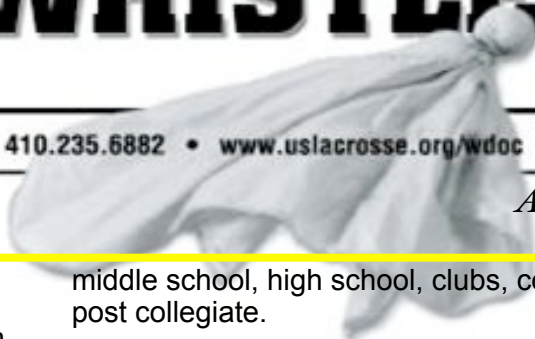


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Message from the Chair -Laurette Payette

Its hard to believe that 2 years of my 3 year term as the WDOC Chair have come and gone. As of August 1st. I began my 3rd year which is the last year of my 1st term. I ran unopposed for my 2nd term and was duly elected to serve another 3 year term as your chair. Thank you for your support. I look forward to continuing to working with you all.

In keeping with tradition for this time of year, I would like to welcome those who begin new terms and to express my thanks to many for many jobs well done that contribute to the success of the WDOC.

Welcome to the 3 WDOC Executive Committee At-Large representatives whose terms began August 1st, 2009 ---- Jen Dorff, who is new to the committee, and the incumbents Fran Trumbo and Bonnye Lang.

Thank you's to ...

All WDOC members who officiate the game of women's lacrosse and do their best to keep the game safe and thereby making it possible to have a variety of events such as festivals, tournaments, play days, clinics, scrimmages, and games at many different levels --- youth,

middle school, high school, clubs, college, and post collegiate.

Local Board Chairs and Region Chairs who along with their board officers (secretaries, treasurers, ratings chairs, etc.) provide a structure for umpires to be part of trainings, ratings, professional growth and development, and games of all levels.

All the volunteers who are willing to serve on boards, councils, and committees --- the Board of Directors (BOD), the Board of Governors (BOG), the WDOC Executive Committee (6 Super Region Chairs and 6 At-Large representatives), the Local Board Resources Committee, the Rules Committee, Rules Interpreters, the International Umpire Committee, the Convention Committee, the WDIA Council, the National Tournament Committee, the Training Committee, and many others.

Preparations for the 2010 lacrosse season are under way. Many volunteers are working on initiatives such as

- training materials,
- a new version of the training DVD "Starting Out in Stripes",

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- a National Ratings Procedures (NRP) review committee,
- posting "Local Board Resources" on the web, the
- 2010 WDOC Umpire Manual updates and
- "going green" efforts (paper reduction),
- selecting awards recipients for 2010,
- providing clinics,
- the USL National Convention
- the call for membership --- renewals by September 30th.

Please carefully read this issue of *Flags and Whistles* and make note of the many reminders and special notes. As always, I welcome suggestions for what we, the WDOC Executive Committee, can do to further serve you, the WDOC members. You do have a voice!

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY SEPTEMBER 30!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2010 National Convention

Baltimore (Md) Convention Center
January 15-17, 2010

Promising larger & cooler rooms!

Interested in being a presenter?
Have a topic you would like to see
covered this year?

Here is your chance to help make this
convention even better than the last!

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LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

The NUC is looking for those special officials who have gone above and beyond the norm during their umpiring career.

The **National Emeritus Award** is given to a National Umpire who has retired her status as a National Umpire and is recognized for her exemplary contributions to women's umpiring. A more detailed description and criteria can be found in the Umpire's Manual 11:2 -11:3.

The **Distinguished National Service Umpire Award** is an honorary award given by the WDOC to an umpire who has shown exceptional service toward the professional development and standards of umpires on the Local, Regional and National level. A more detailed description and criteria may be found in the Umpire's Manual 11:3-11:4

Do you know of an official who you think fills the role of a National Emeritus or Distinguished National Service Umpire? Let the NUC know. Send in your nomination for National Emeritus (application Umpire's Manual 11:7) or Distinguished National Service Umpire (application Umpire's Manual 11:9) by **Nov. 1 2009** to:

Bonnye Lang
625 Bay Hills Dr.
Arnold, Maryland 21012
Or via email
Tandblang@verizon.net

LOCAL BOARD CHAIRS

It is time to start planning and organizing for next season and the *Local Board Resource Manual* can help with its many resources. In it resides information for "Tasks by Season" which provides guidelines and suggestions for the Executive Committee and the LBC, the "General Information Letter" can be altered to the needs of the Board, and if an umpire has moved into or out of the Board be sure to use the "Umpire Transfer Form" to help with their transition to their new board.

