

BIG TEN DIVISION

Meeting held October 27, 2015 6:00 PM

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; University of Illinois (Champaign), Jessie Lietz; Indiana University, Colleen Gartland; University of Iowa, Maria Palladino, Laura Majewski and Kim Durkin; Michigan State University, Hailey Sheets and Melissa Vesey; University of Michigan, Sierra Schatz; Purdue University, Sarah Trotter; University of Wisconsin (Madison), Alli Starry; Ohio State University, Tammy Katz

The schedule was the first item on the agenda, and after some discussion, teams agreed these were the best available options. Dates and times were determined as follows:

- February 6-7 - Michigan, Ohio State and Iowa will check on availability
- February 20-21 - Michigan, Ohio State and Iowa will check on availability
- April 2-3- Purdue - Championship

Michigan will have first option as they have not hosted in four seasons. Ohio State and Iowa are additional options if Michigan cannot host as well as the host for the second site (January 30-31 is a backup date but last option as Illinois will just be returning to school).

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. Teams were also reminded to fill out the Hotel Feedback Form as well following the tournaments.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned that all necessary forms for Team Leaders are found on the website under the Forms Tab. This includes the Participation Agreement that needs to be submitted by the Club Supervisor before December 15. Likewise, Team Leaders need to turn in their Media Guide Info using the form on the website by the fall. Emails for players should be included so athletes can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

All contacts were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials following each of the competitions. This form is 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.

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 receive awards.

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.

Teams were reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page and include their team's Facebook page as it was suggested by several contacts as the best media for reaching most programs.

Update from CWPA: OSU and Michigan have informed the office they will not be able to host a date in February. Both schools have expressed their ability to host in April which will require a division vote to determine dates and locations.

Meeting held December 3, 2015

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; University of Illinois (Champaign), Jessie Lietz; Indiana University, Colleen Gartland; University of Iowa, Maria Palladino; Michigan State University, Hailey Sheets and Melissa Vesey; University of Michigan, Sierra Schatz; Purdue University, Sarah Trotter; University of Wisconsin (Madison), Alli Starry; Ohio State University, Tammy Katz

The schedule was the only item on the agenda. After a short discussion, we were able to determine the following dates and locations:

- February 6-7 - Indiana - regular season
- April 2-3 - Purdue - regular season
- April 16-17 - Michigan - championship

Indiana is in the process of confirming their ability to use the varsity equipment but had confirmed the pool availability. They will follow u with the league office once finalized.

Purdue was originally scheduled to host the 2016 Big Ten Championship and will be given first option in 2017. Both Ohio State and Iowa withdrew their interest to host to allow Michigan the chance as they have not hosted in the last four seasons.

Team voted 7-1 in favor of having the championship the weekend of April 16-17. The league will take in consideration Indiana's conflicts during that weekend when finalizing the schedule. Michigan stated pool availability will not begin until early afternoon on Saturday. This should allow enough time for Indiana to travel later Saturday morning.

All teams were reminded to email the assistant commissioner any additional conflicts during the above weekends to be taken in consideration when finalizing game schedules. Any teams hosting an invitational can also provide that information to the office to post on the website.