

## **For 2006, the WDIA Rankings Committee is charged with the following:**

- To determine using a weekly poll, the Top 25 collegiate club women's lacrosse teams in the country;
- To select the at-large teams for the 2006 WDIA National Championships
- To set the Field of 16 teams for the Championships
- To ensure the Top 16 teams from across the country are represented at the Championships

### **AT-LARGE CRITERIA/WEEKLY RANKINGS**

The weekly rankings produce our at-large bids...we do not control the winner of the **11 Automatic Qualifiers**. This year, those leagues are:

CPWLL, ECWLL, MAWLL, NEWLL, NWWLL, RMWLL, SWLL, TWLL, UMWLL, WCLL, and WWLL

*The rankings help to settle the at-larges candidates.*

\*The committee takes into account the following for determining at-large bids:\*

- Strength of Schedule
- Won-Loss record (sub. 500 not considered)
- Quality Wins
- Upsets
- Post-Season League Tournament Play
- Record last 5 games played (regular & post-season)
- National Play/# of Top 25 teams played
- # of different WDIA teams played
- Number of wins against teams ranked from 1-25
- Difference in number of wins and losses in teams below .500
- Difference in number of wins and losses against teams above .500
- Won-Loss record versus common opponents
- Head to Head Results

*Once at-large teams have been selected, the committee selects four (4) alternate teams (in case any selected team chooses to not accept a bid or if, in the opinion of the WDIA council, the team selected fails to abide by the US Lacrosse code of ethics or if the team selected does not uphold the standards of good sportsmanship and/or fair play). Alternates are not notified until at-large teams have either accepted or declined a bid.*

### **SETTING THE FIELD OF 16**

Once we select the 16 teams, we re-rank the teams from 1-16.

This is done to help ensure:

- Teams from the same conference do not play each other in the first round.
- To avoid teams that have already played each other in the regular season from playing each other in the first round.
- That the #1 seeded team plays the lowest ranked team from the field of 16 and the #2 team plays the next to lowest ranked team etc.
- That the 8/9 and 7/10 games are the most competitive first round games.
- To balance the field of 16 properly based on the at-large criteria

### **2006 Rankings Committee:**

Gabe Valenzuela (Chair)