to-head and/or by common opponents. The team with the lowest total is out, the other two (2) teams go head-to-head to determine the winner of the seed.

### a. Example

Team A	Team B	Team C
vs Team B +1.00	vs Team A -1.00	vs Team A +0.50
vs Team C -0.5 c/opp.	vs Team C +0.66 c/opp.	vs Team B -0.66 c/opp.
Total +0.5	Total -0.33	Total -0.16

Team B has lowest score and is out. Team C wins the seed and is ahead of Team A.

### b. How to get a head-to-head score (head-to-head is worth 50%):

#### Example

Team A	Team B
Team B +1.00	Team A -1.00
Common Opponent +2.33	Common Opponent -0.66
Subtotal +3.33	Subtotal -1.66
3.33 divided by 2 = +1.66	-1.66 divided by 2 = -0.83

Team A wins the seed.

### c. How to get a common opponent score (common opponent is worth 50%):

Take only the teams you have in common with the team you're challenging. (If you have played a team more than once, get an average.) This is based on a plus three (+3) minus three (-3) range for each game.

#### Example

Team A	Team B
Team C +2	Team C -2
Team H +3, (+3, +3)	Team H +1, (+1, +3, -1)
Team J +2	Team J -1
Total +7	-2

Divide by the number of games played: Team A is a +2.33, Team B is a -.66. Team A wins the seed.

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- 4 Tie Breaker:
  - a. Most wins against higher seeded teams.
  - b. Coin flip (In case of a three (3)-way tie, odd team out, then head-to-head.)
5. Conference finish supersedes formula. No team can be seeded ahead of a team which finished ahead of them in the conference.
6. Only community college competition shall be used when applying the formula.

## 2.3.3 CCCAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The teams' finishing place in regional postconference competition shall determine their seeding for the state tournament.

- A. The top three (3) two (2) men's teams from the north and the top three (3) two (2) men's teams from the south shall advance to the state tournament.
- B. The top three (3) two (2) women's teams from the north and the top three (3) two (2) women's teams from the south shall advance to the state tournament. *Adopted for cost containment 7/1/10 through 6/30/12.*

## 2.4 CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY

Only student athletes certified eligible under CCCAA Bylaw 1.4 may compete in CCCAA Championships.

## 3 INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS

### 3.1 AWARDS

(See CCCAA Bylaw 7.2.)

#### 3.1.1 AWARDS VENDOR

The CCCAA Awards Committee has selected a vendor (**Josten's**) to supply awards for a five-year period, ending with the 2010-11 academic year. **Josten's** will provide medals and trophies which meet specifications provided by the CCCAA Awards Committee.

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## 3.1.2 CCCAA AWARDS—Ordered by the Office of the CCCAA Executive:

The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) has authorized a specific number of individual and team awards to be presented at each sport championship. This activity is to honor those who have reached the highest levels of achievement in CCCAA-sanctioned activities:

### CCCAA WATER POLO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

Four Sets: two sets for each regional—men and women

- 2 trophies: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams
- 18 medals: 1<sup>st</sup> place team
- 18 medals: 2<sup>nd</sup> place team

### CCCAA WATER POLO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Two sets: one set for men and one set for women

- 2 trophies: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams
- 18 medals: 1<sup>st</sup> place team
- 18 medals: 2<sup>nd</sup> place team

## 3.1.3 SHIPMENT

As directed by the CCCAA Awards Committee, the Office of the CCCAA Executive shall submit specific information to the awards vendor to include the event site, date, and manager.

## 3.1.4 PAYMENT OF AWARDS

The cost of awards is part of the event budget. The regional invoice will be paid by the event budget through the Office of the CCCAA Executive. The state championship awards invoice shall be paid through CCCAA sponsorship. For additional clarification of awards administration, call the Office of the CCCAA Executive. The CCCAA Board has authorized payment for specific awards. Additional awards (MVP, All-Tournament, etc.) not listed shall not be paid through the CCCAA-approved budget.

## 3.1.5 AWARDS DISPLAY

The event manager is encouraged to establish a secure situation to view awards at a banquet or in an awards case on site of the championship event.

## 3.1.6 AWARDS CEREMONY PROCEDURES

**AWARDS CEREMONY**—The awards ceremony is planned to honor athletes who have reached the highest levels of achievement in CCCAA-sponsored events. The event manager shall organize an appropriate ceremony utilizing the CCCAA sport representative and CCCAA Executive in conjunction with the host institution designee; i.e., district chancellor or college president, dean, athletic director, or event manager. If the event is cosponsored, the sponsor's representative shall be included.

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## 3.1.6.1 AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

- The CCCAA sport representative, event manager, and sport coaches association representative will organize an awards table and ceremony.
- Individual and/or team awards should be presented by an official from the CCCAA and/or the host college and include a representative from the sponsoring organization.
- The event manager will coordinate presentation of awards by sponsor representative as per directions from on-site CCCAA representative or Office of the CCCAA Executive, where applicable.
- Be sure to properly introduce (example):  

“Now presenting is (Name, Title) representing (CCCAA corporate partner name) and (local name of local sponsors), located at/in (location).”
- Order of Presentation—Awards and team awards shall be presented in the order of finish, with first-place presented last.
- Recognition: All-Tournament Team or MVP (if provided by the Coaches Associations.)  

There may be an all-state tournament team made up of seven (7) players plus the MVP. The all-state tournament team and MVP awards shall be paid for by non-tournament funds.

The announcer will recognize the names of the individual all-tournament team members. Each member will individually approach the awards table to be visually recognized, receive an award, and walk to the center of the facility.

## 3.2 BANQUET

A banquet may be held in conjunction with the postconference competition. The sport coaches association will administer all banquet functions; however, the event manager may facilitate room availability with the hotel arrangements. The event budget **shall not** reflect any costs for coaches association activities.

Communication with the sport coaches association representative and CCCAA sport representative will facilitate the banquet scheduling.

## 3.3 COACHES ASSOCIATIONS

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.6.)

### 3.3.1 CCCWPCA

The water polo coaches are represented by the California Community College Water Polo Coaches Association (CCCWPCA).

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- A. The president and executive board shall be selected to serve a three (3)-year term. The seven (7) officers and their duties are as follows. The president shall request agenda items, conduct annual business meeting, communicate to Association members important state issues in a timely manner, attend CCCAA conventions and meetings as needed, secure designee at meetings if unable to attend, and actively pursue the welfare of water polo.
- B. The state vice presidents shall perform the above mentioned duties in their respective region and serve the president as requested. A men's representative and a women's representative shall support the regional presidents by communicating current and future interests specific to the gender they represent.
- C. The treasurer shall keep all financial records, collect Association dues, disburse funds as needed, and provide an annual budget to the Association.
- D. The secretary shall take business meeting minutes and provide minutes to the Association members in a timely manner.
- E. The past president shall provide information, contacts, and expertise to the current board as requested.
- F. At the end of the three (3)-year term the current vice president will become president and a new vice president will be selected from the region of the past president. The positions of the two (2) representatives, treasurer, and secretary are available for new officers if so desired. There is no limit to successive terms for these officers. Should any officer become unable to complete the term, the executive board shall appoint or accept a volunteer to complete that officer's term. 4/5/07
- G. The state event manager shall schedule a general coaches meeting at the state tournament and notify all coaches of the date, time, and location of the meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to:
  - 1. Prepare recommendations to be submitted to the Office of the CCCAA Executive.
  - 2. Consider other items relating to the welfare of the water polo programs within the California community colleges.
- H. Coaches association dues of \$35.00 per team per year will be assessed. Membership must be current to vote.

