

MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION CODE

Part Five: MEN'S SPORTS OPERATING REGULATIONS

500 AWARDS

500.1 Numbers and types of awards have been established by the Administrative Committee as follows. No awards other than those established by the Administrative Committee are authorized in any sport:

MEN'S SPORTS

GYMNASTICS

21 Individual awards
(first three places in
each event)
Athlete of the Year
Coach of the Year
Team recognition

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

50 Individual awards (first
(first three places in each event;
first only in relays)
Athlete of the Year
Coach of the Year
Team recognition

SOCCER

22 All-Federation awards
Athlete of the Year
Coach of the Year
Newcomer of the Year
Team recognition

VOLLEYBALL

12 All-Federation awards
Athlete of the Year
Coach of the Year
Newcomer of the Year
Team recognition

WATER POLO

14 All-Federation awards
Player of the Year
Coach of the Year
Newcomer of the Year
Team recognition

500.2 All-Federation team awards shall consist of plaques for first-team honorees and certificates for second team and honorable-mention honorees.

500.3 Individual awards for participation on Federation Championship winning teams are left to the institution involved.

500.4 Scholar-Athlete Awards.

500.4.1 At the conclusion of each sport season the member institution's Athletic Representative shall select as Mountain Pacific Scholar-Athletes, those students who have achieved the following:

1. 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average;
2. Student-athlete must be at least a sophomore academically;

3. Student-athlete must have completed one full academic year at the member institution prior to the season for which the award is being received;
4. Student-athlete must have competed in fifty percent or more of the institution's competition in the student-athlete's respective sport;
5. Nominations must come to the conference office responsible for each Federation sport from the competing institutions' faculty athletics representatives;
6. All nominated student-athletes shall receive recognition in the form of a press release and a certificate. (1/95)

501 ALL-FEDERATION TEAM

501.1 All-Federation teams (for men's sports of soccer, volleyball and water polo shall be selected by the respective coaches of each sport at the conclusion of each season.

501.2 Second-team All-Federation honorees shall be selected in a vote of the Association's head coaches. Persons receiving a minimum of three votes in the balloting for either first or second-team shall be accorded honorable mention.

502.1 Federation Championship

502.1.1 Championship Dates

The Federation Men's Gymnastics Champion shall be determined by a championship meet held the last weekend of NCAA "last day of qualifying." All MPSF men's gymnastics teams shall qualify.

502.1.2 Championship Format

The format for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championship Meet shall conform to the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championship format except where otherwise noted in these bylaws; and shall combine the team and individual event championships into a one-day format. (02/05)

502.1.3 Championship Site

The site for the Federation Championship shall rotate on an annual basis.

502.1.4 Conduct of the Federation Championship Meet:

502.1.4.1 The maximum number of entrants a member institution shall have in the Federation Championship is thirteen (13). Each institution will be allocated a maximum of thirteen (13) gymnast and four (4) staff for a total of seventeen (17) credentials. (2/05)

502.1.4.2 Line-up

The head coach must submit a lineup at the mandatory pre-meet coaches general information meeting. In all events, changes in lineups shall be permitted until the event has begun. A violation will result in a 0.3-point deduction in the final team score taken by the head judge the event in which the infraction occurred.

502.1.4.3 Competition Rules

FIG rules shall be used at the MPSF Championship Meet and six (6) events shall be conducted simultaneously. Starting events shall be determined by a blind draw conducted by the Federation office.

502.1.4.3.1 Team Draw for Starting Apparatus

The draw for starting events shall be conducted by placing team names each on their own piece of paper in one bin and the events/byes each on their own piece of paper in another bin. A team name shall be drawn from one bin and matched with an event/bye drawn from the other bin.

502.1.4.4 Specifications for Mats and Equipment

NCAA specifications for mats and equipment shall be used as a minimum standard at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championship. It is the responsibility of the host institution to provide mats, equipment and a scoreboard.

502.1.4.5 Warm-up Protocol

There shall be a controlled warm-up on the competitive floor prior to the Championship session. The warm-up will be conducted using the NCAA Championship format.

502.1.4.6 Conduct of the Event Finals shall be as follows:

502.1.4.6.1 The scores from the team and all-around competition shall be used to advance eight (8) individuals in each event to the finals. No scores will be carried into the event finals.

