

# SCAFWP NEWS

Monday, 21 May, 2018

## Message From the President

Welcome to the 2018-19 water polo seasons. In the weeks to come, your board will be hard at work implementing some exciting programs designed to strengthen our community and foster relationships between newer officials and our senior members. It is my honor and privilege to announce that SCAFWP will be launching a mentoring program designed to embrace new officials, and welcome them into our organization. We are also working on a “pay it forward” program designed to reduce the start up cost for new officials. The 2018-19 water polo season will see a dramatic shift in the content of our instructional clinics and the manner in which the content is delivered. Our newly appointed instructional chair, Brandon Spalding, has been hard at work developing a needs based system of instruction designed to address the specific needs of each individual association with an emphasis on differentiation between referee skill level...very exciting stuff. As we head into our summer programs, I ask that each member take a moment to reflect on their experience as a new official. Was it difficult? Did you feel isolated? Was there a senior official who took you under their wing? Well, now is your opportunity to give back. The future of our organization thanks you for it.

- Chris Belcher, President

## Meet Your New SCAFWP Board

Chris Belcher (Inland) -SCAFWP President. Chris has been married 21 years to his beautiful wife Crystal and has two daughters: Abbie and Zoe. He teaches middle school PE in Fontana and has over 30 years experience in water polo.

James “Kimo” Foley (OC) – SCAFWP Vice President. James was born and raised in La Habra. He enjoys golf and surfing. He is married and is an avid Angels and Ducks fan.

Mark Despars (OC) – SCAFWP Treasurer. Mark is married and has two sons ages 12 and 15 who play football and lacrosse. He has 25 years experience in sales and has been officiating for over 30 years.

Brandon Spalding (Foothill) – SCAFWP Instructional Chair. Brandon is a husband and father. He is currently working in administration. Brandon is also the instructional chair for the Foothill Association.

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## Mark Your Calendar

June 1-3 SOPAC JO quals youngers  
Coastal JO quals youngers  
June 8-10 Masters Nationals  
June 15-17 Coastal JO quals olders  
June 22-24 SOPAC JO quals olders  
July 21-29 JO's  
Aug 20 1<sup>st</sup> High School play date  
Oct 25 final regular season play date  
Oct 30 1<sup>st</sup> playoff date  
Nov 10 CIF Finals

## Congratulations College Referees

SCAFWP would like to recognize the following referees for being selected to whistle in the 2018 women's NCAA post-season. SCAFWP officials are indicated by \*

NCAA Play-in games – Jennifer Aronson\*, Jenn McCall\*, Tiffany Spiritosanto\*, Rick Curry

GCC – Freddy Sicard\*, Levon Dermendjian\*, Jennifer Aronson\*, Mike Reid\*, Larisa Rotsart, Troy Barnhart

WWPA – Roque Roque\*, Matt Mester\*, Leigh McGuire, John Trutna, Mike Francis, Michael Gordon

Big West – Jen McCall\*, Tiffany Spiritosanto\*, Rick Curry, Joe Peila

SCIAC – Haz Ortega\*, Gabriel Martinez\*, Mark Despars\*, Mike Stewart\*

MPSF – Hadi Farid\*, Amber Drury, Danielle Dabbaghian, Darren Spiritosanto

NCAA Championships – Danielle Dabbaghian, Amber Drury, Larisa Rotsart,