These are just a few of the highlights of the *Local Board Resource Manual*. Be sure to review it before the season begins.

Remember, the Local Resource Board Committee is always looking for new information or 'best practices' that can be shared with other LBC. Please send it to Jen Dorff at craiger14@yahoo.com.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS OF UMPIRING

1. Assignments
 - a. One really good way to shaft yourself is to repeatedly turn back assignments. Younger umpires should realize that you can get branded by an assigner and that it takes a huge effort to have that un-done. This behavior can have far reaching implications which could negatively affect your career for current and future umpiring situations.
2. Partners
 - a. There can be much jealousy, backstabbing, and poor self-

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WDOC NT RATING RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following "New" and "Renewed" National Rated Umpires:

NEW NATIONAL OFFICIALS

Cheryl Anstotz – Super Region III
Mara Banfield – Super Region V
Betsy Bartlett – Super Region I
Carollynn Davey – Super Region V
Margaret DiNatale – Super Region I
Eileen Jones – Super Region II
Janet Lennon-Jones – Super Region VI
Chip Rogers – Super Region IV

RENEWED NATIONAL OFFICIALS

Mary Jane Anderson – Super Region III
Donna Arcudi – Super Region I
Dana Crompton – Super Region VI
Jill Dull – Super Region III
Maureen Dzwili – Super Region III
Cindy Fabian – Super Region I
Lissa Fickert – Super Region V
Sue Frazier – Super Region III
Kathy Gibbons – Super Region I
Margaret Kondracki – Super Region IV
Kelly Lemley – Super Region IV
Laura Paro – Super Region I
Judy Read – Super Region III
John Singleton – Super Region IV
Judy Strong – Super Region I
Linda Thayer – Super Region I
John Trotta – Super Region II
Connie Walton – Super Region V
Rena Whitehouse

NATIONAL UMPIRES GRANTED AN EXTENSION

Ann Jackopin
Bonnye Lang
Jeff Secor

INTERNATIONAL RENEWALS

Lauren Charwat
Lisa Clark
Jodi Michna

2009 WORLD CUP REPORT

Prague, Czech Republic
Submitted by Jackie Hufnell,
International Umpire
Head Technical Delegate 2009
World Cup
World Cup Executive
IFWLA Past VP of Rules and
Umpiring

On Sunday June 14th thirty technical delegates and umpires arrived in Prague forming Team TD/U. A clinic was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings before photo sessions and meetings with coaches, managers and medical staff concluded.

Team TD/U was comprised of 7 technical delegates, 21 umpires and 2 alternates representing the countries of Australia, Canada, England, Japan, Scotland, USA and Wales. The USA technical delegates were: Susie Ganzenmuller, Marge Garinger, Sandy Goldthorpe and Mary-Anne Wilson. The umpires from the USA were: Nancy Coffman, Lynn Craun, Rala Heinen, Patricia Klecha-Porter, Mara Wager and alternates: Jodi Michna and Fran Trumbo.

These umpires are to be commended for all their hard work at the World Cup and given the recognition for being selected to umpire at the highest level in a world competition. Well done to all!

16 countries played 56 games in 10 days. This was the biggest world cup ever

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and it was an outstanding showcase for lacrosse. From developing countries such as Austria, to the defending 2005 World Cup Champions Australia, all participants enjoyed having the opportunity to play lacrosse at a very high level. The gold medal game was a wonderful display of international sport at its very best with the final score USA 8 – Australia 7. The bronze medal match featured Canada defeating England. Ireland, a newcomer to the tournament, defeated Wales for 5th place. The remaining countries finished in the following order:

- Japan
- Scotland
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Haudenosaunee
- New Zealand
- Netherlands
- Austria
- Denmark
- South Korea

The tournament provided a little of everything for the spectators including flooded pitches; moving to fields which had not been lined for lacrosse; lightning delays and the famous rock concert which delayed the lining of the final games' pitch until four o'clock in the morning. The Czechs are an imaginative, hard working group of young people who did an outstanding job meeting every change with calm and positive thinking. In the end, they did get the job done and as a result the 2009 World Cup will be remembered as a huge sporting success for International Lacrosse.

WDOC NT

The 76th Women's Division National Tournament (WDNT) took place in Baltimore at Cedar Lane Regional Park in Bel Air, Maryland over the Memorial Day Weekend. 1,400 players took part in 180 games on 14 fields with 120 officials over two days.

