

**Northwest Division**  
**Meeting held April 7, 2020 9:00PM EDT**

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Oregon State University, Cameron Knopf; University of Oregon, Jonathan Beasley; University of Washington, Truman Sulewski; Western Washington University, Ben Kinerk (4 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, there were no schools who expressed interest in adding a "B" Squad. Additionally, no team leader was aware of any new programs, but the league office will reach out to schools who have participated in the past such as Seattle University.

The next item on the agenda focused on the division format, conflict dates and hosting. The current Northwest Division competitive format is comprised of two regional weekends and a championship weekend. Teams can select the weekends they would like to participate based on the following requirements:

- Teams would not need to attend all three weekends
- League fees would be based on the number of games/weekends a team participates
- Teams interested in qualifying for nationals must attend at least one regional and the championship. Otherwise, a team can decide to attend one, two or all three weekends.
- Seeding at the championship would be based on a won/loss percentage
- Teams must declare what weekends they will attend once dates and locations are confirmed

Both the division teams and the league office encourage schools to have full participation and not utilize the above format as a convenience or competitive advantage. Schools deciding not to participate in all three weekends would utilize it more based on financial constraints as well as possible roster constraints.

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. Oregon and Oregon State both expressed interest (Boise State was not represented on the call but expressed interest in their RSVP Form). Washington will also look into hosting at Rogers High School.

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. If Southeast does host, the Northwest Division would be next to host the 2021 Fall Season and teams should begin thinking about it. Teams were asked if anyone was interested in hosting this season. Oregon State said they would potentially be interested as Osborn Aquatic Center has hosted nationals in the past.

After discussion of potential conflict dates, teams decided to create the following tentative schedule depending on pool availability:

October 10-11	Oregon/Oregon State (Backup Date Oct. 3-4)
October 17-18	Oregon/Oregon State (Backup Date Oct. 24-25)
October 31-1	Washington/Oregon State – Champs
October 31-1	DIII Nationals – Site TBD
November 13-15	Nationals – Site TBD

Oregon preferred hosting earlier as the facility they use is outdoors. All teams preferred starting the weekend of Oct. 10-11 as schools start later with the quarter system. However, teams are willing to play Oct. 3-4 if it came down to pool availability. Teams also preferred having a weekend off between the second regular season weekend and championship but again understand it is based on pool availability.

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 1<sup>st</sup> for the Men's/Coed Season. After the form is submitted, teams have until September 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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.