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Remarks from the National Umpiring Chair

by Priscilla Anderson

Thank you to all of the umpires who attended the US Lacrosse National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Approximately 300 Women's Division umpires took part in an event filled with rules, interpretations, mechanics, and umpiring special game situations. I appreciate the dedication of the Super Region, Region, and Local leadership as they committed extra time for organizational meetings. As we take notes from this recently completed convention and prepare for an event that will be beneficial to all again next year, please take the time to forward your comments to me or Laura Hebert lbhref@aol.com our NUC Convention Committee chairperson.

As most of us are now into our training and rating period before the actual start of the season, I want to emphasize how important continuing education is. This imposes a great deal of work for our local board leadership. I assure you that the benefit to so many is beneficial and rewarding. The service requirement of each

level of umpiring not only helps others but also improves the umpiring skills of the trainer. Thank you to those who recognize the value of service and the benefit you are all providing to the growth of our sport.

Once again we are charged with keeping the game safe. "Persistent enforcement, strict interpretation, and consistent implementation of the rules are necessary during daily practices as well as during scheduled contests. Penalizing dangerous play may alter the flow of the game but may also help to preserve the beautifully free, fast-moving and safe game of women's lacrosse as we know it and like to see it played. Umpires alone cannot make the game safe, but we can call a good game and continue to be ambassadors of safety, fair play and good sportsmanship both on and off the field. We must convince players and coaches that they share the responsibility for keeping lacrosse safe and injury free."

With that as our mission, I wish you all an enjoyable 2003 season!

At-Large Positions Available

The Executive Committee of the Women's Division Officials' Council (NUC) has three vacancies for two year terms of Member-At-Large beginning 7/31/2003. Any national or international umpire is welcome to apply. The committee meets three times a year (middle of November, January at the National Rules Interpretation Clinic, and May before and during the National Tournament) plus a considerable amount of time should be given

between meetings for various tasks. Consult the front of the Umpires' Manual for a list of current members who you may contact with questions. Please send an application (located in the appendix of the Umpires Manual) to: Rala Heinen, 3405 Noble Ave., Richmond, VA 23222, rheinen@att.net by May 1, 2003. Please indicate whether or not you plan to attend the National Tournament.

2002-2003 National Umpiring Committee

Priscilla Anderson, chair

Kim Basner

Evelyn Doyle

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Flags and Whistles is e-mailed to the Women's Division Officials Council membership on December 1, February 15 and June 15. It may also be downloaded from the US Lacrosse web site at www.lacrosse.org.

Coaches & Umpires Collegiate Lacrosse Committee:

This committee was developed in the fall of 2001 with the concept to develop opportunities to collaborate on issues to train both constituencies on proper techniques of the game, both coaching and umpiring. And also, to implement annual sharing of strategies, technical information, and rule interpretations in a supportive environment. This group of college coaches and umpires has met three times since September of 2001. The dialogue has been constructive and projects are being implemented. During this structuring period the co-chairs are Denise Wescott, past IWLC chair dwescott@udel.edu and Priscilla Anderson, NUC chair panderson@mkl.com. The next meeting is May 23, noon, at Lehigh University, National Tournament.

Attention Local Chairs!

Please post your Rules Interpretation Meeting (time, date, place, and contact person) on the US Lacrosse web site by sending the information to Perky Nellissen, gr8call@yahoo.com. We are encouraging every local board to open their rules interpretation meetings to the college coaches within your area, the NUC would like you to plan on doing so for this coming pre-season. The Coaches and Umpires Collegiate Lacrosse Committee has determined a need for these joint pre-season sessions for interpretation and a rules dialogue. If you have any questions please contact your Super Region chairperson.

Congratulations:

Lisa Clark has been selected to umpire at the Under-19 World Championships. The tournament is being hosted by US Lacrosse at Towson, MD, from June 26th through July 5th, 2003. *Nancy Coffman* has been selected as Technical Delegate and *Susie Ganzenmuller* is the Head Technical Delegate. US Lacrosse will be represented at the IFWLA Conference meetings being held post-tournament by delegates *Marge Garinger* and *Patti Klecha-Porter*.

OFFICIALS BENEFIT

In addition to the Accident and Liability insurance benefits, member Officials and Umpires are covered by a Game Fee Reimbursement Benefit. This coverage will reimburse them for lost officiating fees if they are prevented from officiating at their regularly scheduled games due to an injury incurred while officiating during an amateur lacrosse game. When submitting a claim for the Game Fee Reimbursement Benefit, member officials/umpires must include a schedule of the games they were assigned to officiate, as well as confirmation of their fee (compensation) from their assignor.