502.1.4.6.2 Two (2) events will be run at a time.

502 Judges

502.1 For the team and all-around competition, two judges shall be used per event.

502.2 Judge Meeting

Judges shall meet prior to the first competition to review NCAA policies and procedures; to coordinate assignments and responsibilities; to review intercollegiate rules modifications; to review and evaluate videotapes; and to evaluate the pre-competition judges' information forms. The director of officials shall chair this meeting.

502.3 Selection

At least one judge from the geographic area of each participating institution shall be assigned by an independent NGJA assignor to the competition.

502.3.1 No more than six (6) judges can be from the host institution's geographic area. (3/02).

502.4 Compensation

Fees and expenses shall be in accordance with the current *NCAA Men's and Women's Gymnastics Championship Handbook*.

502.5 Judges' Information Form

Coaches may submit a Pre-competition Judges' Information Form to the director of officials (or his/her representative) at the mandatory coaches meeting prior to the competition.

503 Uniforms

All competitors must wear, exclusively, the official uniform of their institution in competition, warm-ups and during the awards ceremonies. Uniforms must conform to NCAA requirements. Jewelry, including earrings, may not be worn at any time.

504 Games Committee

A Games Committee shall be appointed, consisting of the head coaches of the past and present host institutions, as well as the meet referee and the Executive Director. (8/00).

503 MEN'S INDOOR TRACK REGULATIONS

503.1 Federation Championship

503.1.1 Championship Dates

The Federation Track and Field Championships shall be held on the Friday and Saturday two weeks prior to the NCAA Championship Meet (at the discretion of the Federation's Administrative Committee).

503.1.2 Games Committee

A three-member Games Committee shall be appointed by the Commissioner for the Federation Championship Meet. The Games Committee shall have the powers and duties which are delegated to the referee as outlined in the NCAA Track and Field Guide in the absence of the referee.

503.1.3 Conduct of the Federation Championship Meet:

503.1.3.1 Squad-Size

The maximum number of entrants a member institution shall have in the Mountain Pacific championship is 27. In the two relays, institutions are allowed to make substitutions from outside the declared 25-athlete squad for a documented injured athlete. (4/95)

503.1.3.2 Entries

All entries shall be faxed to the office of the head coach of the host institution or meet director, or submitted online by 5:00 p.m. (PDT) the Monday prior to the Meet. All automatic marks shall be recorded in hundredths of a second and all hand-timed marks shall be recorded in tenths of a second. All marks submitted as qualifying (best) marks shall be adjusted for altitude and hand-recorded times by the institution submitting the marks. Likewise, all field marks submitted as best marks shall be transcribed into metric form as provided in the NCAA Handbook by the institution prior to submission to the Federation office. Individual marks made in a relay event cannot be submitted as declaration best marks. The host institution/meet director's staff shall then be responsible for drawing up heat and lane assignments per NCAA rules and having them ready for the coaches' business meeting on Thursday night prior to the start of the Meet. A finalized time schedule of the meet, including a list of all running events not requiring heats, shall be faxed to each participating school on Wednesday by the Federation Office or the host institution/meet director.

503.1.3.3 Order of Events

The approved NCAA order of events shall be followed with the following exceptions:

503.1.3.3.1 Preliminaries

When preliminary races are required, they shall be run on the first day of the meet.

503.1.3.3.2 Heats

Preliminary heats in the 3,000-meter or 5,000-meter runs shall not be required.

503.1.3.4 Competition Rules

NCAA rules for championship track and field events apply to the Mountain Pacific Championship.

503.1.3.5 Advancement

For races run in lanes at the Federation Track and Field Championships, the top finishers from the semi-final heats will qualify for the finals. The coaches will determine the number of qualifiers from each heat and the starting jump heights and increments at their pre-meet meeting. Their decision shall be based upon the number of lanes available on the track for the finals races. The coaches will also determine the starting jump heights and increments at their pre-meet meeting.

503.1.3.6 Coaching

Track and field coaches shall not be in the infield or on the track during the conducting of the Federation Championship Meet, unless otherwise dictated by the facility. An exception to this rule will be made for the host coach(s) serving as meet director(s), but only to the extent that appearances on the track or infield are directly related to the conducting of the Meet.

504 MEN'S SOCCER REGULATIONS

504.1 Federation Championship

504.1.1 Federation Format

The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation shall be composed of one division.