## **3.4 UNIFORMS**

Not addressed for this sport.

## **3.5 PARTICIPATING TEAM TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**

(See CCCAA Bylaws 8.1.3.8 through 8.1.3.11.)

## 4 INSTRUCTIONS TO EVENT MANAGERS

### 4.1 EQUIPMENT

Mikasa shall be the official game ball of the tournaments. Men will use the 6000 ball while women will use the 6009 ball.

### 4.2 EVENT CONTRACTS

The event contract must be signed by the host college president, athletic director, and designated event manager and received by the Office of the CCCAA Executive no later than October 1. 10/6/09

An event contract is available at <http://www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp>.

### 4.3 EVENT MANAGER 11/2/10

- A. In order to ensure the highest possible standards in community college athletics for men and women, it is imperative to have careful, committed oversight of postconference competition. This managerial and supervisory responsibility rests with the host site athletic administration.
- B. The president of the host site institution shall designate the athletic administrator, or other appropriate college administrator/director knowledgeable of CCCAA rules, who will be responsible for the administration and supervision of all aspects of the postconference competition event held on their campus. The designee must be in attendance to provide leadership and expedite all concerns under CCCAA guidelines.
- C. Administrative oversight should not be the concern of the coaches. Their primary focus should be the welfare of their team. If postconference competition is to be held in the best possible environment and under CCCAA guidelines, then an athletic administrator, or other appropriate college administrator/director knowledgeable of CCCAA rules, must be in attendance.
- D. If an institution is unable to have an athletic administrator, or other appropriate college administrator/director knowledgeable of CCCAA rules, in attendance, the CCCAA Management Council will move the event to the opponent's site or to an alternate site.
- E. The postconference competition event manager shall be the president of the CCCWPCA or his designee and shall administer the details of the tournament. He shall receive a stipend for his work. The CCCAA water polo representative and the CCCAA Executive shall establish the amount of the director's stipend.

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- F. The event manager shall:
1. Using the appropriate forms available at [www.cccaasports.org](http://www.cccaasports.org), submit a proposed budget form by October 1 and a final financial statement by December 15 of each year. The proposed budget shall be presented to the CCCAA water polo representative and the CCCAA Executive for review and approval. Souvenir program and concession expense and profit shall not be included in the budget preparation. (See 1.2.5.G.) 10/6/09
  2. Be responsible for communicating with participating colleges, officials, and any other people involved in the details of tournament administration, including:
    - a. Assignment and supervision of ticket sellers and takers.
    - b. Assignment and supervision of building and parking lot security.
    - c. Procurement and administration of warm-up and game equipment.
    - d. Preparation of awards and their presentation.
    - e. Preparation of a tournament program. 11/2/10
  3. Procure a tournament headquarters hotel that is geographically located to provide ease of transportation to the tournament site and will offer the lowest possible room cost for tournament participants.
  4. The development and administration of a hospitality room for the press and coaches including door supervision.
  5. Be responsible for an ongoing update of tournament statistical records.
  6. Be responsible for reviewing and evaluating the tournament.

## 4.3.1 PERSONNEL

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.14.)

The event manager is responsible for enlisting personnel to assist postconference competition event administration. A pre-planning committee, its timeline, and staff responsibilities should be completed to identify key people and utilize their best efforts. Depending on the postconference competition event, the number of people will vary. Besides the positions designated by the event manager, it is best to have additional individuals who can fill in at a variety of the following places:

- Scoreboard operator
- Scorekeeper
- Announcer
- Statisticians
- Ticket sellers

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- Ticket takers
- Concession workers
- Campus security
- Hospitality room hosts
- Locker room attendants
- Custodians
- Program and t-shirt sales
- Announcer

The announcer is a key ingredient to a successful championship event. The announcer should have experience in the specific sport. The event manager and CCCAA sports information director should assist the announcer prior to the competition with typed information on statistics, interesting notes about participating teams or individuals, and announcements; i.e., schedule of next day's competition, promotional materials, sponsor appreciation, etc.

It is very important that the announcer:

- Prepare all information 24 hours before competition begins.
- Learn accurate name pronunciation of all individuals involved.
- Have statistical information and postconference competition records available for filler spots.
- Be unbiased.
- Work in advance with Office of the CCCAA Executive on required scripts to be read during event.

## Instruction Protocol

Whenever possible, utilize the abilities of an announcer experienced in the sport you're planning. Check with the host college for an announcer experienced with their equipment and facility.

Provide these guidelines to all announcers:

- A. Welcome
- B. Introduction of Teams
  1. Affiliation (Conference and how teams advanced to finals)
  2. Win/loss record
  3. Number of times in CCCAA championship events
- C. Introduction of Team Personnel

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1. Starters in numerical order
  2. In alternating order when appropriate
  3. Coaching staff
  4. Support staff
- D. Introduction of Officials
- E. National Anthem
- F. Immediately prior to start of every game, meet, or match: read CCCAA decorum statement
- G. Time Out Announcements
1. Use this time to share insightful information about individual players. SID should provide CCCAA, team, and individual information prior to the event.
  2. Sponsors
  3. Program and t-shirt sales
  4. Concessions
  5. Other CCCAA events when available
- H. End of Competition Announcements
1. Summary of event's activities, next day's activities, or awards ceremony
  2. Thank audience for their attendance

**PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS (AT EVENTS)**—Verify that the public address announcer is reading the sponsorship message according to the script.

Additional message scripts for state events will be provided by CCCAA.

Ensure that the messages are being read with enthusiasm!

## **Guidelines for Public Address Announcers:**

*Excerpted from the NCAA Media Guide August 1995 & Adopted by the CCCAA April 1997:*

The primary duty of the public address announcer is to fairly and accurately communicate the necessary information to enhance the enjoyment of the contest for both the home and visiting fans. The following are recommended procedures for public address announcers.

- A. Be FAIR and IMPARTIAL.

