

Pacific Coast Division

Meeting 1 of 2 held April 17, 2018 10:00PM EST (7:00PM PDT)

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; California Poly State University, Harrison Woods; University of California-Los Angeles, Joe Bernal and Doug Merkel; (2 of 5 schools) *Please note: No vote can be finalized as this was not the majority of teams in the division.*

The call began with a discussion about the new league website that was launched at the start of the 2017 Fall Season as we waited for more teams to join the meeting. The Assistant Commissioner noted several key reasons for the change including: mobile friendly site, member programs ability to have interactive control over their team profiles and the league office's ability to make updates and changes. The Assistant Commissioner asked the leaders to contact the office if they have any suggestions that they felt would enhance the site. Leaders were also reminded to update their team profiles and to contact the office if they do not have their school's login information.

At this point it was evident no more teams were going to be joining the call but we did have the two schools represented who typically have hosted divisional events (Cal Poly and UCLA). Both schools were interested in hosting again. We discussed possible dates based on past seasons. Both schools stated they preferred starting the first weekend in October as classes don't start until the end of September. The following dates were discussed as options:

Oct. 6-7	First Regional
Oct. 13-14 or 20-21	Second Regional
Oct. 27-28	Championship

Both teams were asked if they were interested in entering a "B" Squad which receives a reduction in league dues as voted by membership during the summer of 2016. While league dues have not been determined for the 2018-19 School Year, teams were reminded the previous year's dues were \$2750 for the first team and \$1930 for the second team entered from the same university. UCLA and Cal Poly were both planning on entering two teams based on roster sizes.

Teams were asked if they would like to run through the updates and reminders from the league office or wait until the rescheduled conference call since we did not have enough participation to finalize the schedule. Both teams agreed and we ran through the additional reminders also posted below in next meeting.

Team leaders were thanked for taking the time to be on the call to represent their program. The call ended.

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Meeting 2 of 2 held June 26, 2018 10:30PM EST (7:30PM PDT)

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; California Poly State University, Harrison Woods; University of California-Los Angeles, John Henderson; University of California-Santa Barbara, Jesse Neushul; University of Southern California, Justin Nahamou (4 of 5 schools)

The call began with a discussion about the new league website that was launched at the start of the 2017 Fall Season in order to give everyone an opportunity to sign-in. The Assistant Commissioner noted several key reasons for the change including: mobile friendly site, member programs ability to have interactive control over their team profiles and the league office's ability to make updates and changes.

Team leaders were reminded to update their school profile as the league office uses that information to create all distribution lists as well as uses the phone numbers for direct contact. Teams can contact the office at office@collegiatewaterpolo.org if they need their login information sent again.

Once enough teams were represented, the discussion shifted to the 2018 schedule. The Assistant Commissioner explained Cal Poly and UCLA both expressed interest in hosting. The Assistant Commissioner asked if any other schools had interest in hosting with USC expressing interest (Long Beach by email).

Teams were reminded that the Southwest Division was next in rotation to host the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship (November 9-11, 2018) and that the University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ) was currently reviewing their option to bid. Next in rotation to host nationals is the Mid Atlantic Division.

Based on discussion, and the varsity team schedules, the teams determined the following tentative schedule during the call:

Oct. 6-7	Long Beach or Cal Poly
Oct. 20-21	UCLA (Backup 10/13-14)
Oct. 27-28	Long Beach or Cal Poly (Championship)

The Assistant Commissioner stated he would reach out to Long Beach following the call. Teams were asked to try and confirm their dates by the week of July 9th so schedules can be released shortly after.

Once sites are confirmed, hosts were reminded to complete the Pool Reservation Form found under the Forms section on the website once their date is confirmed. Team Leadership will be contacted by the office at least one week prior to their event to ensure they received the host package and are prepared for the weekend. Hotels will be reserved once the host sites are confirmed and pool reservation form submitted.

Teams were reminded of the current division format as two regional weekends and a championship where all teams play each other once and additional seeding games were selected randomly (A&B Teams from the same institution only play once). The Assistant Commissioner asked if teams would like to consider anything different. Teams voted to stay in the current format.

Before moving any further in the call, teams were asked if they had any questions or new business to discuss so that we do not run out of time at the end of the call. None was discussed.

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. After a brief description of the CWPA Club Governance Council, the Assistant Commissioner asked if any of their players or administrators would have interested in being nominated as a candidate. If so, please send their name and contact information to tracey@collegiatewaterpolo.org.

Teams were encouraged to send story ideas to [Ed Haas](#), Director of Communications, to promote their programs and enhance their exposure on 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. Additionally, the website now has a social media aspect that we would love to see teams take advantage sending photos from their tournaments as well as other great experiences they have as a team.

The Assistant Commissioner pointed out [Jon Weaver](#), Director of Multimedia, continues to do exciting updates with the streaming program and featured game of the week. To ensure we can highlight games from every division, host sites are strongly urged to work with the multimedia department to stream at their facility. Additionally, the multimedia department is developing several video libraries to directly benefit our members and officials. As the CWPA is a non-profit, all educational material will be available for free on the website. We encourage teams, players and coaches to take full advantage.

The Assistant Commissioner explained the recently launched Ambassador's Program with a focus on an Alumni Initiative. Teams will be asked to give a few minutes during a league weekend to talk with one of the league ambassadors about how they can stay involved after graduation whether as a coach, official, mentor or donor. The Assistant Commissioner also launched into the newly revised CWPA Mentoring Program and discussed how the office felt this would help reduce the attrition and hopefully promote additional growth. Teams were asked to provide the office with any names of current alum that were team leaders in the past and that they felt would be great mentors for either a new team or struggling program.

Finally, teams were once again reminded the importance of reviewing and updating their [Team Contact Information](#) using the link on the Membership page.

All team leaders were thanked for taking the time to be on the call to represent their program.