Income Continuation Benefit: Up to \$200 per game
Waiting Period (Deductible): 7 days
Benefit Period: 26 Weeks

Maximum Benefit Payable: \$7,500 per policy term.

For more information contact: Lori Crispo at lori@bollingerinsurance.com

National & International Umpires due to give service at National Tournament in 2003:

Donna Arcudi • Barbara Carreiro
Peggy Cellucci • Roger Cooper
Cindy Fabian • John Federline
Lucy Goodridge • Dorothy Hirsch
Lea Kusner • Janice McGrath
Jenny Miriam

NUC Rules Testing and Interpretation Committee

This committee addresses umpire testing, rules, and interpretations for our membership. If you have concerns/questions/ideas contact Jeff Secor (committee chair) at jmsecor@earthlink.net, Kim Basner "National Rules Interpreter" at kbasner@go2USTC.com, or Laurette Payette at lpayette@hb.edu.

NUC Publication Committee

This committee develops articles for "*Lacrosse Magazine*" and "*Flags & Whistles*" as well as updates our council's information on the web site and is involved in any media produced for our council. If you have information to contribute or questions/ideas please contact Perky Nellissen, committee chair, at gr8call@yahoo.com; Evelyn Doyle at evmdoyle@hotmail.com or Jeff Secor, WDOC columnist to *Lacrosse Magazine*, at jmsecor@earthlink.net.

UMPIRING & DISTRICT RATING OPPORTUNITIES:

Mar 1	College warm-up/training at MIT , Cambridge, MA. Contact Jodi Michna 781-344-9705 or jodi_michna@newtown.mec.edu
Mar 15	College warm-up/training at MIT , Cambridge, Ma. Contact Kathy Gibbons at 978-779-0322 or Gibbonskag@aol.com
Mar 15-16	Panama City Beach in conjunction with Spring Fling College Tournament. District clinic with classroom. Contact Rick Nelson 3csunref@nycap.rr.com for registration contact Gene Delorenzo for housing etc info gkd@adelphia.net
Mar 16	Club classic with umpire training at Western MA/Northern CT TBD, contact Cindy Fabian at 860-675-5021 or wherescin@yahoo.com
Mar 23/30	Club classic with umpire training at Eastern Ma TBD , contact Donna Arcudi at 781-923-1400 or rustynicoll@attbi.com
Apr 5-6	Western States Tournament at Stanford University , District rating opportunity, contact Linda Thayer, 650-849-6621 or linda.thayer@finnegan.com
May 24-25	2003 National Tournament Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA www.lacrosse.org (see page 6 for more information)
June 21	United Sports , Downingtown, Pa. Local and District rating opportunity contact Mary Jane Schaaaf at 610-696-0766.
July 4-6	Vail Shoot Out , Vail, Colorado. District Rating and umpiring opportunity, contact Jeff Secor at 719-528-1090 or jmsecor@earthlink.net
July 10-12	Baldwinsville Star Spangled Tournament , Baldwinsville, NY. Contact Sheila Donahue at 315-526-2870 or smd@tweny.rr.com
Aug 7-10	Lake Placid District rating Opportunity , Lake Placid, New York contact Rick Nelson at 3csunrefAnycaprr.com.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

For information about international events contact:
Patti Klecha-Porter at patti-klechaporter@mail.wesleyan.edu

May	Berlin Open - TBD
Apr 4-11	Dublin Fest
Apr 11-14	Senior Home Internationals, England
June 8 -14	Senior National Championships , Melbourne, Australia
June 10-13	Down Under Cup (2 divisions), Melbourne, Australia
June 27- July 6	Under-19 World Championships (Men and Women) Towson, Maryland - Contact: www.lacrosse.org.
	IFWLA Conference - Following U-19 Championships
July 9-12	Prague Cup
July 26-Aug	2 European Championships
July 26-27	OWL Tournament
Aug 30-31	Junior National Championships - Canada
Sept 14-15	QUA Earlybird - Canada
Sept/Oct	U17/U21 National Championships , Tasmania

National Candidate Applications due April 1, 2003

All renewal candidates must send completed application forms to their Region Chair for completion. Region Chairs are to send the forms to the appropriate Renewal Ratings Chair listed by April 1st, 2003:

Sue McVaugh , Renewal Ratings Chair, 42 Broad St., Hamilton, NY 13346, mcvaugh@dreamscape.com 315-824-1624	Bonny Lang , Renewal Ratings Chair, 625 Bay Hills Dr. Arnold, MD 21012 410-757-0682 tandblang@toad.net
BJ Baitinger (Marth)	Perky Nellissen
Patty Daley	Rick Nelson
Pat Dillon	Loretta Pawlowski
Lisa Ellsworth	Debbie Quinn
Jean Glennon	Judy Read
Jane Hansen	Kerry Sacco
Cathy McWilliams	Barbra Samph (Almond)
Patricia Morris	Pat Shollenberger
Stephanie Murphy	Mari Ann Wilson

All **new** candidates must send completed application forms (see Appendix in Umpire's Manual) to Fran Trumbo, 5700 Mineral Hill Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784.

All candidates must also have Written Assessment Checklists from every game sent to their ratings chairperson by all umpiring partners throughout the season. These forms are found in your Umpire's Manual.

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National & International Umpires Due to Renew in 2003:

BJ Baitinger, Patty Daley, Pat Dillon
Lisa Ellsworth, Jean Glennon
Jane Hansen *, Cathy McWilliams,
Patricia Morris, Stephanie Murphy,
Perky Nellissen, Rick Nelson
Loretta Pawlowski, Debbie Quinn *
Judy Reed, Kerry Sacco *
Barbra Samph *, Pat Shollenberger *
Mari Ann Wilson *

* donates on field at National Tournament

DISTRICT UMPIRE RATING PROCESS

Local and District umpires should keep in mind the proper procedures when standing for their District rating. If the rating will be Out-of-Region, there is a different application and procedure. Please review the Umpire's Manual. Applications can be found in the Umpires Manual as well as on the US Lacrosse web site www.lacrosse.org.

District In-Region Process:

1. Applicant fills out the application (include phone number)
2. Give application and a copy of umpiring schedule to the Local Chair
3. Local Chair will confirm applicant is a member in good standing
4. Local Chair will give completed application & schedule to the Region Chair prior to the rating session. (Note: if the Region Chair is not organizing the rating session, the Region Chair should confirm with the event's Rating Chair that the candidate has or has not been approved.)

District Out-of-Region Process:

1. Applicant fills out the application (include phone number)
2. Give application and a copy of umpiring schedule to the Local Chair
3. Local Chair will confirm applicant is a member in good standing
4. Local Chair will send application and schedule to the National Umpiring Chair for approval prior to the rating session.
5. National Umpiring Chair will confirm approval with applicant's Region Chair and the event Rating Chair.

DISTRICT RATING OPPORTUNITIES

US Lacrosse District Tournaments are approved sites for District ratings. In addition the NUC has approved other sites. These events have met the level of play required for District ratings and have gone through the National Umpiring Committee for approval. If your region would like to get approval for an event to host District ratings please contact your Super Region Chair to start the process. Many events have already been approved for this purpose.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH CLINICS

are available to established Local Boards
Contact Perky Nellissen at 518-899-6003 or
grcall@nycap.rr.com.

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENTAL CLINICS

are also available to new areas. These provide training and testing for umpires.
Contact Cheryl Silverman at 518-877-5857 or
[email:csilver1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:csilver1@nycap.rr.com)

Umpiring Opportunity in Colorado

2003 VAIL LACROSSE SHOOTOUT

The 19th Annual Vail Lacrosse Shootout is being held in Vail Valley among the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Come join the fun and umpire at 8,000 feet. There are two tournaments, both needing umpires. The High School Division, which features terrific high school talent, and the Elite Division, featuring top players from the four corners of the US. The tentative dates are June 29-July 2 for HS and July 3-6 for the Elite. Come for one or come for both. New for this year is an increase in game fees and for each tournament we are limiting the number of umpires to 12-15.

This is a District rating opportunity and next year (2004) it will be established as a National re-rating opportunity.

To participate, contact Jeff Secor at 719-528-1090 or jmsecor@earthlink.net.

DISTRICT RATING OPPORTUNITY June 6-7

NYSPHSAA tournament in Cortland, NY. In-region & by invitation only. For more information contact Cheryl Silverman at csilver1@nycap.rr.com

DISTRICT RATING OPPORTUNITY July 23-27

Empire State Games, Buffalo, NY, in-region & by invitation only, contact Cheryl Silverman csilver1@nycap.rr.com for more information.