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- B. Do not attempt to be a cheerleader or the home team's super fan.
- C. Use language that is in good taste, inoffensive, and reflects the high standards of an institution of higher education. Remember that this is a collegiate game not a professional game.
- D. Do not use language or an approach that could inflame or adversely influence a crowd.
- E. Do not anticipate plays or official rulings aloud.
- F. Give only necessary information. Excessive talk is soon "tuned out" by the crowd.
- G. Familiarize yourself with the layout of the stadium or arena so that accurate directions can be given in the event of an emergency. You should be furnished with a drawing of the area and a listing of any emergency procedures. (If not furnished, ask for one.) Announce convenient routes for leaving the stadium or arena and caution the crowd to drive carefully.
- H. Do not allow anyone, except those authorized by the event manager, to use the microphone. The announcer is responsible for whatever is said over the public address system.
- I. Do not criticize officials' decisions directly or indirectly.
- J. Remember, it is still possible to be enthusiastic and yet be fair and impartial. You are there to assist in running the championship event not root on the home team. Always be accurate, fair, and enthusiastic.

## 4.3.2 OFFICIALS

(See CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.4 and 6.8.5.)

- A. Officials Committee—There shall be regional and state officials committees.
  - 1. The northern regional officials committee shall be made up of one (1) postconference competition coach from each of the two (2) conferences. 4/5/07
  - 2. The southern regional officials committee shall be made up of one (1) representative from each of the previous year's conference championship teams.
- B. CCCAA Water Polo Regional Competition (See CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.4 and 6.8.5.)
  - 1. Selection of the officials pool for regional postconference competition shall be made by the north and south coaches committee with input by the coaches association. The lists shall then be forwarded to the officials assignor and the event manager.

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2. The Southern California Water Polo Coaches Association shall evaluate all Southern California community college tournaments up to and including the conference championships. The event manager will distribute a standardized form to the participating coaches. At the conclusion of the tournament, the forms will be forwarded to the Coaches Association President for processing. Top-rated officials from these tournaments will be the pool from which the Regional Officials Committee will select officials for postconference competition. Each of the two (2) officials' associations must have representation. Officials selected must have worked a minimum of eight (8) contests or two (2) tournaments during the community college season in order to be considered. Each of the two (2) officials associations must have representation, and at least one (1) official must be selected from each officials association in California.
3. The CCCAA Water Polo State Championship tournament officials will be assigned based on recommendations from the Coaches Association.

## C. CCCAA Water Polo State Championship

There shall be three (3) officials from the north and three (3) officials from the south at each CCCAA Water Polo State Championship. The officials will be assigned to the men's and/or women's games as determined by the body of officials, the senior official, and the officials committee.

- D. CCCAA Water Polo State Championship officials fees will be the same as current regular game fees based on the highest Southern California pay scale. Each official will receive a flat stipend, not to exceed \$100.00 per day of the state championship for travel, lodging, and meals. The stipend will be included in the officials' pay following the state championship. 4/5/07

### 4.3.3 SECURITY 11/2/10

The event manager must consider the security needs for postconference competition events. Develop communication with campus security and community police regarding the postconference competition event schedule. It is important to budget correctly for the cost of security and crowd control. Utilize student personnel for crowd control.

Safety precautions—Games may not start if an unsafe situation exists, e.g. lightning, water temperature, water chlorination. Games which have started must be suspended and players take cover if an unsafe situation exists. If the conditions are not safe after one-half hour, the game must be rescheduled at a mutually agreeable date. If a game is suspended, the coaches may mutually agree to consider the game a completed contest. If either coach disagrees, the game will be continued as soon as possible from the point of stoppage.

## 4.4 EVENT SPONSORSHIP

When postconference competition is cosponsored by a corporate or voluntary agency, it is important that consideration be given to that group. In order for the sponsorship to be effective, there shall be a letter of agreement written by the Office of the CCCAA Executive. The event manager shall be provided with a summary of the agreement. The agreement shall be followed with respect for the investment made by the outside agency (ies).

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## 4.4.1 LOCAL SPONSORS

Event managers are advised to seek local sponsorship from sources not competitive with other CCCAA sponsors. It is important that the Office of the CCCAA Executive be informed of all funding options.

## 4.4.2 SPONSORSHIP MATERIALS

In order to properly support the corporations sponsorship the CCCAA, site directors, tournament directors, event coordinators and all volunteers for all regional and state championship events are asked to be aware and verify the following sponsorship obligations are delivered throughout the entire competition. The material listed below will be supplied to you by the Office of the CCCAA Executive.

- P.A. Announcements: An official roster of authorized announcements will be provided to event managers approximately six weeks prior to the state championship. The CCCAA requires that any additional announcements being considered receive prior approval of the CCCAA Executive. Airing unauthorized announcements is prohibited at CCCAA sanctioned events.
- Banners: Hang CCCAA partner banners visible to spectators and/or television cameras in prime locations with priority over other sports specific sponsor banners. The CCCAA will forward the authorized banners approximately six weeks prior to the state championship event.
- Media Releases: All sport specific media releases to include event name in title. The CCCAA will provide the full and accurate championship name to each event manager in advance of postconference competition.
- Results Sheets, Media Reports, Stat Sheets, Score Sheets, Signage, Score Logs: *All* to include CCCAA corporate partner logos where feasible.
- Radio and TV Media: Request copies of all coverage be sent to the Office of the CCCAA Executive.
- LOGOS & PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENTS—*To be provided within sixty (60) days of your championship by the Office of the CCCAA Executive.*
- Please use all logos and camera-ready program advertisements supplied by CCCAA. If you have production deadlines, please contact the CCCAA with ample time to transmit material to you.
- Please provide the CCCAA on-site designate with twelve (12) copies of the official souvenir program upon adjournment of the event and samples of all other promotional material, T-shirts, etc.

### PRODUCT DISPLAY/SALES/SAMPLES/COUPONS (AT EVENT SITE)

- The CCCAA may be asked to provide space or assist in displays, sales, sampling or coupon distribution opportunities for sponsors with those attending the event.
- Coordinate product display with sponsor representative through CCCAA as per instructions received from the Office of the CCCAA Executive, where appropriate. This may include but not be limited to product display tables, car displays, hospitality area, etc.

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- Verify that product samples and coupons are distributed as per instructions received from the Office of the CCCAA Executive, where applicable.

## 4.4.3 SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVE

Please provide your best efforts in assisting with the following arrangements for sponsor representatives attending regional and state championship events.

**PARKING PASSES**—Provide parking passes to sponsor representatives per direction from Office of the CCCAA Executive, where appropriate. If it is not possible to provide parking passes, please provide reserved space and notify the Office of the CCCAA Executive or CCCAA's on-site designate.

**PROPERLY WELCOME ANY SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE**—

- Provide them with a souvenir program and any other reasonable courtesy (e.g. merchandise sample, meal voucher, free of charge)
- Tickets, if no courtesy CCCAA pass available
- Show them to their special seating area
- Offer refreshments free of charge

## 4.4.4 COLLATERAL ELEMENT, SAMPLE COLLECTION, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Please collect samples of collateral elements showing sponsor logos such as:

- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Caps
- Souvenir Programs
- Awards
- Tickets
- Score Sheets, Stat Sheets, Logs
- Tickets
- Correspondence

Please direct the official photographer to take photographs at events showing the following:

- Crowds
- Staff wearing sponsor logo jackets
- Sponsor banners
- Sponsor representatives in attendance
- Collateral elements showing sponsor logos

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Please send three (3) samples of each to the Office of the CCCAA Executive at finish of each sport season. Your assistance with these items is greatly appreciated and will help in the process of documenting visibility in order to secure sponsorship renewals, as well as additional new sponsors.

