

Southwest Division

Meeting held March 10, 2016 9:00 p.m. EST

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Wolf Wigo, KAP7; Univ. of San Diego, Jason Frankle; Arizona State University, Todd Clapper; Univ. of Arizona, Matt Prestinario; Univ. of California-Irvine, Nick Cecchi; Univ. of California-San Diego, Nick Ratekin; San Diego State University, David Dallas-Orr

The call opened with Wolf Wigo, co-founder of KAP7, explaining their affiliate program and reminding teams of their 10% discount to all league members on purchases of equipment and apparel. KAP7 is committed to the sport of water polo and always available to teams beyond just their needs for equipment.

The schedule was the first item on the agenda as well as teams' conflict dates. Since the division is comprised of four California Teams and two Arizona Teams, one of the three weekends will be scheduled in Arizona and two in California. Arizona State requested that the Arizona State vs. Arizona game be played during the regional weekend in Arizona or pulled from the schedule and played as a single game when both regional weekends are scheduled in California. Dates were determined as follows:

- October 1-2 - Arizona State (1st option) or UC-Irvine (2nd Option)
- October 15-16 - San Diego State
- October 29-30 - Championship: UC-Irvine (1st option) or Arizona State (2nd Option)

Dates are subject to change based on pool availability. Arizona and UC-San Diego were both asked to look pool availability for October 1-2 and 29-30 as possible backups. Facilities not scheduled to host during the 2016-17 Season will be given first option to host in the 2017-18 season. For rotation reasons, no team will have the ability to host more than two seasons in a row unless no other facility is available. Based on this, San Diego State would not be eligible to host in 2017-18. Division teams outside of California will rotate every other year.

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.

The call concluded with the Assistant Commissioner running through a series of updates from our communications, membership services and media departments. 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 before June 1st. After the form is submitted, teams have until September 1st to 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 August 31st. Emails for players should be included so athletes can be notified when games within the division will be streamed.

The Assistant Commissioner mentioned the streaming program now features a play-by-play announcer and will include graphics by this fall season in an effort to enhance the broadcast even further. Hosting Institutions can now select if they are interested in streaming games at their location on the Pool Reservation Form. 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 form are 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 as well as use the Referee Assignment page to confirm the names of officials assigned to the event.

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.

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.

Finally, teams were reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.