

**Change to WDIA Nationals (starting in 2010)**  
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**Starting in 2010, the annual WDIA National Championship Tournament will include 2 tournaments – Division I (16 teams – generally larger / established teams via the current AQ / at-large selection process) and Division II (8 teams – generally smaller schools, emerging lacrosse programs, or from emerging leagues via an at large selection process). Both the winning team of WDIA Division I Bracket and the winning team of WDIA Division II Bracket will be crowned “National Champions.”**

**What do teams need to do now?**

- 1) Read this document in its entirety to understand where your team falls within the D-I or D-II classification system.
- 2) If your team has been classified in D-II but you would prefer to be classified as D-I instead, you **MUST** email the WDIA President (Dave Holdsworth - [dave1991mnpa@yahoo.com](mailto:dave1991mnpa@yahoo.com)) by February 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 to opt-up to D-1 for 2010.

**Objective:** Provide a legitimate & aspirational lacrosse opportunity for underserved teams in the WDIA.

**Rationale:**

- 1) Some WDIA member teams have expressed frustration that only an elite few teams get a true tangible benefit from the WDIA...the opportunity to play in WDIA National Tournament. Some teams wonder why they should join the WDIA and pay WDIA dues when they feel they have no real shot at qualifying for WDIA Nationals since the same “WDIA powerhouse” teams seem to qualify each year.
- 2) The general consensus is that the current structure of WDIA Nationals is working, and any new change should not disrupt or radically alter this culminating championship event.
- 3) After looking at various options, the WDIA Council identified competitive teams that come from smaller schools, emerging lacrosse programs, or from emerging leagues as the ones that could benefit most from an additional opportunity such as this. Additionally, this group was one that could easily be classified.

**Specifics:**

- Each WDIA team will be classified by the WDIA Council as a Division I or Division II team for WDIA Nationals consideration purposes only.
- This change affects the National Tournament ONLY. League structures do not need to change. League organization shall continue to be determined by the leagues.
- Division II-classified teams may request each year to move up to Division I, and this request will be granted.
- Division I-classified teams may request to move down to Division II status, but approval is unlikely.
- If a school has multiple teams (e.g., both an A and B team) only the higher of the teams is eligible for either National Tournament.
- The structure of the current WDIA D-I National Tournament will not change...leagues would still get Automatic Qualifiers (AQs) in the same way and At-Large Bids would still be determined by the Rankings Committee. The WDIA Division II National Championship Tournament will be a separate tournament from this.

- Starting in 2010, the current WDIA National tournament qualification and specifications will be used to determine the field for the Division I tournament. League AQs will be assigned the same way as they are currently done, looking at the total number of league teams (regardless of Division I/II classifications) and how many games the league teams played, etc.
- Leagues eligible to receive an AQ to Division I Nationals will assign their AQ from their league in their preferred manner. Please note...if a league that is eligible for an AQ to Division I Nationals determines that a Division II team in their league is most deserving of their AQ then that league may, if they desire, name a Division II team as their league's AQ to Division I Nationals. *This is the ONLY scenario where a Division II team may be selected for Division I Nationals.*
- Under no circumstance will a Division I team be selected for Division II Nationals.
- The 2010 WDIA Division II National Tournament will be an 8 team tournament.
- The 8 spots in the Division II National tournament will be selected by the WDIA Council based on similar criteria used to select At-Large Division I National teams, without regard to geography or league affiliation (i.e. the most qualified teams).
- The WDIA will release a preseason and a midseason WDIA Division II national poll.
- First-year WDIA teams that pay the reduced "Provisional Membership" fee to US Lacrosse are NOT eligible for either WDIA National Tournament. New members are not required to be a provisional member of the WDIA in the first year. They can pay full member dues in year one and be eligible for consideration to compete in WDIA Nationals.

## 2010 WDIA TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

### 2010 WDIA Division I Teams

Air Force	Florida Club	Ohio State Club	Toledo
Arizona State	Georgia	Ohio Club	Towson Club
Army	Illinois	Oregon Club	UC Davis Club
Auburn	Indiana	Oregon State	UC Santa Barbara
Baylor	JMU Club	Penn State Club	UCLA
Boise State	Kansas	Pepperdine	UConn Club
Boston College Club	Kent State	Pittsburgh	Villanova Club
Brigham Young	Lindenwood	Purdue	Virginia Club
Cal Poly SLO	Maryland Club	Rhode Island	Virginia Tech Club
Central Florida	Miami (FL)	San Diego State	Washington Club
Central Michigan	Miami (OH)	Santa Clara	West Chester Club
Chico State	Michigan	South Carolina Club	Western Michigan
Colorado	Michigan State	Southern California	Wisconsin
Colorado State	Minnesota	Syracuse Club	
Delaware Club	Minnesota Duluth	Texas	
Florida State	Northeastern	Texas A&M	

### 2010 WDIA Division II Teams

Alabama	DePaul	Missouri Baptist	St Edward's
Albion	Dickenson Club	Nebraska	St Mary's(IN)
Appalachian State	Drexel Club	Nevada Reno	St Olaf
Arizona	Dubuque	New York U	Stony Brook Club
Arkansas	Duke Club	North Carolina State	St Thomas
Augustana	East Carolina	Northern Colorado	Taylor