## 4.5 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

(See CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.3, 6.14.1, 6.15, and 8.1.3.1–8.1.3.7.)

### 4.5.1 BUDGET INFORMATION

Colleges hosting the postconference competition events shall provide a proposed budget to their CCCAA Water Polo Representative and the Office of the CCCAA Executive by [October 1](#). Proposed budget forms are available at [www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp](http://www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp). 10/6/09

A proposed budget is developed through a combination of gate receipts and corporate or voluntary contributions. All postconference competition events are designed to be “cost free” to host colleges; however, without sponsorships, entry fees may be used to defray event administration costs.

For authorized game expenses, please see CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.3, 6.15, and 8.1.3.

#### How Entry Fees Are Determined

When entry fees must be utilized to defray event administrative costs, use the following formula:

1. Develop a proposed event budget according to the appropriate guidelines of CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.3, Budget Preparation and Participating College Reimbursement.
2. To arrive at the entry fee, divide the proposed budget's total expenses by the number of participants (teams and/or individuals); i.e., proposed budget expenses @ \$2,000 divided by the number of participants @ 40 = individual entry fee of \$50.
3. If the entry fee is insufficient, then the proposed budget expenses must be adjusted to balance with the available entry fees.
4. All entry fees are to be paid, or official college verification that payment is being processed shall be provided prior to the competition. If the appropriate fees are not paid or official college verification that payment is being processed is not provided, the competitor/team will not be allowed to compete. The host college will be responsible for any money due from allowing teams or individuals to participate without paying entry fees first. 4/1/08

The CCCAA authorizes expenditures as specified in CCCAA Bylaws 6 and 8 and the approved proposed budget. Any additional expenditures shall not be reimbursed through event funds.

The proposed budget shall not include expenditures for the production and/or sale of items such as T-shirts, souvenir programs, concessions, or the purchase of meals for coaches or students as part of coaches association activities.

When budgeting for an athletic trainer, be advised that there will be no cost to the event budget during the employee's regular work hours. The event budget will include the cost of an athletic trainer when the athletic trainer completes the regularly assigned college work time. (See CCCAA Bylaw 6.16, Medical Guidelines for Postconference Competition.)

## 4.5.2 TICKETS AND PASSES

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.16.)

An individual from your business office should be identified to work with the budget and ticket administration process. This individual will be responsible for overseeing the fiscal process and signing financial forms.

*Excerpted from the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 6.8.16:*

6.8.16—Ticket Administration: The administration of the sale of event tickets is crucial to the financial success of the event in order to reduce costs to participating colleges. As a general rule, the following ticket practices have been successful:

- A. All tickets shall be numbered.
- B. Ticket sellers shall be assigned tickets by number.
- C. Ticket inventory shall be completed by comparing the exact number of tickets sold with those not sold and the cash on hand.
- D. An admission price scale shall be planned for each postconference competition event.
  1. The price of admission shall be a minimum of:
    - a. \$20.00—Tournament Pass, or
    - b. \$8.00—All seats except,
    - c. \$5.00—All identified students, faculty, staff, senior citizens age 60 and older, and children under 12 years of age.
  3. Complimentary
    - a. Bands, cheerleaders, and spirit crew members who are in uniform and accompanied by their supervisor(s).
    - b. Coaches with up-to-date sport coaches association membership cards.
    - c. CCCAA Board and CCCAA MC members and conference commissioners.
    - d. CCCAA Lifetime Pass holders.
    - e. Athletic Directors with up-to-date CCCADA membership cards. 4/1/08
  4. No conference, staff, or parent booster passes shall be honored.

## 4.5.3 FINAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

*Excerpted from the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws 6.8 and 8.1.3:*

Upon completion of the postconference competition event, an actual revenue-expense (final financial) statement shall be prepared and submitted to the CCCAA sport representative and the Office of the CCCAA Executive within 30 days. Final expenses shall not exceed the approved proposed budget. Expenses not covered by income shall be the responsibility of the host college.

If the final financial statement is not received within 30 days of the event, a letter will be sent to the college president explaining that if the statement is not received within the next 30 days, a \$25.00 per day late charge will be assessed for each day after the 60-day deadline. A chief business officer and athletic director's signature will be required on all expense forms. Final Financial Statement forms are available online: [www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp](http://www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp)

It is understood that it takes time for some institutions to obtain checks from offices outside of the athletic department. If this is the case at your institution, you must anticipate your financial needs and begin the process sooner.

For those who may be host sites, it would be effective to begin developing your event management procedures well in advance. Plan ahead!

Please feel free to request additional information or to address any problems to your conference commissioner, CCCAA representative, or the Office of the CCCAA Executive.

## 4.6 INSURANCE

*Excerpted from the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 6.2.3:*

6.2.3—Host institutions and sponsoring agencies of postconference competition events shall have in place primary comprehensive general public liability insurance coverage with combined single limits of at least \$1 million per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and shall provide the Office of the CCCAA Executive with the appropriate insurance certificate upon request.

## 4.7 LODGING

(See CCCAA Bylaw 8.1.3.11.3.)

As feasible, coordinate event housing with the CCCAA's official hotel partner, Choice Hotels. Visit <http://www.cccaasports.org/choicehotels.html> for more information.

Check the availability of hotels or motels in your area when you submit your event contract. A team rate should be secured at two (2) or three (3) properties as a comparison of the best possible rates.

When working with the hotel/motel, try to block individual team rooms in the same vicinity or at least on the same floor. The most appropriate arrangement would be to house opposing teams in different areas; i.e., each team on a different floor or wing of the hotel/motel.

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Prepare a guide to available hotels/motels in the area along with pricing to be sent to participating colleges as soon as they are determined. The financial limits of CCCAA Bylaw 8 shall be considered when securing hotel/motel accommodations.

## **4.8 MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS**

### **4.8.1 SPORTS INFORMATION**

Where event funds are available, it is permissible to arrange for sports information personnel for postconference competition. For further information, contact the CCCAA Director of Communications/Media Relations. Sports information personnel should plan press releases, brochures, statistical summaries, and human interest items about the event. A successful media conference can be planned to enhance the sale of tickets to the event. All publications should include information outlining the role of the CCCAA and include sponsors when applicable. All event results must be reported to the Office of the CCCAA Executive immediately after each day's events.

### **4.8.2 MEDIA**

The sports information director should announce the selection of the college as the host institution as soon as the host site has been selected. Individual contact with media personnel to generate a feature article or column prior to competition is important. Don't forget the local or campus paper! Accommodate the media whenever possible. Make space available to them near the playing surface or near the scorekeeper's table. Statistics should be distributed as quickly as possible. A formal process to deal with results and information services for media should be developed. Fax and modem services should be made available. Telephone use with credit card only access is important to the success of the event.