504.1.2 Determination of Federation Championship

The Federation Championship shall be determined by the final standings after the double-round robin conference schedule is completed. (8/02)

504.1.3 Determination of Conference Standings

The Federation's final conferences standings shall be determined by a point system awarded as follows for conference games: three points for each win; one point for each tie; zero points for each loss. (8/98, 8/02)

504.1.3.1 Tiebreaker – Two-way Tie

In the event of a two-way tie, head-to-head results shall determine the Federation's standings. (8/02)

504.1.3.2 Tiebreaker – Tied Head-to-Head

In the event the two teams tied their regular season contest:

- A. The team with the best record against common Federation opponents, beginning at the top of the standings and working down the standings until the tie is broken shall be declared higher in the standings.
- B. If the two teams are still tied, then the team with the best goals scored and allowed ratio in games against the other tied teams shall be declared the higher finisher.
- C. If the two teams are still tied, then a coin toss shall determine the divisional champion.

504.1.3.3 Tiebreaker – Greater than Two-Teams Tied

The event more than two teams tie:

- A. The team with the best combined record in its games against the other tied teams shall be declared the higher finisher. If two teams are still tied, then the two-way tiebreaker system shall determine the higher finisher in the standings.
- B. If more than two teams are still tied, then the team with the best record against common Federation opponents, beginning at the top of the standings and working down the standings until the tie is broken shall be declared the higher finisher. If two teams are still tied, then the two-way tiebreaker system shall determine the higher finisher in the standings.
- C. If more than two teams are still tied, then the team with the best goals scored and allowed ratio in games against the other tied teams shall be declared the higher

finisher in the standings. If two teams are still tied, then the two-way tiebreaker system shall determine the higher finisher.

D. If more than two teams are still tied, then a coin toss shall determine the higher finisher.

504.2 Pre-Game Schedule

Pre-game player introductions shall take place five minutes before game time. Only the starting line-ups for each teams shall be announced with the visiting team being introduced first. All starting players shall assemble at midfield for the introductions and remain there for the national anthem.

504.3 Federation Representative to NCAA Championships

In the event the Federation has one automatic qualification berth to the NCAA Championship Tournament, the Federation's champion shall be declared the automatic representative to the NCAA Championship Tournament.

504.4 Federation Soccer Rules

The NCAA Soccer Rules shall govern play in all games played by Mountain Pacific institutions.

504.5 Uniform Colors

In Federation conference games, the home team shall wear dark colors on Friday and light colors on Sunday. In the event only one conference game is scheduled on a particular weekend, the home team will wear the light colored uniforms. (1/99)

504.6 Game Ball

The brand of game ball will be in accordance with NCAA regulations.

504.7 Contracts

There shall be no financial guarantees between institutions in Federation soccer contracts.

504.8 Travel Regulations

Visiting teams are prohibited from traveling more than 18 eligible student-athletes for all Federation games.

504.8.1 Player Limitations

Teams will not be allowed to travel players over the 18 limit and have them serve in a non-playing capacity (i.e., team manager, assistant trainer, scorer, etc.).

504.9 Referees

Referees shall be assigned and paid for all MPSF men's soccer matches by a central assigner. Three referees shall work each game and the Federation shall be responsible for paying these referees. The assigner will work with the Federation's executive director to establish an officiating budget; the Federation will invoice and collect officiating assessments from the participating member institutions; funds will then be distributed to

the assignor for payment to the officials upon completion of their assignments. (4/97)
(3/06)

504.10 Host Institution Responsibilities

504.10.1 Scoresheet, Stats and Videotape

The host institution shall provide the NCAA statistics form, score sheet and videotape to the visiting team within a half hour of the end of the game.

504.10.2 Game Management

The host institution shall provide an athletic department representative knowledgeable of NCAA soccer statistics to keep the game stats. (8/00)

504.10.3 Timekeeper

Timing of all soccer games hosted by Mountain Pacific institutions must be kept by an athletic department representative (not current squad member, redshirt or recent squad member) who must be seated at the official scorer's table. (8/00)

504.11 Scouting

Federation members are prohibited from providing scouting reports, including videotapes, to non-Federation members.

505 MEN'S VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS

505.1 Federation Championship

505.1.1 The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation shall be composed of a single division for play in the sport of volleyball.

505.1.2 Federation Conference Schedule

The Federation conference schedule shall consist of double-round robin play and include two games on a home and home basis with each member institution.

