

**Sierra Pacific Division**  
**Meeting held April 16, 2020 9:00PM EDT**

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; California State University-Chico, Matthew Collins and Layne Stanley; California State University-Monterey Bay, Arioch Mgreene; San Jose State University, Jordan Ng; Stanford University, Avery Pierce; University of California-Berkeley, Ari Diddams; University of California-Davis, Jared Trok and Jacob Rolih; University of California-Merced, Jose Cadenas; University of California-Santa Cruz, Patrick Rettig; California State University-Sacramento, Alexander Newman (9 of 10 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, California State University-Sacramento is interested in joining and participating on the call. The league office will reach out to 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 New England Division competitive format is a single round-robin over the course of two regional weekends and a championship where all teams attend. As there are potentially ten teams in the division, and teams only play eight regular season games, the matches for each team are randomly selected with the one exception that UC Davis "A" & "B" would not play each other. Seeding for championship is determined by the regular season standings. The Assistant Commissioner asked if teams would like to consider anything different and offered the idea of doing two regional weekends, a crossover weekend and the championship where teams would play in one of the two regional weekends, the crossover weekend and the championship. Teams unanimously agreed to the new format as described.

All teams were asked if they were interested in hosting. Cal State-Monterey Bay, San Jose State, UC Davis, UC-Merced and UC Santa Cruz all expressed interest. Additionally, the league office will reach out to Cal Maritime as they have consistently hosted in the past but were not represented on the call. Only UC Santa Cruz had potential dates (10/17-18, 10/24-25 and 10/31-1) but sites will be selected once teams all have a chance to confirm their ability to host on the below tentative dates.

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. 26-27	Regional #1 - Site TBD (Backup Date Oct. 3-4)
Oct. 3-4	Regional #2 - Site TBD (Backup Date Oct. 10-11)
Oct. 17-18	Crossover - Site TBD
Oct. 31-1	Champs – Site TBD
Nov.13-15	Nationals – Site TBD

Based on when schools start their academic calendar in the fall, the following teams would participate in the second regional: Stanford, UC Davis, UC Merced and UC Santa Cruz. One additional team, if not more, would be selected from the remaining schools to ensure each regional has at least five teams. Cal State-Monterey Bay expressed they would be interested as they need at least six weeks to receive approval for travel from the start of school. Teams with a start date after September 15<sup>th</sup> voted 3-1 in favor of Oct. 3-4 with Oct. 10-11 as the backup date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> regional. The remaining schools voted 5-0 in favor of Sept. 26-27 with a backup date of Oct. 3-4 for the 1<sup>st</sup> regional.

Teams were reminded all dates are preferred dates and are considered tentative until confirmed based on pool availability. The Assistant Commissioner requested all teams interested in hosting to check on their ability to reserve the pool on all the above dates and to provide an update on that status by no later than May 1st. 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 also 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 a question that came from previous calls. 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 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.