Agencies wishing to sponsor television or radio broadcasts of games shall make arrangements with the tournament director. There may be a cost for these productions. The CCCAA Executive shall establish such costs. Radio broadcasting facilities will be available at the game site. To broadcast, stations must request credentials and make their own arrangements for installation of lines from the telephone company.

- A. Seating for media representatives will be provided at poolside for accredited news media only.
- B. Official statistics will be distributed to the press at half-time and following each game.
- C. Phones will be available in the pool area for the exclusive use of the press on a collect or credit card basis only. Media representatives shall arrange for their own poolside telephones.
- D. Agencies wishing to sponsor television or radio broadcasts of games shall make arrangements with the event manager. There may be a cost for these productions. The CCCAA Executive shall establish such costs.

Radio broadcasting facilities will be available at poolside. To broadcast, stations must request credentials, as per the above, and make their own arrangements for installation of lines from the telephone company.

- E. A press room facility shall be available during the tournament under the direction of the event manager.
- F. There shall be a designated interview area for the use of media and coaches during the tournament.

## **4.8.3 MEDIA PASSES**

The only media passes honored shall be regular press passes according to host college policies or the CCCAA Media Pass, which can be obtained from the Office of the CCCAA Executive. Media credentials for the event should be available through a will-call system at the ticket booth.

## **4.8.4 MEDIA ROOM/PRESS BOX**

Establish a room for media personnel to encourage a working environment. Have telephone, fax and computer lines available. The media room should also function as a hospitality room where refreshments should be available throughout the event.

## **4.8.5 STATISTICS**

Keeping statistics is an integral part of the success of the postconference competition event. Every effort should be made to develop an efficient and knowledgeable staff. The best location of statistics personnel is at the scorekeeper's table. Members of each crew should be seated next to one another.

The event manager shall assign a person, typically a sports information director, to organize the statistics crew and to be responsible for working with the crew in completing all final statistical forms. All statistics should be completed within 30 minutes following the end of each competition and sent to the Office of the CCCAA Executive at the end of each day's competition. Copies of all statistics are to be distributed to Tournament Manager, Media, Coaches and game staff.

## **4.8.6 PROMOTIONS**

To assist the event manager in promoting the event, develop a plan to deal with all issues regarding public relations. Promotions and public relations are vital to the enhancement of an event of this caliber. Suggestions for promoting the postconference competition event follow:

- Distribute fliers on campus and in a variety of local businesses.
- Advertise in local and campus newspapers.
- Provide public service announcements for radio and television.
- List the event in the calendar of events of local businesses and newspapers.
- Place notification on bank or community electronic boards.
- Provide all publicity information to the Office of the CCCAA Executive website electronically.

## 4.9 MEDICAL COVERAGE

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.16 and Bylaw 9.)

## 4.10 MEETINGS

Sport coaches associations meet annually in conjunction with the state championship. Event managers should secure a meeting room in the tournament headquarters hotel. The event manager may be asked to arrange meals and/or hospitality room arrangements. Request all meeting rooms, banquet space, and room accommodations at the same time to secure the best possible rates.

The costs of the coaches association meeting rooms, meals, and/or hospitality rooms shall not be a part of the event budget. Establish communication with the sport coaches association liaison for meeting room needs.

*Excerpted from the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 6.8.18:*

6.8.18—Coaches Meetings: Event managers should be prepared to provide time and space for Sport Coaches Association meetings, meals, or hospitality rooms during the event. The costs of these activities shall not be a part of the event budget. Costs for coaches meetings, meals, and hospitality rooms shall be paid by the respective coaches association.

## 4.11 PRACTICE

Not addressed for this sport.

## 4.12 PREGAME SCHEDULE

Not addressed for this sport.

## 4.13 PROGRAMS/T-SHIRTS/CONCESSIONS

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.17.)

The production and sale of souvenir programs and t-shirt sales are the responsibility of the sport coaches association or the host college. Providing these items is an option of first, the coaches association, and then the host college. Neither the costs nor profits shall be part of the proposed event budget or final financial statement. However, contractual agreements with cosponsoring agencies may require special advertisement as directed by the Office of the CCCAA Executive.

The event manager should check with campus/venue personnel to determine appropriate product distribution for concession needs. The same procedures used with souvenir programs and t-shirts should be considered for concessions.

## 4.14 SCORING

(See NCAA Rulebook.)

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## 4.15 RULES

(See CCCAA Bylaw 4.)

Current NCAA water polo rules will govern play. California community college water polo and conference rules will also apply.

NCAA rules apply to all water polo situations not covered in this handbook.

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*Excerpted from CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 4:*

### CCCAA BYLAW 4.4—DECORUM

- 4.4.1 DECORUM—Is the CCCAA code of behavior for all participants in sponsored athletic events. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:
- A. PARTICIPANT—is a player, coach, team member, team attendant, official or college staff member.
  - B. EVENT—is defined as the time a team or participant arrives at the event site, until the time the team or participant leaves the event site.
  - C. EJECTION—Removal from a scrimmage/game/meet/match of a participant for the remainder of the event.
    - 1. Sport rulebook infraction. Removal from the event for actions not under the jurisdiction of this policy, but are covered by the rules of the sport.
    - 2. Decorum violation: Removal of a participant for verbal or physical misconduct, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
      - a. Verbal misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to, unsportsmanlike tactics, such as using profanity or vulgarity, taunting, spitting on an opponent, ridiculing, finger pointing, making obscene gestures, throwing gang signs, baiting an opponent, inciting undesirable crowd reactions, persistent arguing with officials, or aggressive behavior toward officials.
      - b. Physical misconduct is defined as, but not limited to, any attempt by a participant to contact another participant in a combative manner unrelated to the sport. Such acts include striking or attempting to strike a participant whether or not there is contact.

3. All ejections will be reviewed by the conference commissioner, who will determine if the ejection was a sport rulebook infraction or a decorum violation.
  - a. A decision that a decorum violation has occurred may be appealed to the conference appeals board.
  - b. An appeal does not set aside the sanction while the appeal is being deliberated.
  - c. All decorum violations will result in at least a next event suspension.

*(Adopted April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)*

- 4.4.2 Where official rule books (see Bylaw 4.1.1) and the CCCAA decorum rules differ, the most stringent rules shall apply. *(Adopted April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)*

## **CCCAA BYLAW 4.5—SANCTIONS FOR DECORUM VIOLATIONS**

- 4.5.1 The following are minimal sanctions. Other sanctions may be imposed by the college, the conference commissioner, the conference, or the conference appeals board:

- A. **FIRST VIOLATION:** Suspension from the next event.
- B. **SECOND VIOLATION (in the same season):** Suspension from all events for the remainder of the sport season, including postconference competition.
- C. **LEAVING THE BENCH AREA OR POSITION:** Participants entering the field of play, or leaving their position in the field of play, in reaction to a confrontation shall be ejected and sanctioned as outlined in Bylaw 4.3.