The weekend included four divisions; Schoolgirls, Senior Only, Regional Club, and Stars & Stripes divisions. The US Elite Squad played an exhibition game on Saturday night which was a huge hit!

The weekend was full of great lacrosse, perfect weather and many friends! We hope you don't miss the opportunity to join us next May for the 2010 WDNT!

GEORGE MASON PLAYDAY National Re-Rate Event

The 2009 George Mason University Playday will take place on **October 17th**. The playday takes place on 4 fields with approximately 20 DI teams.

Last fall was the inaugural year for using the site as a National re-rate event, which in turn was a huge success. The playday will be used as a National re-rate event again this October.

If you are a National or International official and are interested in working the playday, please contact Patti Cleary at Pattilax@aol.com. Renewal opportunities are filled up for this year.

2009 USTC FALL CLASSIC - NATIONAL UMPIRE CLINIC

**Friday, October 9th- Sunday,
October 11th
Downingtown, PA
New National Umpire
Candidates**

Come to Downingtown for the Fall Classic—a great weekend of collegiate lacrosse and a National Umpire Clinic. This clinic and a recommendation from the clinicians are mandatory for District Umpires who wish to stand for a National rating in 2010. Attendance requires a recommendation from two National Rated Umpires. District Umpires considering the eventual pursuit of their National Rating will want to attend this clinic with Head Clinicians Mara Wager and Ericka Leslie

The Clinic begins Friday evening with a classroom session at 8:00 PM by Head Clinician Mara Wager, NUC Chair Laurette Payette, BOG Chair Laura Hebert, Rules Committee Chair/NCAA Rule Interpreter, Pat Dillon and USL Rule Interpreter, Ericka Leslie. The clinic continues Saturday morning at 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM with on field, 3-person experiences with National Clinicians and a one hour lunch break. Saturday night (7-9 pm) includes classroom discussion. Sunday 9 AM -1 PM includes more field experience and lunch. Written feedback/evaluation will

be provided as a follow up to the weekend.

Required: 2 Letters of Recommendation from National Rated Umpires

Cost: \$200 **Non-refundable**

Includes:

- 3-5 hours of classroom instruction
- National Clinic Workbook
- Umpiring collegiate games in the 3 person system
- Personal feedback from national clinicians
- Lunch (provided) at the field each day
- Snacks at the evening classroom sessions
- Water and beverages at the field
- Written evaluation to be sent within three weeks of clinic completion

Housing: Make your own arrangements---refer to "Housing" on the website:

www.Go2USTC.com

Registration: On-line registration opens August 24, 2009 and is on a first-come, first-served basis accompanied by recommendations from two National rated umpires. Go to the US Lacrosse website to register: <http://www.uslacrosse.org/WDOC>

Questions: Contact Mara Wager at mara_97@hotmail.com or 518-439-8682.

DISTRICT EVENTS

**USTC Fall Class – District Umpire Camp
And District Rating Opportunity
Friday, October 9th-Sunday, October 11th
Downingtown, PA**

**WANTED:
New and Renewal District Candidates
to improve their skills!!!**

Come to Downingtown during a great weekend of high school and collegiate lacrosse. The Fall Classic is known as a great venue for upper level lacrosse. In addition to working games each day, you will receive classroom and on-field training sessions in the three-person umpiring system.

This is a great opportunity to improve your skills with teaching and feedback from National and International rated clinicians.

Camp starts Friday evening with a classroom session at 6:00 pm and ends on Sunday after games conclude at 3:00 pm.

Daily feedback will be provided. Take this opportunity to observe and/or work with National umpires.

Cost: **\$175.00 Non-refundable**

Includes:

- 3-5 hours of classroom and on-field three-person positioning
- District Clinic Workbook
- Umpiring games in the three-person system with feedback from clinicians
- Box lunch at the field each day
- Snacks at the evening classroom sessions
- Water and beverages at the fields
- Written evaluation to be sent within two weeks of camp completion

Housing will be on your own with recommended hotels and group rates provided.

Registration opens August 30, 2009 and is based on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of 12 campers. If you wish to attend the Downingtown District Umpire Camp, please send an email expressing your interest (include your name and email address) to Trina Mangano Balch tmand3gs@yahoo.com You will receive an email with the link to the US Lacrosse website prior to the opening of registration on August 30th.

Approved District Rating Events & Clinics

All fall events from previous years are under review and not confirmed at this time.