Austin	Emory	North Texas	Temple Club
Ball State	Florida Gulf Coast	Northwestern Club	Tennessee
Bethel	Fordham	Oakland	Texas State
Binghamton Club	Furman	Occidental	Texas Tech
Bowling Green	George Washington Club	Oklahoma	Trinity(TX)
Brandeis	Georgetown Club	Oklahoma State	Truman State
Brown Club	Georgia Tech	Pacific Lutheran	UC San Diego
Buffalo	Gonzaga	Penn State Behrend	UC Irvine
Butler	Grand Valley State	Princeton Club	UMass Club
C. of New Jersey Club	Grove City	Principia	UMBC Club
Cal State Long Beach	Gustavus Adolphus	Rice	UNC Charlotte
California Club	Hamline	Robert Morris (St. L)	UNC Club
Cal State Fullerton	Harvard Club	Rose Hulman	UNC Wilmington
Calvin	Hofstra Club	Rowan Club	Vanderbilt Club
Carleton	Hope	Rutgers Club	Vermont Club
Carnegie Mellon	Humbolt State	Saginaw Valley	Wake Forest
Centre	Iowa	Saint Louis	Washington (St L)
Chapman	Ithaca Club	Salisbury Club	Western Kentucky
Chicago	John Carroll	Sam Houston	Western Washington
Cincinnati Club	Johns Hopkins Club	San Diego	Westminster
Clemson	Kennesaw State	San Jose State	West Virginia
Coast Guard	Kentucky	SCAD	Wheaton(IL)
College of Idaho	Kutztown Club	Scared Heart	Whitman
Colorado School of Mines	Lewis & Clark	Seattle	William & Mary Club
Concordia	Loyola (IL)	Slippery Rock Club	William Smith Club
Cortland Club	Loyola Club	Sonoma State	Wisconsin Eau Claire
Creighton	Maine	South Florida	Wisconsin LaCrosse
Dartmouth Club	Marquette	Southern Methodist	Wisconsin River Falls
Davenport	Millsaps	Southwestern	Wisconsin Stout
Davidson Club	Minnesota Mankato	St Benedict	Worcester Tech
Dayton	Minnesota Moorhead	St. Mary's (MN)	Wyoming
Denver Club	Missouri	Stanford Club	Xavier

***Note: Teams not included or teams joining the WDIA for the first time in 2010 will be classified once membership applications are processed***

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- Q – What’s the bottom line...what’s this Division I / Division II thing?**  
**A –** A way to classify teams, **only** for the purposes of WDIA Nationals, to allow for a second level of WDIA Nationals that would be open generally to teams from smaller schools, emerging lacrosse programs, or from emerging leagues.
- Q – When does all this start?**  
**A –** With the 2010 season, which will culminate with both WDIA Division I Nationals and a WDIA Division 2 Nationals.
- Q – Our league currently qualifies for an AQ to WDIA Nationals. What if in 2010 our league only has one or two teams that are classified as Division I...does one of those teams automatically get the league’s AQ?**

- A – Assuming your league meets all the required criteria to be eligible for an AQ in 2010; your league will be offered an AQ to WDIA Division I Nationals. As always, it is up to your league to determine how their AQ is selected. With this new Division I / Division II format for Nationals there does exist the possibility that a league will have only a very few Division I classified teams. However, if the league determines that a Division II team is most deserving of their league's AQ, they may name a Division II team as their league's AQ. It is up to the leagues to determine how they will name their AQ to WDIA Division 1 Nationals.
- Q – **My team plays in my league's "B" division...are we eligible for Nationals?**
- A – With the exception of school B teams, ALL WDIA teams are eligible for selection to WDIA Nationals, assuming they meet the requirements (# of games, etc.). Which tournament they are eligible to be selected to depends only on their classification by the WDIA as a DI or DII team. Whether you play in a "B" league or not has no relevance in classifying your team as Division I or Division II. However, it should be noted that teams playing in "B" divisions are usually not eligible to play in their league's "A" division playoffs and therefore would likely not ever receive their league's AQ to WDIA Division 1 Nationals. Additionally, by playing a "B" league schedule, it would be difficult to have a strong enough strength of schedule to be selected as an at-large team for WDIA Division 1 Nationals. So, in this case, it is *likely* that a team playing in a "B" division would only be selected to WDIA Division II Nationals, assuming that team is competitive and is classified as a Division II team.
- Q – **Our league will not eligible for an AQ to WDIA Division I Nationals in 2010 (due to not having enough teams in the league). Can our Division II-classified teams still be selected to WDIA Division II Nationals? Can our Division I-classified teams still be selected to WDIA Division I Nationals?**
- A – Yes...your Division II-classified teams would be in the pool of teams considered for WDIA Division II Nationals. Your Division I-classified teams would not be eligible for an AQ, but they would be considered for an at-large bid to WDIA Division I Nationals if they have an excellent season.
- Q – **We will be a brand new WDIA team in 2010...but we think we'll be really good. Are we allowed to qualify for either DI or DII WDIA Nationals?**
- A – If you are a first year WDIA team, and elect to join the WDIA at the reduced fee level offered to first year teams you will not be eligible for either WDIA National Tournament. If you are a first year team and want to be considered for Nationals, sign up and pay the full WDIA fee.