

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

Meeting held November 3, 2009 at 11:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; U. S. Air Force Academy, Mackie Contreras; University of Utah, Larry Jackson; University of Colorado, Sarah Spector; Colorado State University, Tamar Zwick; University of New Mexico, Arielle Esquibel; Northern Arizona University, Jenna Sorrell; University of Arizona, Jeff Whitmore; Arizona State University, AJ Grucky

Discussion opened on the topic of splitting the division. Travel concerns, ability to field full programs, opportunities to gain an additional bid to the National Championship, requisite number of teams to make a viable division, and rising costs were all listed as important factors in determining whether a split should take place. The proposed new alignment would be as follows:

Rocky Mountain Division

- U. S. Air Force Academy
- University of Utah
- University of Colorado
- Colorado College
- Colorado State University
- Mesa State College

Southwest Division

- University of New Mexico
- Northern Arizona University
- University of Arizona
- Arizona State University
- University of Arizona "B" (possible)

After a great deal of discussion, teams decided to table any final decision until after they had a chance to talk it over with their teammates. A conference call will be held next week at the same time to come to a final decision.

Regarding the National Championship bid, if the division splits the bid will be awarded to one of the new divisions, with the remaining one receiving an opportunity to host most likely in the next year (to be approved by the Board of Directors).

Once the schedule is completed, teams hosting were reminded to submit their Pool Reservation Form in order to complete the schedule. The form can be completed online by going to the Tournament page on the website. Hotels will be reserved as soon as we receive these forms.

The Commissioner mentioned the 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.

Teams were encouraged to send in pictures or story leads to 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.

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 Coaching page under Administrative Forms.

All coaches were urged to complete an Evaluation Form about the officials following each of the competitions. These forms are available on the Coaching page under Administrative Forms. If you are unsure of which referee you are evaluating, simply go to the officiating assignment page and click on their picture for easy identification.

The Commissioner requested that each team contact ensure their athletes have read the Code of Conduct before the season starts. Likewise, Deck coaches should adhere to the Dress Code established. Teams were also reminded to update their contact information using the link on the Membership page.

Second Meeting-Follow-up to initial call

Meeting held November 10, 2009 at 11:00 PM

Attending: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner; U. S. Air Force Academy, Mackie Contreras; University of Utah, Larry Jackson; University of Colorado, Sarah Spector and Matt Anthony; Colorado State University, Tamar Zwick; New Mexico, University of Arielle Esquibel; Northern Arizona University, Jenna Sorrell; University of Arizona, Jeff Whitmore; Arizona State University, AJ Gucky

The Commissioner recapped the previous call regarding the scheduling conflicts. AJ Gucky summarized why he did not think the division should split at this time and others concurred. No one was supportive of splitting.

The competitive format was discussed and teams agreed to have one regional tournament, followed by a crossover event and a championship. Teams in the south determined that they would play round robin with a fourth game against an opponent for a second time during their regional. Teams affirmed their desire to keep the crossover and championship in separate rotations to reduce travel for all concerned. The schedule was then approved as follows:

- February 6-7 USAF-Southern regional
- February 13-14 AZ State-Northern regional
- February 27-28 CO State-Crossover
- April 10-11 Arizona-Championship