

## **BIG TEN DIVISION**

Meeting held November 2, 2009 at 5:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Illinois, Rebecca Kubzynski; Indiana, Katie French; Iowa, Krissy Hansell; Michigan, Angela Kurdys; Michigan State, Molly Masters; Purdue, Claire Hacking; Wisconsin, Val Poulos

The Commissioner mentioned that Ohio State and Northwestern had been invited, but declined to participate this year.

The league schedule was the next item on the agenda and the various competitive formats were explained. Teams chose to use a three-tournament format with a random draw for their schedule. Sites and dates were selected to be:

- February 13-14 Michigan State
- February 20-21 Michigan
- April 10-11 Iowa

Teams hosting were reminded to submit their Pool Reservation Form in order to complete the schedule. The form can be completed online by going to the Tournament page on the website. Hotels will be reserved as soon as we receive these forms.

The Commissioner mentioned the new Orientation Program for all Team Leaders is required. The program consists of three webinars and can be accessed via the Membership Page. There is also a fundraising webinar that provides some great tips to help teams raise money.

Teams were encouraged to send in pictures or story leads to 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.

The Commissioner reminded everyone to have their Club Supervisor submit a Participation Contract by December 15 to ensure eligibility. It can be found on the Coaching page under Administrative Forms.

All coaches were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials following each of the competitions. These forms are available on the Coaching page under Administrative Forms. If you are unsure of which referee you are evaluating, simply go to the officiating assignment page and click on their picture for easy identification.

The Commissioner requested that each team contact ensure their athletes have read the Code of Conduct before the season starts. Likewise, Deck coaches should adhere to the Dress Code established. Teams were also reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.

### **Second Call**

Meeting held December 9 at 6:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Illinois, Bree Longfield; Indiana, Katie French; Iowa, Jenna Georgacakis; Michigan, Angela Kurdys; Michigan State, Molly Masters; Purdue, Claire Hacking; Wisconsin, Val Poulos

The Commissioner indicated that the call was necessary due to the changes that had taken place in the schedule and the need for teams to decide rather than the conference office staff.

The first order of business dealt with the fact that the Iowa pool was shorter than regulation size. After discussion, teams voted to have Purdue host the championship.

The next item related to the venue for the first tournament. Michigan State was unable to host and Wisconsin was approved as the replacement site.

The last item was a discussion about Michigan hosting two games at once and the shortened rest between contests for four teams. Teams voted to approve the Michigan site with the hope that Pioneer High School would be able to be secured for additional time in the morning or evening to avoid the problem.

The schedule was determined to be as follows:

- February 13-14                      Wisconsin
- February 20-21                     Michigan
- April 10-11                         Purdue

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