

Northwest Division

Meeting held February 22, 2017 10:00PM EST (7:00PM PST)

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Oregon State University, Justin Hua; Washington State University, Shawyon Jaffarbhoy; University of Washington, Ian Walsh (3 of 5 schools)

The call opened with teams being asked about any new programs in the area interested in joining the division and if any teams were planning to enter a "B" Squad. The Assistant Commissioner reminded everyone that the membership passed a policy during the summer of 2016 giving "B" Squads a reduction in league dues. No team expressed interest. The Assistant Commissioner reminded teams that Western Washington had committed a No-Contest and was suspended for the remainder of last season and the upcoming season. The team did not appeal the decision but will confirm they do not plan to participate.

The Assistant Commissioner explained the current division format as two regional weekends and a championship where all teams play each other twice during regular season to determine championship seeding. The Assistant Commissioner asked if teams would like to consider anything different. Teams wanted to stay with the current format. All teams were asked if they were interested in hosting. Oregon State, Washington State and Washington expressed interest.

The next item of business was the 2017 Division Schedule. Teams were reminded that the Florida Division was next in rotation to host the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship (November 10-12, 2017). Teams decided to create the following two tentative schedule options based on pool availability:

Preferred Option #1:

September 29-1	1st Regional (Oregon/Washington/WSU)
October 13-15	2nd Regional (Oregon/Washington/WSU)
October 27-29	Championship at Oregon State

Preferred Option #2:

September 29-1	1st Regional (Oregon/Washington/WSU)
October 6-8	2nd Regional (Oregon/Washington/WSU)
October 20-22	Championship at Oregon State

Teams voted unanimously to avoid back-to-back weekends. However, if there needed to be back-to-back weekends, teams would prefer it happening earlier in the season in order to have at least one weekend off between the final regional weekend and the division championship. None of the schools could confirm their dates at the time of the call but were asked to provide an update no later than March 31st. Schools were asked to check on pool availability for all three dates to ensure a three weekend season. Oregon State requested to host championship and teams on the call agreed. The league office will contact Oregon to see if they are interested in hosting a regional weekend.

The call concluded with the Assistant Commissioner running through a series of updates from the league office as well as a reminder that all **CWPA League Policies** are posted on the website under Membership and Administration pages. Specific policies discussed on the call were student-athlete eligibility requirements, teams must be recognized by their institution, the differences and penalties for "No Contest vs. Forfeit", and the newly passed policy defining the difference between a "Varsity vs. Club" Student-Athlete.

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 no later than June 1st. After the form is submitted, teams have until September 1st to make any adjustments or 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 September 1st. Emails for players should be included so athletes can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

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. Hosts should also be sure to submit the scores from their weekend no later than Monday morning following the event. Scores should be sent directly to Ed Haas, Director of Communications.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned the multimedia department continues to develop its streaming program that features a play-by-play announcer, game graphics and commercials including the Kap7 Tip of the Week. Additionally, the league has begun a new feature during the current women's season that highlights one of the great matches streamed from the previous weekend of competition. This CWPA Game of the Week will continue through the men's season. In order to ensure we can highlight games from every division, host sites are strongly urged to work with the multimedia department in streaming at their facility. 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 to review the referee assignments on the weekend.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned the requirement for Team Leaders to 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. The team representative reviewing the webinars will need to take a short test for each webinar to ensure it is recording that their team had completed the requirements. Teams should also encourage younger members of their team to be involved in a leadership role in order to help secure a smoother transition over the years.

Finally, teams were reminded the importance of reviewing and updating their **Team Contact Information** using the link on the Membership page and to encourage graduating seniors to consider becoming officials or coaches in order to stay involved in the sport.