

Big Ten Division

Meeting held April 14, 2020 7:00PM EDT (1st of 2 calls)

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Indiana University, Trip Truman; Michigan State University, Zach Sneathen; Northwestern University, Jacob Cvetas; Ohio State University, Drew Wilson; Purdue University, Ryan Alcorn; University of Illinois, Joe Kochlefl; University of Michigan, Andrew Golin; University of Wisconsin, Christian Fuhrmann; University of Iowa, Matt Burrows (9 of 9 schools)

Following roll call, teams were reminded they should have already taken the time to watch the [four-minute Video](#) covering important league information as well as taking the time to submit the [RSVP Form](#). If they have not completed either task, team leaders should do so following the conference call.

Before getting into the schedule, the Assistant Commissioner inquired how everyone was doing under current national circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus and gave a quick recap of how things were handled with the cancellation of the remainder of the women's season. The league office has high hopes the Fall season will take place as normal but is prepared to adjust as needed depending on conditions at that time.

Teams were asked if anyone knew of any new programs interested in joining or if any team had interest in entering a "B" Squad. Teams were reminded the dues from the 2019-20 school year were \$2735 for any school entering one team and \$1940 for a second team entered from the same institution. While the office hopes to continue the trend of the past three years of reducing fees while still offering more services, we cannot give a definitive dollar amount for the 2020-21 school year until the budget is approved by the board of directors.

Currently, no team expressed interest in adding a "B" Squad. Additionally, the University of Iowa is currently appealing their suspension due to the no-contest during the 2019 season. Iowa leadership has made several changes and have been working with the club sports director to ensure they will not repeat events of last season. The Big Ten leadership unanimously supported Iowa being granted a waiver to participate in the 2020 season. The Assistant Commissioner noted he supported their return based on current conversations with Iowa Leadership and would be share the support of the Big Ten Teams with the Governance Council when reviewing the appeal. Teams also agreed to allow exhibition teams to participate if time permitted.

The next item on the agenda focused on the division format, conflict dates and hosting. The current Big Ten Division competitive format is comprised of three regional weekends where teams attend two of the three (West Regional, East Regional or Crossover) and all teams attend the championship weekend. During the regular season, teams play every opponent once with the regular season standings determining seeding for the championship. The Assistant Commissioner asked if teams would like to consider anything different or if they preferred staying with the above format. Teams agreed they wanted to stay with the current format as it helped reduce travel and shortened the length of time during tournament weekends. All teams were asked if they were interested in hosting. Indiana, Northwestern, Purdue, Ohio State, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa all expressed interest. While teams preferred to keep the crossover and championship more centrally located due to travel, several teams from what is listed below as the East and West Regional Host Locations expressed interest in hosting championship as well. This included Ohio State, Michigan, Wisconsin, Northwestern and Iowa.

Conversation transitioned into discussion over the 2020 scheduled dates and locations. Teams were reminded the Southeast Division was next in rotation to host the Men's National Collegiate Club Championship on the weekend of November 13-15, 2020 with the Northwest as the next division if the Southeast declines.

After discussion of potential conflict dates, teams decided to create the following lists of how teams would be regionally split as hosts based on the above interest as well as a tentative schedule depending on pool availability:

East Regional Host Sites: Ohio State or Michigan

Central Host Sites: Indiana or Purdue

West Regional Host Sites: Wisconsin, Iowa, Northwestern

Potential Dates and Locations:

Sept. 26-27	Crossover – Indiana or Purdue
Oct. 10-11	East Regional – Ohio State (Backup Michigan)
Oct. 17-18	West Regional - Wisconsin (Backup Iowa)
Oct. 31-1	Champs Northwestern (Backup TBD)
November 13-15	Nationals – Site TBD

Since Michigan was scheduled to host the previous season, Ohio State would be given first right to host the East Regional on October 10-11 with Michigan as the backup. Additionally, Wisconsin would have first right to host the West Regional on October 17-18 as they did not host the previous year. Iowa would be the backup. Teams wanted to also have at least one weekend between championship and nationals. Teams agreed the weekend of Oct. 31-1 was a better option based on conflicts. Teams also felt Northwestern was centrally located enough to host the championship, but no backup site was determined on this call. Additionally, teams did not decide if Purdue or Indiana would be first choice to host the crossover since we ran out of time and the call ended abruptly.

