

Texas Division
Meeting held October 26, 2016 9:00 PM EDT

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Texas Christian University, Kelly Kuchenbecker; Baylor University, Mary Cameron Allsep; Rice University, Haley Kurisky; Texas A&M University, Elizabeth Crowling; Texas Tech University, Darla Vasquez; University of Texas, Michaela Marshall and Katie Woodburn; Texas State University, Melissa Kolowicz and Sarah Duncan

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. Texas A&M, Rice and Texas Tech expressed interest. Texas A&M also expressed interest in adding a "B" squad into the division. This would increase the division to eight teams.

Teams discussed the possibility of splitting the division into two brackets/regions if Texas A&M added a second squad. This would help avoid any conflicting dates as several teams weren't available for the second backup date in February. Teams would still play everyone in the division with a crossover weekend. Dates were determined as follows if the division split:

February 4-5	Rice (Regional Site)
February 11-12	Texas Tech (Region Site)
March 25-26	Texas A&M (Crossover)
April 8-9	Rice (Championship; Backup Site Texas Tech)

Notes: Texas Tech contacted the office and let us know February 11-12 was available but not February 4-5. Rice confirmed their ability to host February 4-5 and April 8-9. Texas requested to travel to Rice for the regional this upcoming season due to a conflict with their coach. As Texas A&M is hosting, their teams will travel to Texas Tech this season (along with Texas Christian) but would have first choice for regional location over Texas during the 2018 season. Texas, Texas State and Baylor will attend the Rice Regional February 4-5.

Hosts were reminded to complete the Pool Reservation Form, found under the Forms section on the website. 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 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 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.