Super Region I Chair : Kathy Gibbons

October 10	Boston College	Kathy Gibbons	District Training and Rating
October 10	Holy Cross	Kathy Gibbons	District Training and Rating
October 18	SNHU	Kathy Gibbons	District Training and Rating
October 25	Quinnipiac	Kathy Gibbons	District Training and Rating

Super Region II Chair : Peter Hyde

TBD	NYSWCAA	Peter Hyde	p798hyde@aol.com	District Rating Event
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Super Region III Chair : Ericka Leslie

Yearly in October	Fall Classic at Robert Morris	Sheri Gimigliano	District Rating Event
Yearly in October	Fall Classic at Dickinson	Fran Trumbo	District Rating Event

Super Region IV Chair : Patti Cleary

Late Sept.	Limestone Fall Fest	Gaffney, SC	Rena Whitehouse	District Rating Event
Late Oct.	Presbyterian College	LAXoberfest	Lisa Clark	District Rating Event

Super Region V Chair : Elaine Torvinen

Late Sept/Early Oct	Kent State Playday	Connie Walton	District Rating Event New & Renewal
October	Chi-Town Classic	Connie Walton	District Rating Event New & Renewal

Super Region VI Chair : Lynn Beltran

Fall 2009

Info you need to know to attempt to earn a district rating

A complete listing of all approved district rating venues are being posted on the US Lacrosse website. The link to this listing was not available at press time but will be relayed in an upcoming US Lacrosse e-letter.

Remember there are several requirements in place to be rated for district rating. Each **new** candidate must:

Attend an "approved" District Clinic or Camp that is organized by USL WDOC Regions and Super Regions or the US Lacrosse WDOC Training Committee.

Secure a referral to stand for a district rating from any of the following:

- Head Clinician of a WDOC District Clinic or Camp
- Local Board Executive Committee
- National, International, or National, Emeritus, or experienced District rated umpire

Have held a multiple-year Local rating (L2 or L3) for at least one spring season

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Must score 90 or above annually on a written examination. Failure to pass the written test will mandate a retake of the test

Complete the appropriate "Rating Application" (IN Region or OUT of Region) and forward to Region Chair by deadline

Must complete an on-field rating session at a WDOC approved District Rating venue

The rating is awarded for one or two years.

Renewing District Umpires

Attend an "approved" District Clinic or Camp that is organized by USL WDOC Regions and Super Regions or the US Lacrosse WDOC Training Committee.

Or

attend the US Lacrosse National Convention during their renewal year

Must score 90 or above annually on a written examination. Failure to pass the written test will mandate a retake of the test

Complete the appropriate "Rating Application" (IN Region or OUT of Region) and forward to Region Chair by deadline

Must complete an on-field rating session at a WDOC approved District Rating venue

The maximum rating for a renewal District candidate is a three year District (D3).

A renewal District candidate may earn a one (D1), two (D2), or three (D3) year District rating.

A one year District (D1) rating may be awarded a maximum of two consecutive times after which the rating earned must not be another one year District (D1) rating, but must be either a L2, L3, D2 or D3 rating.

Failure to achieve a District rating results in the candidate starting the District process from the beginning.

Downingtown District Clinicians APPLY NOW!

District Clinician Applications for Downingtown District are being accepted now.

Dates: Friday, October 9—Sunday, October 11, 2009

Must hold a National rating and have clinic experience at the District level

Duties:

- Hold a maximum of 2 classroom sessions;
 - PowerPoint experience preferred;
- **Responsible for following the USL provided umpire curriculum and must teach toward USL standardized objectives**
- must be available for on-field feedback for all candidates
- conduct debriefings after each day to entire group
- must complete a final written evaluation/rating for 2 to 3 campers within 2 weeks of the conclusion of camp

Stipend: varies depending on lead clinician responsibilities

Housing: local hotels or umpire homes

Must arrive Friday for 6 p.m. classroom; depart after 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Send applications/resume/clinic experience to Trina Mangano Balch at tmand3gs@yahoo.com

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promotion in officiating. Avoid this, it will come back and bite you where you don't want if you allow it and thus become part of it.

3. Appearance

a. How you look is a big deal to many people. If you present a poor physical image, it can be perceived as you lack pride in yourself and more importantly your work. It also appears that you don't take your position seriously with a "its good enough" approach. Spend the money, get a current, professional clean neat uniform.

a. Fitness - if you are carrying a few extra pounds, think about losing them this fall/winter. Get in shape and at the very least, hustle on the field. This can be a strike against you before you even blow your first whistle.

4. Preparation

a. You are doing a disservice to yourself, the players, your partners if you don't keep abreast of current interpretations, mechanics and preseason opportunities to get on the field. You must work scrimmages or practices before stepping on to your first paid game.

