

Sierra Pacific Division

Minutes, December 11, 2024, 10:30 PM EST

Attending: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; University of California-Santa Cruz A & B, Emma Laszlo and Haley Marshall; University of California-Berkeley A & B, Olivia Barman; University of California-Davis A & B, Amiah Merrill; Chico State University, Morgan Silva and Kim Canisso; University of San Francisco, Kathleen Sheridan and Ally Bakos; California State University Maritime Academy, Matt De Trane; Saint Mary's College of California, Grace Dowling; San Jose State University, Cristina Fernandez

The meeting opened with a discussion of the schedule. The Commissioner mentioned that it is great to see the additional teams, but it presents a scheduling problem. There are now too many clubs to schedule on a weekend and still guarantee four games per team.

The solution is to split the division into two divisions. One alternative splits by geography and the second by ability. The advantages and disadvantages of each were discussed and the Commissioner requested that teams review the information with their respective clubs and a final decision would be made during a second conference call.

The second meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 12/19.

Minutes, December 19, 2024, 10:30 PM EST

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Teams voted 4-3 to split based on geography rather than ability. Each division will qualify a team for the National Championship. One of the groups will retain the Sierra Pacific name and the other will assume a new identity. The alignment and schedule dates are listed below:

North: CA State Univ-Maritime Academy, Chico State University, University of California-Berkeley, A & B, University of California-Davis, A & B, University of Nevada

- January 25-26 Cal Maritime
- February 22-23 UC Davis
- March 22-23 Cal Maritime

South: Stanford University, University of San Francisco, Saint Mary's College of California, University of California-Santa Cruz A & B, San Jose State University

- February 22-23 UC Santa Cruz
- March 8-9 UC Santa Cruz
- March 22-23 San Jose State

Both schedules created conflicts with teams' spring breaks, but there was no alternative that worked for everyone.

The Commissioner will provide some potential names for the second group to vote upon and reminded everyone hosting that they will need to submit Pool reservation forms.

Regarding the website, it continues to be the main vehicle by which the CWPA shares information. The Commissioner encouraged teams to provide the office with any interesting stories about their clubs. Likewise, to remember to nominate players of the week so we can help promote your program.

Financially, teams can help the funding by booking their hotels using our Hotel partner, HotelEngine.com, which helps provide free rooms for the referees. More info will be sent at a later date.

Regarding staffing, the CWPA is currently looking for a Director of Multimedia and the hope is that one will be hired in time to coordinate the live streaming program.

For those taking over the leadership roles for their teams, the CWPA created two short webinars, found by clicking on the Membership tab and then on [Team Leader Orientation](#). Clubs should identify people to handle three roles including Player/Coach (or volunteer coach), Team Administrator, and Recruiter. Once identified, teams should list the names and contact info by updating their team page under the Membership link.