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### 2009 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee has announced the teams that will participate in the 2009 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship.

The Championship will be held May 8-10 at the Eppley Recreation Center, in College Park, Maryland. University of Maryland, College Park will serve as the host institution.

The 2009 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship will be an eight-team, single-elimination tournament (12 games), with a losers' bracket to determine places three through eight.

The No. 1 seed awarded to Southern California (24-1) and the No. 2 seed was awarded to Stanford (24-3). Stanford will face No. 7 seed Marist (18-13) on May 8 in the first game of the championship at 1:30 p.m. The next game will feature No. 3 seed, UCLA (22-6) and No. 6 seed Michigan (33-8) at 3:15 p.m. Southern California (24-1) will face No. 8 seed Cal Lutheran (19-12) in the third game of the day at 5 p.m. The final contest of the night will pit No. 5 seed Loyola Marymount (24-7) against No. 4 seed Hawaii (18-8) at 6:45 p.m.

The following conferences and institutions received automatic qualification: Collegiate Water Polo Association, Michigan; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Marist; Mountain

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Pacific Sports Federation, Southern California; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Cal Lutheran; and Western Water Polo Association, Loyola Marymount. The following institutions received at-large bids to the championship field: Stanford, UCLA, and Hawaii.

For more information about the National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship and the 2009 championship bracket, log on to [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).