505.1.2.1 With the exception of the series against either Brigham Young University or the University of Hawaii, institutions will play a home and home schedule against the other teams.

505.1.2.2 Each team's series against either Brigham Young University or the University of Hawaii will rotate home sites annually.

505.1.3 Championship Tournament Format

The Federation Championship shall be determined by a single-elimination post-season tournament culminating on the Saturday prior to the NCAA Championships.

505.1.3.1 The site of the semifinal and final rounds of the Championship Tournament shall be the at the home site of the top-seeded team after the conclusion of the conference season.

505.1.3.3 The top-eight teams shall compete in the Championship Tournament as determined on the basis of their Federation won-loss record after the conclusion of the double-round robin conference schedule.

505.1.3.4 Seeding

Teams participating in the Championship Tournament shall be seeded one through eight on the basis of their overall Federation records. (5/99)

505.1.3.5 Privileges of the Top-Seeded Team

The top-seeded shall have a quarterfinal bye, and shall host the semifinal and championship matches on the Thursday and Saturday, respectively, immediately prior to the NCAA Tournament.

505.1.3.6 Play-In Match

The number eight seed and the number seven seed shall compete in a play-in match at the home site of the number seven-seeded team on the Wednesday evening after the final weekend of Federation competition.

505.1.3.7 Quarterfinal Tournament Matches

The winner of the play-in match shall advance to quarterfinal play where it shall compete at the home site of the number two team; the number six-seeded team shall compete at the home site of the number three-seeded team; and the number five-seeded team shall compete at the home site of the number four-seeded team. Quarterfinal matches shall start at the same time as the host institution's regular conference match start times.

505.1.3.8 Semifinal Tournament Matches

The winners of the quarterfinal matches shall advance to the semifinal round at the home site of the number one-seeded team. The Winner of the #5 at #4 match shall play the #1 seed in the semifinals on the Thursday preceding the Saturday of the Federation Championship match. The winners of the remaining quarter-final matches shall meet in the second semifinal match. Semifinal match winners shall advance to the Federation Championship match. The start time of the semifinal matches shall be determined by the Federation's executive director in conjunction with the host institution, with priority given to television broadcast considerations.

505.1.3.9 Championship Match

The Championship Match will take place on the Saturday evening preceding the NCAA Tournament. The start time of the final match shall be determined by the Federation's executive director in conjunction with the host institution, with priority given to television broadcast considerations.

505.1.3.10 Tiebreakers

In the event of a two-way tie for any seeding position in the Championship Tournament, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- A. If the two tied teams are from different divisions, the winner of the tied regular season match will receive the higher seed.
- B. If the two tied teams are from the same division, the winner of the tied teams' Federation series will receive the higher seed.
- C. If the two tied teams split their Federation Series, then the team with the best overall MPSF match record within their division will receive the higher seed.
- D. If still tied, then the team with the best overall MPSF record against all other MPSF tournament qualifiers will receive the higher seed.
- E. If still tied, then the team with the best overall MPSF match record against all tournament qualifiers from their division will receive the higher seed.
- F. If still tied, then the team with the best percentage of games won in all MPSF matches will be the higher seed.

505.1.3.11 Tournament Champion

The winner of the MPSF Championship Tournament will be the Federation Champion and receive the automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

505.2 Pre-Match Protocol (4/02, 12/04, 5/05)

The following pre-game time schedule shall be followed for all Federation volleyball matches: One and a half hours prior to match time, if the court is game ready with the net set up and available for both teams to begin pre-match warm-up, the coaches agree to split time on the court. For one portion of the warm-up period, the court will be shared by both teams with each having one side. During this initial warm-up period, hitting may be done from a team's middle court to its own left sideline. Quick sets may only be hit within 10 feet of a team's left sideline. The setter should be clearly in the left half of his team's court during the shared hitting portion of the warm-up period. Coaches must set-up their shared court warm-ups with student-athlete safety in mind. The following is the pre-match countdown for a 7:00 p.m. p.m. match: (4/02)

PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL for 7:00pm start time:

- 5:30-6:00pm Coaches agreement to split time if facility available
- 6:00-6:15pm Visiting Team
- 6:15-6:30pm Home Team
- 6:30-6:40pm Shared Court
- *Insert Pre-match celebrations lasting no longer than 5-minutes here**
- 6:40-6:47.30pm Visiting Team
- 6:47.30-6:55pm Home Team
- 6:55-7:00pm National Anthem and Home/Visiting Team introductions
- 7:00pm Match Start (or delayed five minutes for celebration event)