5. Rule Application

a. If you enforce the rules to their letter, you may have a way to go in thinking before moving up the ladder. Top notch officials get that way in part by learning to apply the rules in light of their intent and ignore nit picky infractions that have no affect on the game and put neither team at an unfair disadvantage.

6. Game Management

a. Find the balance between being domineering, too officious and *Continued on page 12*

2010 Umpire's Manual Edits It's Not Too Late!

While August has arrived, we may be getting a short "vacation" from our normal field umpiring duties, the Umpires Manual is not getting that same rest period. As you read this article the USL staff is editing the manual to reflect the comments, suggestions, and inaccuracies that were noted during this past year.

Without the help of all of our officials this document would not be nearly as accurate and informative as it is. The WDOC Executive Committee thanks all of you who have taken the time to comment on the manual and express ideas for changes and or information that needed to be corrected. With that said, there is always more to be done.

Have you noticed any typographic errors that need to be corrected [spellingz, ?punctuation. mislabeled diagrams, etc]? Have you found any instances where incorrect or outdated information is given? If so the WDOC Executive committee is calling on you to make us aware.

The WDOC Executive committee will be meeting frequently over the fall season to discuss the comments and suggested edits that are received. In addition, any new rules changes will be incorporated into the 2010 Manual edition.

If you have something to submit for consideration, send the information to Peter Hyde p798hyde@aol.com.

WDIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Phoenix, Arizona was this year's site for the US Lacrosse Women's Intercollegiate Associates National Championship in May. The venue was absolutely gorgeous and the play of the teams matched it as the best of the college club lacrosse teams came together to vie for this year's title. Sixteen teams from across the country met with no clear-cut favorite. Cal Poly and Colorado State, the only teams to win at these championships were again seeking the top spot along with perennial powerhouse University of California – Santa Barbara.

The weather jinx continued to follow the tournament with this year's event being plagued by 110-degree temperatures. Adjustment of the schedule alleviated most of this issue with games being pushed to early morning and evening. Many thanks are due to the umpires for holding up in the heat and the double duty of working with National Candidates.

The addition of a National Candidate clinic was a wonderful opportunity to maximize the outstanding umpiring talent to train District umpires seeking to improve their game and move to the next level. The clinic, led by Laurette Payette and Susie Ganzenmuller proved to be a rousing success.

The Semi-final games were played back to back in Friday night's twilight, and the atmosphere was rocking. Many, if not all, of the teams were there to witness two exciting, well played games. *Continued on page 8*

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Virginia Tech took a tight 2-goal game with Florida and Colorado followed with an upset of the number one seed, UCSB.

The Championship game crowned a new Champion with Virginia Tech handily defeating Colorado. The amazing story of this team's run to victory stems from the fact that they were one of the few teams at the championship without a separate coach. Two player-coaches guided the team from a #6 seed to the top, no small feat that epitomizes the leadership and spirit of the Intercollegiate Associates. Congratulations to the Hokies!

Many thanks to all the umpires who worked so hard to make the tournament a success.

Lissa	Fickert	Dayton, OH
Lynn	Beltran	Salt Lake City, Utah
Susie	Ganzenmuller	Tuscon, AZ
Jenn	Eames	Wareham, MA
John	Bazzanella	Sacramento, CA
Laurette	Payette	Macedonia, OH
Connie	Walton	Macedonia, OH
Elaine	Torvinen	Royal Oak, MI
Carollynn	Davey	Chicago, IL
Dave	Holdsworth	Maple Grove, MN
Amy	Arcuri	Colorado Springs, CO
Dennis	Bremser	Colorado Springs, CO
Jennifer	Dorff	Colorado Springs, CO
Warner	Orr	Peoria, AZ
Jessica	Hardy	Denver, CO
Rick	Stillion	Glendale, AZ
Devon	Holcomb	Boulder, CO
David	Woodson	Queen Creek, AZ
Lance	Barendt	Peoria, AZ
Holly	Sousa	Minneapolis MN
Maggie	Fanta	San Diego, CA
Jill	Malko	CA

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being a doormat. Strive to take charge when necessary in a professional non confrontational manner. And equally important is to learn when to stay in the background and let the game take care of

itself.

7. Perspective

- a. Try not to become so wrapped up in officiating that you forget your other life. Pay attention to the details of your family and their needs. For most of us, umpiring is an avocation. It is an important source of self-satisfaction, relationships and even monetary reward, but it needs to be kept in its place. In the end, friends and family are far more meaningful than what games or tournaments we do or do not get.

-paraphrased from Referee Magazine