

Atlantic Division

Meeting held March 22, 2016 4:00 p.m. EDT

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Wesley Paulson, Kap7; Georgetown University, Tony Baxter; James Madison University, Joe Ziegler; Johns Hopkins University, Aaron Lawrence; University of Maryland, Paul Monaghan; U. S. Naval Academy, Peter Rockhold and Brian Cully; Duke University, Cameron Walker; University of North Carolina, Michael Kirchner; Virginia Polytech, (VA Tech), Brian Daly; University of Virginia, Eric McDonald; North Carolina State University, Joshua Horner and Zachary Shurow

The call opened with Wesley Paulson, KAP7, explaining their affiliate program and reminding teams of their 10% discount to all league members on purchases of equipment and apparel. KAP7 is committed to the sport of water polo and always available to teams beyond just their needs for equipment.

First item on the agenda was the schedule. Teams voted 7-3 to return to a split by ability as opposed to a split based on geography. The brackets will be determined by the previous year's final standings:

- **Bracket A:** Maryland, Virginia Tech, Johns Hopkins, Duke, ~~UVA~~, Navy
- **Bracket B:** ~~Navy~~, UVA, Georgetown, UNC, NC State, JMU

Navy asked if there was a way they could move into the Bracket A as they finished lower in the championship due to the use of an illegal player and needed to forfeit their first two games. UVA mentioned they would talk with their team to determine if they would be willing to flip spots with Navy.

Note: After the call UVA contacted the office and decided to switch moving Navy into the Bracket A Group and UVA in the Bracket B Group.

While teams could not confirm pool availability, the following schedule was tentatively determined:

- September 17-18 - Maryland (Bracket A)/UVA (Bracket B)
- October 15-16 - Virginia Tech (Bracket A)/NC State (Bracket B)
- October 29-30 - Navy (Championship) or UNC (Backup)

Backup dates are October 1-2 and October 22-23. All teams will compete at the same championship location.

Note: UNC contacted the office after the call that they will not be able to host the championship weekend but would look into a earlier weekend as October 1-2 and October 15-16 do not have home football games.

Hosts were reminded to complete the Pool Reservation Form, found under the Forms section on the website. Hotels will be reserved once these forms are submitted.

The call concluded with the Assistant Commissioner running through a series of updates from our communications, membership services and media departments. Additionally, leadership was reminded that all necessary team forms are found on the website under the Forms Tab. This includes the Participation Agreement that needs to be submitted by the Club Supervisor before June 1st. After the form is submitted, teams have until September 1st to remove themselves from the league without penalty. Likewise, Team Leaders need to turn in their Media Guide Info using the form on the website by August 31st. Emails for players should be included so athletes can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned the streaming program now features a play-by-play announcer and will include graphics by this fall season in an effort to enhance the broadcast even further. Hosting Institutions can now select if they are interested in streaming games at their location on the Pool Reservation Form. Teams

were reminded there is minimal work required of the host as the league office will contact the appropriate departments to set up the stream and arrange the camera operators as well as any announcers.

All teams were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials and the tournament following each of the competitions. These forms are found under the Forms tab of the website. If you are unsure of which referee you are evaluating, go to the officiating section and click on their picture for easy identification as well as use the Referee Assignment page to confirm the names of officials assigned to the event.

Teams were encouraged to send in pictures or story leads to promote their programs and enhance the interest of the website. Likewise, Team Leaders should take advantage of the Player of the Week program and nominate athletes each week, regardless of whether the games are within the CWPA league play or non-conference. Those selected are featured on the website and several other media outlets utilized by the league.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned the requirement for Team Leaders to review the Team Orientation webinars as well as involving younger members of their team to be involved in leadership roles. The program consists of three webinars and can be accessed via the Membership Page. There is also an optional fundraising webinar that provides some great tips.

Finally, teams were reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page and to encourage graduating seniors to consider becoming officials.