If, in the judgment of the official(s), a coach entering the field of play was helpful in the effort to control participants, the sanctions against the coach may be waived by the conference commissioner. Otherwise, sanctions are mandatory.

- D. **PHYSICALLY ASSAULTING AN OFFICIAL(S):** Physically assaulting or attempting to physically assault an official shall result in immediate ejection and the participant shall be suspended from participation in CCCAA athletic events for a period of sixty (60) months.
- E. **TOBACCO AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE:** The use or possession of any form of tobacco, alcohol, or other controlled substances by any participant during a CCCAA event shall result in an ejection. (See Bylaw 4.3.1 for when an event begins and ends.)
  1. Tobacco or substance abuse violations shall be considered decorum violations.
  2. Sanctions shall be applied as in Bylaw 4.4.

F. Ejected participants must leave the confines of the playing site and grandstands immediately. *(Adopted & effective June 13, 2011)*

G. Suspended participants may not: *(Adopted & effective June 13, 2011)*

1. Be dressed in game uniform.

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2. Communicate with any team personnel or officials.
3. Take part in any pregame activities at the site of the competition.
4. Be in the confines of the playing site once pregame activities have started.

**H.** Coaches or team attendants sanctioned by any of the above bylaws are prohibited from participation in the event only, not from carrying out assigned non-event responsibilities.

*(Adopted April 3, 2009; effective July 1, 2009.)*

## CCCAA BYLAW 4.6—REPORTING OF REMOVALS

- 4.6.1 Each removal must be reported to the athletic director within 24 hours.
- A. The athletic director shall immediately inform the conference commissioner.
  - B. Failure by the coach to report within 24 hours shall result in an automatic one (1)-game suspension.
  - C. Failure to report by the athletic director shall result in disciplinary action against the athletic director or the sports program by the conference commissioner.

*(Adopted April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)*

## CCCAA BYLAW 4.7—DECORUM UNDERSTANDING

- 4.7.1 Each person participating in a CCCAA event shall receive a copy of the decorum policy, and provide written acknowledgment of understanding the rules contained therein.
- 4.7.2 Failure of the institution to conduct decorum training for all coaches shall result in the entire sports program being placed on probation.

*(Adopted April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)*

## CCCAA BYLAW 4.8—PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF BYLAW 4

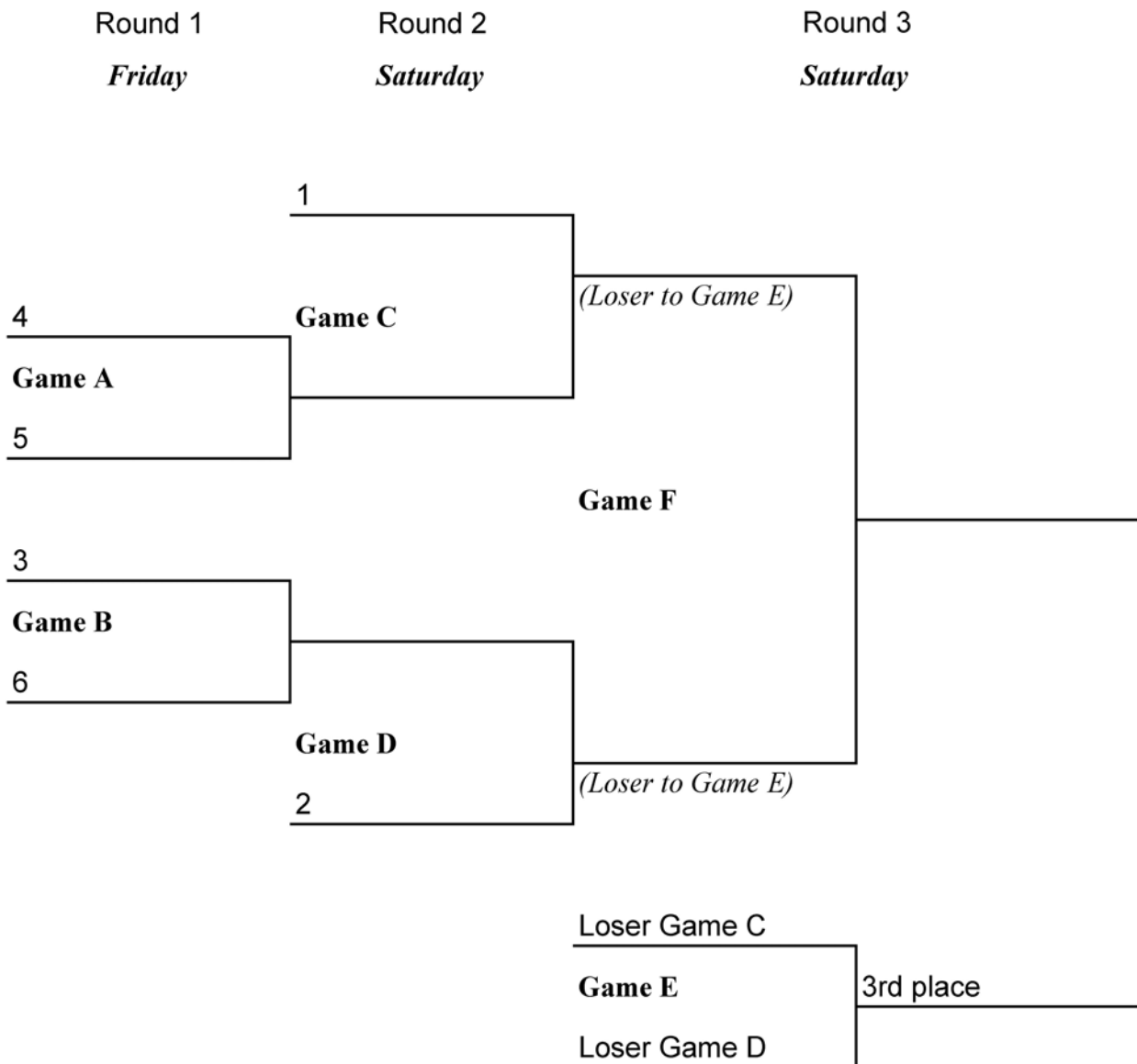
- 4.8.1 See Article 7.4.12.