UMPIRE CARDING SURVEY

College umpires are requested to continue the carding survey this 2003 season. The survey is to determine the number of red and yellow cards given during season. The form is available via the USL website www.lacrosse.org, click on Women's Division, then Officials Council and then click Umpire Carding Survey.

Some things to note:

- Please submit only one form per game. One member of each umpiring crew should be designated to return the form.
- Forms can be batched and mailed or faxed to return.
- Please return a form even if no cards are given.

This also is important data:

- Delay of game cards are not included in the survey.
- College club games are not included in this survey.

Questions should be directed to Pat Dillon at pdillon656@aol.com or 301-595-3863. Thanks in advance for your participation in this very important effort.



US Lacrosse National Tournament

The US Lacrosse Women's Division National Tournament will take place at **Lehigh University on May 24th and 25th**. Please consider umpiring at the event if you have a District or higher rating. Submit your name through your local umpiring board chair. Nancy Coffman and her "staff" will once again serve as the umpire coordinators and will be in contact with the local board chairs by mid-April for names of people interested in umpiring. This is a good opportunity to meet and work with umpires all over the US. Last year the umpire received a small per diem to offset their expenses. We expect that this will continue again this year.

Come and join the fun! We will need at least 100 umpires to cover all of the games. We also need volunteers to help in the umpires' hospitality area. Questions? contact Nancy Coffman 610-399-3681 ncoff@nni.com

Corrections/Additions to the Umpire's Manual

The manual update pages for the new WACs were formatted incorrectly when printed. These documents can be obtained from your local chairs or downloaded from the US Lacrosse website. www.lacrosse.org under Women's Division Officials Council. These new forms will better relate to the criteria within the four ratings.

Be sure not to throw away page Three-57 which is attached to the "old" Three-58. Changes were made to Three-58 only.

Page One-8:

Corrections:
New York Region Chair:
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- NEW INTERPRETATION -

Reentry of the Ball to the Goal Circle

Released January 16, 2003

After the new rules and interpretations for the 2003 season were presented at the recent US Lacrosse National Convention the Rules Committee met to discuss a possible change to the interpretation of **Rule 17-D (Goal Circle Rules)** which deals with reentry of the ball to the goal circle. The rule itself and the way it is written in the rule book has **NOT** changed, but the Committee did make one slight but important change to the interpretation of the rule.

As written, the rule states: Once a team gains possession of the ball in the goal circle and the ball is cleared the team must not intentionally return the ball to their goal circle until the ball has been played by another player. The Rules Committee's intent when writing this rule was to not allow the ball to be placed directly back into the goal circle until some intermediate step had been taken.

If the goalkeeper chooses to clear the ball from the circle by walking out with it there must be another step taken before she is allowed to return the ball to the circle, i.e. the ball must be "played". She must pass the ball and have it be touched by another player or an opponent must come and check her stick. This was stated at the convention.

If the goalkeeper chooses to clear the ball from the circle by passing it out, any subsequent action will count as the next step, i.e. the "played" part of the rule. This is the new interpretation.

To assist with understanding this rule a few scenarios are outlined below:

Scenario One: Shot taken, goalie in possession in her circle. She passes the ball to her teammate going up field. Because she sees a double team coming the player with the ball turns and passes the ball back to the goalie in the circle. This is LEGAL - the ball has been played (touched by another player) after it cleared the goal circle.

Scenario Two: Goalie in possession in her circle. She passes the ball out attempting to get it to her teammate. However, the opposing team player reaches up and blocks the ball knocking it to the ground. The goalie is able to reach out and scoop the ball up and take it back into her circle. This is LEGAL - the ball was touched by another player after it cleared the goal circle.

Scenario Three: Goalie in possession in her circle. The 10-second count is almost complete and she can't find a teammate to clear the ball to so she simply tosses the ball out of the circle and onto the ground. She quickly leaves the circle, picks the ball up, and rolls the ball back into the goal circle. This is ILLEGAL - the ball must be touched by another player.

Scenario Four: Shot taken and missed with goalie in possession in her circle. She walks out of the circle with the ball. An opponent comes to mark her and she passes to her teammate. Goalie returns to the circle and her teammate then passes her the ball. This is LEGAL - the ball has been played.

