

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

Meeting held November 7, 2011, 4:00 PM-a second meeting took place December 7, 2011

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; Boston University, Joan Rajfer and Jamie Drahos; Dartmouth College, Haley Carstensen and Nora Winslow; Williams College, Anna Marrs and Paula Moren; U. S. Coast Guard Academy, Jody Masano

The Commissioner asked everyone if they knew of any teams wishing to join. No one knew of any at this time. He then asked if anyone from the New England Division was willing to switch to the North Atlantic. No one was willing to do so. Based on this information and the fact that Middlebury plans to leave the North Atlantic Division, there are not enough remaining teams to make a viable group. This leaves the options listed below.

- Option 1 A New England team moves to the North Atlantic Division every year for a one-year stay
- Option 2 The divisions merge and play a combined schedule (format TBD)

Teams discussed how a merged division would be aligned with north/south or east/west groups as possibilities. Separating according to ability was not logical since ability changes annually.

Teams could only agree on two dates (2/24-25 and 4/14-15) where no one had a conflict. Since the North Atlantic teams were not present and they will receive a vote, a second conference call will be held following the distribution of information to all programs. The date for the call has not yet been determined.

All coaches 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.

A 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 that is optional.

Media Guide information needs to be submitted before teams leave for winter break and a form can be used online to submit the roster and team summary.

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 Forms tab.

Conference Call II

Meeting held December 7, 5:00 PM

Attending: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; Middlebury College, Brian Goodwin; Boston College, Julia Seigel; Boston University, Joan Kisthardt Rajfer, Jamie Drahos, and Joanna Chen; Dartmouth College, Haley Carstensen; U. S. Coast Guard Academy, Jodi Maisano; Williams College, Anna Marrs and Paula Moren; Yale University, Margaret Lazzarini and Stephanie Cueves

The division met jointly with the North Atlantic teams and it was unanimous that the original divisions remain split, with Wesleyan joining the North Atlantic and Middlebury moving to the New England Division.

Dates and locations were determined as follows:

- February 25-26 Yale
- April 14-15 Middlebury
- April 21-22 Championship at Boston University

Boston University will use a 25 yard length and the game times will need to be on the 1:20 to allow for warm-up since there is no warm-up pool space available.