*(Renumbered April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)*

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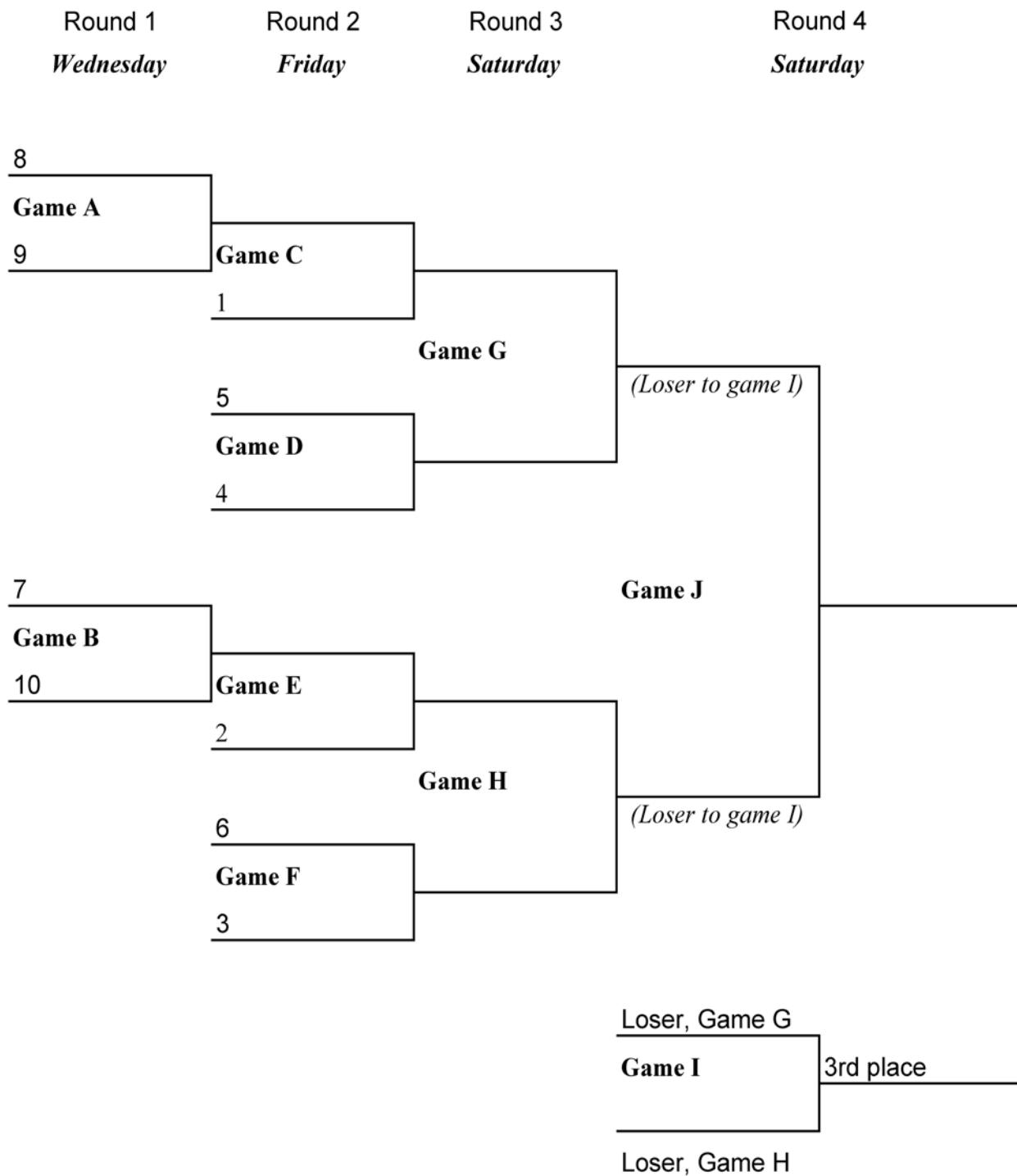
POSTCONFERENCE COMPETITION BRACKETS

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## CCCAA MEN & WOMEN'S WATER POLO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONALS



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## CCCAA Water Polo State Championship Brackets

*Adopted for cost containment 7/1/10 through 6/30/12*

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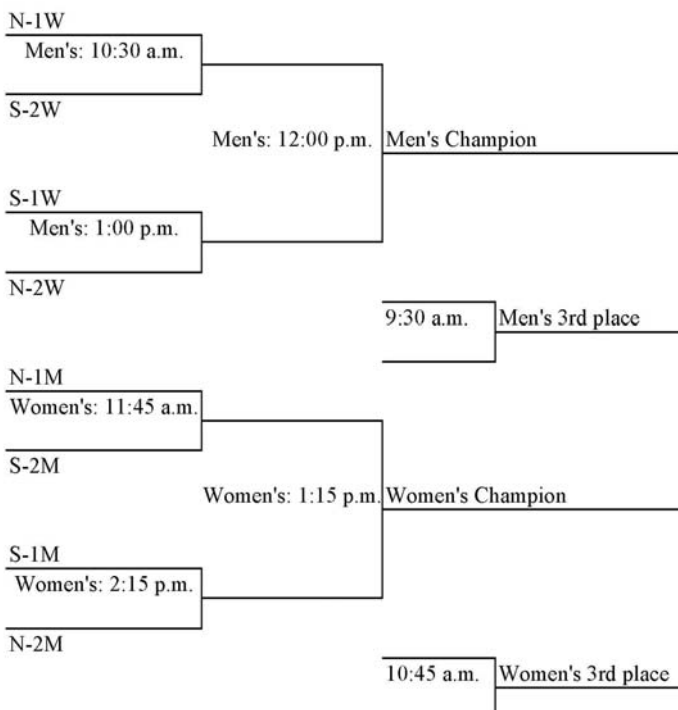
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## APPENDIX B EVENT MANAGERS' CHECKLISTS



### EVENT ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR

The following is a calendar that provides deadlines for the smooth administration of the CCCAA Water Polo Regional and State Championship events:

#### EVENT AGREEMENT CHECKLIST

Reviewed prior to agreeing to host a CCCAA Water Polo Regional or State Championship.

#### EVENT CONTRACT

Completed and submitted to the CCCAA Director of Championships prior to October 1.

#### PROPOSED BUDGET

Submitted to the CCCAA Water Polo Representative for review and signature and forwarded to/received by the CCCAA Director of Championships prior to October 1.

#### ADVANCE PLANNING CHECKLIST

All tasks on advance planning checklist should be completed eight (8) weeks prior to event.

#### AWARDS CHECKLIST

Completed two (2) weeks prior to event.

#### WEEK PRIOR TO EVENT CHECKLIST

Completed one (1) week prior to event.

#### MEDIA CHECKLIST

Completed one (1) week prior to event.

#### SPONSOR CHECKLIST

Completed one (1) day prior to, during, and immediately following event.

#### FINAL RESPONSIBILITIES CHECKLIST

Begin completion immediately following event.





## ADVANCE PLANNING CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist eight (8) weeks prior to the CCCAA Water Polo Regional or State Championship:

### FACILITY

Confirm dates for use of facility and arrange preparation of competition surfaces and practice times for athletes. Consider the facility's appearance—determine if additional items are needed to “dress up” the facility or championship competition.

### LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Secure hotel/motel team rates (negotiable) and reserve an adequate number of sleeping and meeting rooms for the event.

### PERSONNEL

Make preliminary arrangements for all necessary personnel.

### SCHEDULE

Prepare a tentative schedule for competition, meeting(s), banquet, and other event activities.

### CONCESSIONS/T-SHIRTS/PROGRAMS

Identify costs and sales potential for programs, T-shirts, and concessions. Contact the CCC Water Polo Coaches Association President regarding arrangements for t-shirts. Make arrangements for the publication of souvenir programs with consideration given to content, advertising, CCCAA sponsor representation and production.