Scenario Five: Goalie in possession in her circle and her teammates begin to clear up field. She walks out of the circle with the ball. An opponent moves to cover the goalie and she then retreats back and tosses the ball into her circle. This is ILLEGAL - the ball has not been played.

Scenario Six: Goalie makes a save and then walks the ball out of the goal circle. As the other team comes to pressure the ball the goalie's teammate enters the circle as the deputy and the goalie passes her the ball. This is ILLEGAL - the ball has not been played.

PRESEASON PLAY DAYS & UMPIRING CLINICS

CHARLES STREET SPRING LACROSSE CHALLENGE Loyola College • Sunday, February 23, 2003, 8:00 - 4:00 A Day of Division I College Play.

A Day of Division I College Play. **It is strongly, recommended that any umpire wishing to stand for a National rating in 2003 attend.** You must pre-register using the form on page 7. Hotel information is available. Please indicate if you would like to receive that information.

Clinic: Saturday, February 22, 2003 **Classroom Session** - Goucher College 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Sunday, February 23, 2003 **Field Work** - Loyola College 8:00 - 4:00AM

For National candidates and experienced District umpires (min. 3 years). Only those umpires who have pre-registered and prepaid by February 1, 2003 will be allowed to participate. **Those umpires who will be standing for their National rating at the 2003 National Tournament will be given space preference for the clinic.** Clinicians for this session will be Fran Trumbo and Patty Daley with field assistance from members of the National Umpiring Committee. The number of participants will be limited to 9, and the cost for the clinic will be \$50.

Tune Up: For experienced collegiate umpires who wish to prepare for the upcoming season.

NOTE: Only those umpires who are preregistered by February 1, 2003 will be able to officiate.

Registration Form Charles St. Spring Lacrosse Challenge Deadline February 1, 2003
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ (H)
Phone _____ (W)
Email _____
Please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic
Are you a National Candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please enclose a \$50 registration fee payable to US Lacrosse with this form.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tune-up (no fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Please send hotel information.
Specify roommate(s) if desired: _____
Return completed form and check by February 1, 2003 to: Fran Trumbo 5700 Mineral Hill Rd. Eldersburg, MD 21784

PRESEASON PLAY DAYS & UMPIRING CLINICS

CHESAPEAKE BAY LACROSSE CHALLENGE

Goucher College • Saturday, February 22, 2003, 6:00 - 8:00

A Day of Division III College Play • Sunday, February 23, 2003

Clinic: District Classroom Session
Saturday, February 22, 2003 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Goucher College

Field Work:
Sunday, February 23, 2003 - 9:00 - 3:00 PM Sunny schedule at Goucher College (2 fields)

Questions? Contact US Lacrosse Mid Atlantic Region Chair, Bonnye Lang at 410.757.0682 or email at tandblang@toad.net

Tune Up: For experienced local, district, and national collegiate umpires who wish to prepare for the upcoming season.

NOTE: Only those umpires who are preregistered by February 1, 2003, will be able to officiate.

Registration Form
Chesapeake Bay Lacrosse Challenge
Deadline February 1, 2003

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (H)

Phone _____ (W)

Email _____

Please specify:
 Clinic fee

Are you a District Candidate? Yes No

Please enclose a \$25 Registration fee payable to
US Lacrosse along with this completed form and
mail it to: Bonnye Lang, 625 Bay Hills Drive,
Arnold, MD 21012.

Tune Up (no fee)
 I will help evaluate and give feedback as needed.
 Please send hotel information.

Baldwinsville Tourney District Rating Application 2003

Local Board: _____

Local Chair: _____

Super Region: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Candidate Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

I have sent the **US Lacrosse District Candidate Application** to my Local Chair to be sent on to the Region Chair: Sheila Donahue, 202 Mooney Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13206 (Game schedule must be included)

District Rating: _____ New _____ Renewal

My present rating: _____ Expires: _____

Dates for 2003 Tourney are July 11, 12, and 13

- Preferences will be given to people that commit to the evaluated over a two day period.
- There are a limited number of people that can be rated at this tourney.
- Friday/Saturday evaluation times all day.
- Sunday limited evaluation times for early morning only. (Playoffs take place)
- Applications for District Ratings at this tourney must be done on this form and be received no later than June 1, 2003.
- Final schedule will be done around June 8th, please contact me with questions.

I can commit to the following dates for my district rating: _____

Return complete form to: Sheila Donahue
202 Mooney Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13206

Questions call (315) 426 – 2870 or e-mail – smd@twcny.rr.com

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