

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

Meeting held November 3, 2015 4:00 PM

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; University of Massachusetts, Natalie Hansel;

Boston University, Catherine Xenakis; Williams College, Laura Elmendors; Boston College, Liz Titterton; Dartmouth College, Caitlin Flint; Middlebury College, Brian Goodwin

The call began with a tremendous amount of feedback. The Assistant Commissioner and school representatives called in twice to attempt a better line with limited improvement.

Teams were first asked if any new programs are interested in joining the division. Middlebury mentioned that the University of Connecticut had expressed interest.

The schedule was the second item on the agenda. After some discussion regarding the possibility of playing regional competition in order to allow a shorter break between competitions, teams agreed it was difficult to split regionally not knowing if Wesleyan will be able to field a team. Teams were unanimous to keep three competition weekends with everyone at each site. Dates and times were determined as follows:

- Feb 20-21 or 27-28 - Williams (checking availability on both weekends)
- April 9-10 - Middlebury
- April 16-17 - Boston University

In the event Williams is unable to secure their facility, Boston University will potentially fill the position.

The call ran out of time due to the conference line issues and the lengthy discussion regarding schedule options. The Assistant Commissioner is sending a follow-up email on Tuesday, November 10th to all participants on the call covering the below information:

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.

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 coaches are 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 are 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.

Team Leaders should review the Team Orientation webinars. 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 are reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.

Follow-Up Meeting:

Meeting held January 28, 2016 9:00 PM

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; University of Massachusetts, Corinna Torabi; Boston University, Allie DeLillo; Williams College, Laura Elmendors; Boston College, Lindsay Cellar; Dartmouth College, Caitlin Flint; Middlebury College, Hannah Grotzinger and Alexandra Spencer-Wong; Northeast University, Caroline Vargan

The Assistant Commissioner explained the two options being considered as we do not have a confirmed host site for the first weekend of competition.

Option 1: We need to find a host site for either February 20-21 or February 27-28

Williams is not available on either of the above two dates which are the only two dates when every team is available to compete. Therefore we need to find another site that can host 14 games on either of the above two dates (roughly 10 hours Saturday and 7 hours Sunday). If we don't have a host site we will need to go with the second option.

Option 2: Divide based on school availability

Williams could potentially host of March 5-6. This tournament would include: Dartmouth, Middlebury, UMass and Williams. These four teams would play everyone once and one team twice during that weekend. The tournament at Middlebury on April 9-10 would become a crossover to play the teams from the Boston Area plus one additional game against a team from the same region.

That would mean Boston U., Boston C. and Northeastern would play a double round robin on dates TBD hosted by BU and Northeastern. These games could potentially be a weekend date(s) or single night games. We would determine this with these three teams. Again, the Middlebury Tournament would be a crossover where they would play the four teams from the opposite region.

In both options, the Championship will be played on April 16-17 at Boston University.

Middlebury expressed the possibility of their program being able to host a second weekend but would not be able to confirm until Tuesday, February 2, 2016 as they needed to wait for their coach. Assistant Commissioner expressed he would also reach out to Coach Goodwin when he returns to discuss he options.

Teams voted 6-1 in favor of Option 1 with one vote for February 20-21, two votes for February 27-28 and four votes for either date available.

Boston College asked about pursuing non-division facilities such as Deerfield Academy to host a weekend in February and the Assistant Commissioner stated this is an option using the Northwest Division as an example. Teams were in agreement to pursue this possibility depending upon cost. Boson College representative Liz Titterton will contact the office on Friday to discuss further.

Dartmouth asked about hotel blocks for these options. The CWPA will pursue setting up blocks for each potential site.

The next action steps include pursuing Option 1 with Middlebury, or a non-division facility, as the host with February 27-28 as first choice and February 20-21 as second choice. The office will provide a status update by Tuesday, February 2, 2016 to the teams and set up a conference call for Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:00PM EST if necessary.