

Pacific Coast Division

Meeting held November 1, 2016 9:00 PM EDT

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; University of California-Santa Barbara, Dan Loman; University of Southern California, Emma Smith; University of California-Los Angeles, Karen Chou

The call opened with the Assistant Commissioner reminding everyone that the purpose of the call was to determine potential competition sites and dates as well as run through a series of reminders from the office.

The schedule was the first item on the agenda as well as teams' conflict dates. The Assistant Commissioner reminded the division of the previous season's scheduled sites and dates. Teams were asked who was interested in hosting as well as when their facility was available. UCLA expressed interest and would check on their ability to host twice. Santa Barbara preferred not to host as rental cost to run the event during the previous year was \$1900. Assistant Commissioner stated he will contact both Cal Poly and Long Beach to see if they were interested in hosting as these schools weren't represented on the call. If we do not have three schools, or at least one school willing to host twice, we will need to either educe to a two weekend format or explore the possibility of hosting single weeknight games. Santa Barbara and UCLA were fine with having to host singles weeknight games if needed.

The representatives on the call determined a three tournament season was their first choice, the following tentative dates were determined with UCLA and possibly Cal Poly and Long Beach hosting based on pool availability:

February 11-12	TBD
March 4-5	TBD
April 8-9	UCLA (Championship)

UCLA will look into the possible dates they could host, and if they could host two weekends, based on the listed dates. Teams also agreed to travel up to Cal Poly twice if their program was willing to host two weekends and we did not have a third site option. Additionally, teams were willing to discuss splitting the cost with Santa Barbara (or another host location that might be cheaper) in order to have a third site.

Santa Barbara asked if there was a way to incorporate "B" teams at a reduced price. The Assistant Commissioner reminded teams that the membership voted for "B" teams to receive a reduction in league fees. Santa Barbara was still concerned about the cost and discussed the opportunity of exhibition games if pool time permitted. Assistant Commissioner agreed to look into it and said the teams wouldn't be part of the league structure but would be responsible for paying for games fees played. Santa Barbara, UCLA and USC all stated they would be interested in fielding an additional exhibition team when the opportunity presented itself.

Assistant Commissioner will follow up with both Cal Poly and Long Beach regarding the schedule and their interest of hosting. *Note: Long Beach responded they are interested in hosting depending on the pool availability do to the varsity schedule. The Assistant Commissioner also spoke with the Cal Poly (Sierra Sheeper and Jessie Smith) who also expressed interest in hosting and were willing to host two dates if needed.*

Note: Following the conference call UC Riverside submitted a participation agreement for the upcoming season. They would likely join the Pacific Coast Division based on location which would increase the number of teams to six.

Hosts were reminded to complete the Pool Reservation Form, found under the Forms section on the website, once we finalize the dates and locations after the next call. Schedules can be completed and hotels 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 multimedia 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 December 15th. After the form is submitted, teams have until January 15th 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 January 15th. 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 remote announcer and includes graphics 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.

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.

The Assistant Commissioner discussed the Kap7 Affiliate Program and reminded 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.

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