Notes:

1. Home team chooses bench
2. Coin toss will take place 30 minutes prior to the match start time.
3. Home team will provide visiting team and officials with official match itinerary/protocol*
4. No ball handling on the playing area by the team off the court.
5. The host institution shall have balls and carts on the court(s) at 5:30pm or one and one-half hours prior to the official match start time.
6. Each host institution will provide 30 balls and two ball carts, or if there is a separate warm-up court available, the host team shall also provide balls and a ball cart on the warm-up court.
7. Celebrations or promotions such as Senior Night, etc., must start promptly at 7:00pm or the designated match start time, and will be limited to no more than five minutes maximum. Activities of longer duration may take place at the end of the match. Such events shall be noted on the game itinerary and the opposing coach shall be notified more than 24 hours in advance.

**Any changes to above protocol must be approved by both the opposing coach and the conference office at least one-week prior to the match and will be noted on the pre-match itinerary distributed to both head coaches, the officials, the scorer's table and game management personnel.*

- **Box Scores:** All teams will post box scores on their websites after each home match.
- **Time Outs:** All times will be 75 seconds in duration unless altered by television broadcast needs.

505.3 Game Balls

505.5.3.1 Official MPSF Ball

The Molten V58L is the official ball of the Federation.

505.5.3.2 Balls, Carts Available for Warm-ups

The host institution shall provide 30 balls (same brand and inflation as game balls) and two ball carts on the court(s) at 5:30pm or one and one-half hours prior to the official match start time; or if there is a separate warm-up court available, the host team shall also provide balls and a ball cart on the warm-up court.

505.4 Ball Rotation

The following three-ball rotation system shall be used in all Federation volleyball matches.

1. A different ball is used for each rally.
2. The two balls not in play are held by the ball person in the right back position, one on each side of the court.
3. Balls are circulated to the person in right back who does not have a ball during play. Balls are always rolled from corner to middle to corner. This circulation is done as fast and as inconspicuously as possible.
4. When not chasing or rolling balls shaggers should place themselves out of sight lines of spectators.

505.5 Travel Regulations

505.3.1 Squad-size

The total traveling squad for Federation volleyball matches shall be limited to thirteen (13) eligible student athletes. (5/05)

505.3.2 Player Limitations

During the regular and conference seasons, Federation teams shall not be allowed to travel players over the thirteen (13) limit and have them serve in non-playing capacity (i.e., team manager, assistant trainer, scorer, etc.).

505.3.3 For MPSF Men's Volleyball Championship play only, player's may serve in a non-playing capacity. Teams shall only be allowed to suit-up 13 student-athletes for official pre-match warm-ups. The playing roster for that match must be declared to the tournament director at the time.

505.6 Officials

All match officials and linespeople shall be assigned by the Federation's coordinator of volleyball officials. (9/93)

505.7 Scorekeepers and Sports Information Directors

505.6.1 The host institution shall provide the NCAA statistical form and scoresheet to the visiting team within one-half hour of the end of the match. The host institution must post the box score on its athletic department website after each home match. (4/02)

505.6.2 Game Statistics

The host institution shall provide at least two competent adults (not redshirts) per team (total of four) knowledgeable of NCAA volleyball statistics to keep the game stats.

505.8 Scouting

505.8.1 No Federation member participating in the sport of men's volleyball shall be allowed to give or receive scouting information about a Federation member with any Non-Federation opponent. (1/99)

505.8.2 Videotaping of Tournament Matches

If the Federation Championship Tournament or a portion of the Championship takes place at a single site, all participants may videotape all matches at that site. (5/01)

505.8.3 Videotape Exchange

Coaches shall abide by the videotape exchange policy whereby each MPSF head coach may request up to two (2) videotapes of matches from each MPSF institution during the playing year excluding playoffs, and other details, as specified by the Federation's videotape exchange policy.

505.9 Complimentary Tickets

Complimentary tickets or press box credentials for the purpose of opponent scouting are prohibited in the sports of men's volleyball per NCAA Bylaw 11.6.2.2.

505.9.1 Number of Complimentary Tickets

A total of thirty (30) complimentary tickets for seats shall be provided for the visiting team in volleyball. Under no circumstance are any of these 30 tickets to be resold. (4/02) (5/05)

505.10 Uniforms

For televised matches, the home team in all Federation volleyball matches must wear light colored jerseys, while the visiting team must wear dark colored jerseys unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in advance by the two institutions' Directors of Athletics or their designees.

