

**Florida Division
Meeting held April 10, 2020 3:00PM EDT**

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Florida Atlantic University, Juan Olave and William Oliver; Florida State University, Joe Orner; University of Central Florida, Christopher McGee, University of Florida, Parker Strickman, Saahil Naik, Omri Chia and David Huelsman; University of Miami, Heidi Zirkilton; Florida Gulf Coast University, Michael Gregory Nee (6 of 6 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, Central Florida and Florida expressed interest in adding a "B" Squad. Additionally, Univ. of Southern Florida was mentioned as a possible team interested in joining. The league office will reach out to USF and any other potential schools that have played in the past or expressed interest.

The next item on the agenda focused on the division format, conflict dates and hosting. The current Florida Division competitive format includes two regional weekends and a championship where all teams play each other once and any additional seeding games were selected randomly with the following exception (agreed by both UCF and Florida):

The Florida "A" vs. Florida "B" and the Central Florida "A" vs. Central Florida "B" games will be recorded as forfeits and count towards the standings but not played. Instead, Florida "A" vs. Central Florida "A" and Florida "B" vs. Central Florida "B" will play a second game. The first match between teams will count towards standings and the second game as an exhibition.

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. All teams were asked if they were interested in hosting. FAU, UCF, FGCU and Florida all expressed interest.

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 tentative schedule depending on pool availability:

Sept. 19-20	UCF (Backup FAU; Backup Date Sept. 26-27)
October 10-11	FAU (Backup UCF; Backup Date Oct. 3-4)
Oct. 24-25	Florida – Champs (Backup FGCU)
November 13-15	Nationals – Site TBD

Teams voted 6-0 in favor of Sept. 19-20 over Sept. 26-27 and 5-1 in favor of Sept. 26-27 as the backup over Sept. 12-13. Additionally, teams voted 5-1 in favor of Oct. 10-11 as the second regional weekend with Oct. 3-4 as the backup date. Several schools have the ability to also host a backup date such as Florida on either Sept. 26-27 or Oct. 3-4.

Teams were reminded all dates are considered tentative until confirmed based on pool availability. The Assistant Commissioner requested teams to provide an update regarding hosting by no later than April 24th. Potential hosts agreed to the date. Once a site is confirmed, hosts were reminded to complete the [Pool Confirmation Form](#) found under the Forms section on the website. The Assistant Commissioner will release to the division schedule once these forms are completed.

The team leaders were reminded that all necessary forms are found on the website under the Forms Tab. This includes the [Participation Agreement](#) that needs to be submitted by the Club Supervisor no later than June 1st for the Men's/Coed Season. After the form is submitted, teams have until September 1st to make any adjustments or remove themselves from the league without penalty.

The Assistant Commissioner also reminded teams to update their profiles as this was the way our office currently communicates with each program. If your profile is outdated, your team will not be getting the most recent releases of information. Teams that need their login information can request it by sending an email to office@collegiatewaterpolo.org.

Finally, teams were asked if they had any questions or new business to discuss. The Assistant Commissioner offered two questions that came from a previous call. Regarding new playing rules, 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 second question related to keeping a team motivated during the current national situation. The league office will be releasing ways to keep your team engaged but also suggested reviewing the Tips of the Week (especially the dryland series) and for teams to do fun activities through social media while keeping a social distance. If teams aren't already, they should follow the CWPA social media platforms and the website as this will be the way the office will be putting out some good information as well as following the fun videos teams do within their program. 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.

As a reminder, the leadership team consists of someone responsible for the administrative paperwork, someone to serve as a player/coach, and someone that handles the social side of the team including recruiting. Additionally, these people should not be in the same class, to avoid a leadership vacuum after they graduate.

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.