### MEDIA

Develop a promotional publicity plan for the event. Define how media credentials are to be obtained.

### SPONSORSHIP

Work in advance with CCCAA to prospect sponsors for the event and to secure funds and/or product for the event. Check with the Office of the CCCAA Executive to ensure prospects are not in conflict with current sponsors.

### TICKET PRICES

Admission shall be charged. Determine ticket prices for the event (see Water Polo Handbook) and develop a marketing plan for ticket sales. All ticket prices should be publicized well in advance of the event.

### MEDICAL COVERAGE

Contact Athletic Trainer regarding coverage of the event.





## TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO EVENT CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist two (2) weeks prior to the CCCAA Water Polo Regional or State Championship event:

### COMMUNICATE

With the CCCAA Sport Representative, CCCAA Director of Championships, and CCC Water Polo Coaches Association president with any questions and thoughts.

### PERSONNEL

Review staff assignments with key college personnel:

- Security
- Ticket taker/seller
- Concession workers
- Locker room Attendants
- Public Address Announcer
- Statistician
- Athletic Trainers
- Onsite Host Administrator
- Awards Ceremony: Presenters

### ATHLETIC TRAINER

Confirm training room arrangements, expendable items, and arrangements for a physician.

### TICKET ADMINISTRATION

Define ticket taker/seller schedule, provide media credentials for admission, arrange for passes for participants and officials.

### AWARDS

Confirm arrangements for awards presentation. Check accuracy of awards shipment, assemble trophies if needed, arrange to have photographer at awards ceremony.

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## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION PACKET/FACT SHEET

Prepare and distribute tournament information to participating teams, media, CCCAA Water Polo Representative and CCCAA Director of Championships. Packet/Fact Sheet should include:

- Schedule of events
- Practice site/times
- Schedule of meetings for coaches and for officials
- Order forms for team members for t-shirts and souvenir programs
- Awards program
- Medical guidelines, training supplies, emergency medical care information (local hospitals, assigned doctor, etc.)
- List of local restaurants,
- Local area map, directions to playing site, parking instructions

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Confirm arrangements for social activities; i.e., meal functions, hospitality suite, coaches meeting(s).

## SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Discuss publicity, media, souvenir program, statistics, and the awards ceremony with the Sports Information Director.

## SPORTS INFORMATION

Make arrangements for final results to be immediately reported and emailed to:

- Office of the CCCAA Executive: [info@cccaasports.org](mailto:info@cccaasports.org).
- Participating Colleges
- Media
- Coaches Association Designees



## AWARDS CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist one (a) week prior to the CCCAA Water Polo Regional or State Championship event. See CCCAA Constitution Bylaw 7.2.4 and Bylaw 7.2.5 Authorized awards for regional and CCCAA-sponsored state championships.

### BUDGET

Regional and State championship awards will be ordered by the CCCAA Director of Championships. The cost of regional championship awards must be included as an expense on the regional proposed budget. The event manager will receive an invoice from the Office of the CCCAA Executive. The cost of state championship awards is included as its own item in the proposed event budget. The State Championship awards will be paid for by the Office of the CCCAA Executive. Therefore, the expense for the State Championship awards should also be listed under income, “sponsorship” (CCCAA awards).

### CEREMONY

An awards ceremony should be planned to utilize the CCCAA Water Polo Representative, CCCAA staff, college VIP’s, representatives of sponsoring agencies, community leaders, etc.

### RECEIVED COPY OF ORDER

Spring sport event managers should receive a copy of the awards order by September 1.

### DELIVERY

Awards should be received no later than one (1) week prior to the event (\*trophies may be shipped unassembled). **Carefully check delivery** against order giving specific attention to quality, engraving accuracy, and quantity. Any damaged or missing items should be immediately reported to the CCCAA Director of Championships.

### DISPLAY

Designate and set up an appropriate place to showcase the awards at banquet and/or event sites.

### PAYMENT

Regional event managers shall receive an invoice from the CCCAA and shall make payment to CCLC/CCCAA. State championship awards are paid for by the CCCAA.





## MEDIA CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist one (1) week prior to the CCCAA Water Polo State Championship:

### PRE-EVENT PUBLICITY

Ticket information (prices, where to purchase, all-event pass), press release on event, key contact names of CCCAA-assigned media relations director and event manager.

### EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

Telephone, electrical outlets, facsimile units.

### MEDIA ACCOMMODATIONS

Seating, working press room, results/statistics compilation, media credentials, hospitality.

### PARTICIPANT INTERVIEW

Press conference quotes, feature procedures, locker room policy.

### MEDIA PERSONNEL

Statistics crew, copy machine operators, record keeper, media room security.

### PUBLICATIONS

Souvenir programs, team media guides/up-to-date statistics, press packets, sponsor advertisements (check with Office of the CCCAA Executive).

### PHOTOGRAPHER





## SPONSOR CHECKLIST

Please do all that is possible to support our sponsors!

*Important Note: All sponsors must be preapproved by the CCCAA.*

### Souvenir Program:

- Include all advertisements received from the CCCAA.

### One day prior to contest:

- Hang banners according to instructions received from the CCCAA.

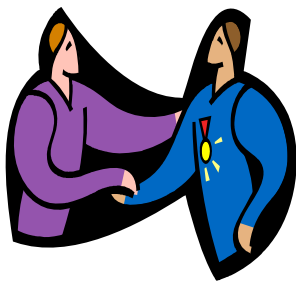
### Prior to and during each contest:

- Welcome any sponsor or sponsor's representatives who are in attendance.
- Verify that the P.A. announcer is reading the sponsor's announcements.
- Maintain security of banners.

### At the conclusion of the event:

- Collect and secure all banners. After they have been collected do not leave them in an unsecured area.
- Return all banners to the Office of the CCCAA Executive or the onsite designee.
- Complete the accountability report and return it to the Office of the CCCAA Executive within seven days of the completions of the event.





## FINAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The event manager's responsibilities are completed after the following details have been finalized:

### LETTERS

Send letters of appreciation to sponsors, VIP's, banquet speakers, etc. Copy the CCCAA Executive and CCCAA Water Polo Representative in all correspondence.

### FINAL RESULTS

Email final results to [info@cccaasports.org](mailto:info@cccaasports.org).

### EVALUATION:

Complete and send the Postconference Competition Evaluation Form, Form P, to the CCCAA Water Polo Representative and CCCAA Director of Championships.

### FINAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Send the final financial statement, along with net profit, to the CCCAA Director of Championships no later than 30 days after the event. If the report is not received by the deadline, a letter will be sent to the college president, explaining that if the report is not received within the next 30 days, a \$25 late fee will be assessed for each day after the 60th day following the event. Send to:

**CCCAA DIRECTOR OF CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
**2017 O ST**  
**SACRAMENTO CA 95811-5211**

**QUESTIONS? Please contact the CCCAA Director of Championships: 916-444-1600.**

***Thank you and your staff for all of your efforts in hosting this event!***