505.11 Contracts

There shall be no financial guarantees between institutions in Conference volleyball contracts except for matches at the University of Hawaii.

505.12 Game Management

During matches spectators may not change sides with their teams. (4/02)

505.13 Host Institution Championship Responsibilities

The top-seeded team shall host the semifinals and finals matches to determine the Federation volleyball champion. Prior to the semifinal round, the host institution shall produce a participant manual based on the Federation's tournament handbook and championship regulations. The host institution shall also work well in advance to secure the necessary accommodations for those teams advancing to the semifinal and final rounds.

506 MEN'S WATER POLO REGULATIONS

506.1 Federation Championship

The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation shall be composed of a nine-team division for play in the sport of men's water polo.

506.1.1 Scheduling

The Federation schedule shall be a single round-robin with each member institution of the Federation playing four home and four away games.

506.1.2 Federation Champion

The Federation Championship and automatic berth in the NCAA Championship shall be determined by a post-season tournament.

506.1.2.2 Championship Site Rotation

The site of the Championship Tournament shall be selected annually by the Federation Administrative Committee using a three-year rotation schedule of two years in Southern California, followed by one year in Northern California.

506.1.2.3 Tournament Qualification

The teams shall be seeded one through eight based on their record during regular Federation season play.

506.1.2.4 Seeding

The top-eight seeds after the conclusion of conference play shall qualify for the tournament.

506.1.2.5 Tournament Format

The eight-team bracket will be a single elimination format with a winners and a losers bracket with all team places being determined.

506.1.2.6 Tiebreakers – Two Teams

A two-way tie for seeding position shall be broken based on the head-to-head winner of the regular season Federation game receiving the higher seed.

506.1.2.7 Tiebreakers - Greater than Two Teams

Ties in the standings between more than two teams shall be broken comparing the results of all games played between tied teams, even if one or more team's seeding is determined during the course of breaking the ties. The following criteria shall be compared in order to break a tie between tied teams: goal differential, most goals scored and fewest goals allowed. If two teams remain tied after this comparison, then the winner of the head-to-head game shall receive the higher seed. If more than two teams remain tied after this comparison then seeds will be determined by a coin flip.

506.1.3 Squad Size - The maximum squad size for the MPSF championship tournament is 18 student-athletes and four additional bench personnel, including up to three coaches (per NCAA regulations allowing one head coach, one assistant coach and one volunteer

coach) and one athletic trainer, for a total of 22 persons allowed in the bench area during competition. All student-athletes must be in official school uniform. Coaches and trainers must also be in appropriate school athletic attire. (8/00)

506.2 Official Ball

The Mikasa W6000 ball is recognized as the official Federation ball used in all men's water polo competition.

506.3 Officials

At least one "A" or "National" rated official shall be assigned to work each match counting in the Federation Men's Water Polo Championship standings.

506.4 Playing Rules

All Federation games shall be conducted using NCAA Water Polo Rules.

506.5 Scouting

Videotaping of opposing MPSF teams, other than during single-game competition, is allowed only at the Southern California, Northern California and Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournaments. Videotape exchange is prohibited. (11/98)

506.6 Pregame Countdown (in minutes prior to game start)

- :60 Pool available for warmups
- :30 Referees arrive
- :20 Referees inspect course/athletes
- :10 Referees clear pool
- :09 Referees meet with Team Captains
- :07 Referees walk players in from sides for introductions
- :06 Introduce/announce VISITING team (maximum 18 athletes)
- :05 Introduce/announce HOME team (maximum 18 athletes)
- :04 Introduce Officials
- :03 National Anthem
- :02 Teams to benches
- :00 Game begins

SIDs/Scorekeepers/Referees: After each game referees MUST sign the official scoresheet either at the desk or in their designated changing area.

Notes:

1. SIDs are to provide a written pregame itinerary to each head coach and referee upon their arrival on the pool deck.
2. Minor deviations to the above protocol must appear on the itinerary and pointed out to the visiting coach/referees. (example - no national anthem, etc.)
3. Major deviations to approved protocol must be approved by the executive director and opposing coach at least 48 hours prior to the date of competition. Example: special ceremony honoring seniors, Olympians, etc. (8/00)