Follow-up: A second conference call is scheduled for **6PM EDT (5PM CDT) on Tuesday, April 21, 2020**. Representatives can use the same dial-in information. Potential host sites are asked to try to contact their aquatics directors and confirm their ability to host on the above dates. Hosts should also check on any backup dates. We will hopefully confirm several dates and sites as well as decide the first choice for the crossover location.

As several of the Big Ten School's aquatic schedules are affected by home football games, I'm providing the following chart based on the teams interested in hosting:

Date	Site	Purd.	Ind.	NW	Wisc.	Iowa	OSU	Mich
Sept. 26-27	Crossover	Away	Away	Away	Away	Home	Home	Home
Oct. 10-11	East	Home	Home	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away
Oct. 18-17	West	Away	Away	Home	Bye	Away	Away	Away
Oct. 31-1	Champ	Home	Home	Away	Home	Bye	Home	Bye

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Meeting held April 21, 2020 6:00PM EDT (2nd of 2 calls)

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Indiana University, Trip Truman; Michigan State University, Zach Sneathen; Ohio State University, Drew Wilson; Purdue University, Phillip Hunter; University of Illinois, Joe Kochlefl; University of Michigan, Andrew Golin; University of Wisconsin, Christian Fuhrmann; University of Iowa, Matt Burrows (8 of 9 schools)

Following roll call, teams were reminded of what was determined during the previous call as it related to the schedule. After potential hosts provided updates regarding their ability to host, the following tentative schedule based on votes:

Sept. 26-27	Crossover – Purdue (Backup Indiana)
Oct. 10-11	East Regional – Ohio State (Backup Michigan)
Oct. 17-18	West Regional - Wisconsin (Backup Iowa)
Oct. 31-1	Champs Northwestern (Backup Michigan)

Teams voted 5-2 in favor of Purdue as the first choice for the crossover site with Indiana as the backup location. Additionally, Indiana preferred to allow Michigan to be the backup site for the championship as Indiana has a home football the weekend of October 31-1 while Michigan has a scheduled bye week. Teams unanimously agreed Michigan should be the backup site if Northwestern cannot host. No update was provided as Northwestern was not represented on the call.

Teams were reminded all dates are considered tentative until confirmed based on pool availability. In the interest of releasing the schedule, the Assistant Commissioner asked teams to confirm their pool by no later than June 15th before the backup sites would be given the opportunity to host. At that point, it will be whichever site confirms first. Teams agreed with the date. Hosts were reminded to complete the [Pool Confirmation Form](#) found under the Forms section on the website once their facility is confirmed.

Finally, teams were asked if they had any questions or new business to discuss. The Assistant Commissioner discussed new playing rules as teams were reminded that the CWPA follows NCAA rules and that they will be publishing a new rules book this summer for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons. The league office will also be releasing the new adopted rules in several formats once released by the NCAA.

The Assistant Commissioner also asked if teams wanted to consider playing regular season games with overtime as the current policy for the Big Ten says “regular season games end in a tie.” Teams were unanimous in wanting the current overtime rules of two (2) x three (3) minute overtime periods. If the game is still tied at the end of the first two overtime periods, teams will play additional three (3) minute overtime periods until one team scores.

The Assistant Commissioner also recommended everyone should be taking time for themselves; to stay mentally and physically fresh as the current situation is challenging for everyone.

The call concluded with all team leaders being thanked for taking the time and that they should all feel free to contact our office with any questions as we are here for them.