

COLLEGIATE WATER POLO ASSOCIATION

2007 NAVY WATER POLO

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. Its founding membership included teams from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.

The leadership and management 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 (EWPPRA).

The next major milestone 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.

During the 1995 season, the conference received its first major challenge, as the organization experienced a strike by its officiating core. This strike ultimately resulted in the organization establishing its own officiating bureau, assuming responsibility for all of its officiating assignments. The conference hired Tere Ma as its inaugural Director of Officials and Loren Bertocci as its first Technical Director. These two individuals laid the groundwork for the Officiating Bureau that exists today.



Navy Athletic Hall of Fame

The following former Navy Water Polo players have been inducted into the Navy Athletic Hall of Fame:

Name	Class Year
B. K. Atkins	1932
Patrick J. Donahue	2004
Joseph A. Ernst	1996
Sean Foster	2001
G. P. Huff	1931
Jon L. Jensen	1993
Pete Koprowski	1998
David Kaye	1986
Lawrence Kough	1986
David McKelvy	1998
Robert Mohle	1984
Doug Munz	1995
H. M. Myers	1931
Luis Alberto Nicolao	1992
E. O'Beirne	1930
Jason Pace	2000
Elton C. Parker III	1991
Thomas C. Popp	1989
Alex Ratcliffe	2006
Patrick Rollo	2005
Joseph A. Ruddy, Jr.	1930
David A. Schalm	1991
Edward R. Schofield	1987
H. W. Seely	1931
Stephen Taylor	1999
Thomas Temple	1988
Thomas Tomscheck	1990
H. T. Twohy	1929
Marc Williams	1998

Northern Division

Brown University
Connecticut College
Fordham University
Harvard University
Iona College
MIT
Queens College
St. Francis College (N.Y.)

Southern Division (East)

Bucknell University
George Washington University
Johns Hopkins University
Princeton University

United States Naval Academy

Southern Division (West)

Gannon University
Mercyhurst College
Penn State Behrend College
Salem International University
Washington & Jefferson College

► Patrick Rollo was a 2004 All-American and was inducted into the Navy Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005.

Rollo is currently serving as a Navy SEAL.

