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Remarks from the Chair

By *Laurette Payette*

WDOC Executive Committee Chair

Hello WDOC members!

Since the August issue of Flags and Whistles many of you have honed your umpiring skills at many fall ball events, many have helped with training and rating sessions, and many have not thought much about lacrosse. I trust that you have all renewed your membership for 2008 and you are ready to focus on the 2008 season that is just around the corner.

In preparation for the 2008 lacrosse season, many volunteers - as members of various USL councils and committees - have been busy. In August the Rules Committee met and prepared its report (the new rules and rulebook revisions) to submit to the Women's Division Board of Governors that met in early September. The 2008 Rulebook went to press and is now ready for distribution. If you have not already received your rulebook you will soon (if you renewed your membership!).

The Convention Committee has been hard at work developing/planning the USL National Convention that will take place in Philadelphia, PA Friday, January 18, 2008 – Sunday, January 20, 2008. Look for more details in this issue of Flags and Whistles, on the USL website, and in various USL

publications. If you have not already registered, do so today.

The Training Committee (a sub committee of the WDOC Executive Committee (better known as the NUC or National Umpiring Committee) met in October to tackle a challenging/lengthy agenda devoted to the professional growth and development of WDOC members throughout the US. Look for information in this issue regarding events that are planned for the near future.

In November a very energetic and dedicated NUC gathered in Baltimore for a weekend devoted to the following:

- Sharing of ideas and initiatives;
- Reviewing policies and procedures (especially the training and evaluation of national candidates);
- Committee reports and agendas;
- Planning events for the 2008 season such as the WDNT (national tournament);
- Preparing materials such as updating the WDOC Umpire Manual and the 2008 testing materials;
- Organizing support of all WDOC members and volunteers - Local Board Chairs, Region Chairs, Super Region Chairs, all local board officers, trainers, raters, etc.;

- Membership and membership services;
- Review of the WDOC budget that supports all initiatives;
- Convention planning; and
- Rules interpretations and dissemination of information.

As your representatives, we appreciate your feedback and your support in the many WDOC endeavors. If you would like to volunteer for any of the many WDOC endeavors, and/or if you have questions or concerns, please contact your super region chair or any at-large representative.

I look forward to seeing you at the USL National Convention.

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What's Different in NCAA Rules for 2008

By Laura Hebert and Pat Dillon

Perhaps a better title for this article would be "What's Different for 2008" since most of the rules changes for the upcoming year have been adopted by both the NCAA and US Lacrosse. Rather than list change items a second time as Laura Hebert has outlined most of them in her USL article, let me list only those items that apply to the collegiate game:

- Coaching area has been extended up to the sideline;
- No timeout called on a redraw or on an 8m free position when the 10 goal rule is in effect;
- Timeout will be allowed when the requesting team is in clear possession of the ball;
- Restart of play on out of bounds balls will be taken 2m from the boundary line;
- Removed "and an arm's length extended" from the definition of Within a Stick's Length'

There will be a session on all the NCAA changes first thing Saturday morning at the 2008 Convention (Jan. 19th, 8:00 a.m.). All collegiate umpires are urged to attend. In addition, on Sunday, January 20, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., Kim Basner, National Coordinator of Officials for the NCAA, will present a session detailing the expectations and requirements of all collegiate officials for the upcoming season and post-season play.

Other 2008 Rule changes on convention slate

New rules, interpretations, and points of emphasis will be presented at the 2008 USL Convention in Philadelphia.

Highlights include:

- Allowing follow-through of the stick into the goal circle by the shooter and the defender who is directly defending the shooter for players in 9th grade and above
- Allowing the goalkeeper to remain in the goal circle when she is the closest to the ball on an out of bounds play or a shot on goal
- No T/O on a redraw when the 10 goal rule is in effect
- Body ball to be called only if the player deliberately uses her body to play the ball

- 2 yellow cards will not "equal" a red card – rather, a red card will only be shown to indicate immediate suspension from the game. Two yellow cards will result in the suspension of the player from that game but a red card will not be shown.
- Wording has been introduced that gives another example of illegal use of the stick, i.e. it is illegal to lower the head of the stick below the shoulder and initiate stick to body contact.

Points of Emphasis for the upcoming lacrosse season include more of a focus on Three Seconds and calling it sooner, and the continued focus on stick/body fouls. Come to the convention to get the skinny on all the new rules and interpretations!

Stripes Cross Border to Great White North

By Lynn Craun

A group of umpires went North this summer to help with the U-17 tournament at the site of the U-19 World Cup.

Included in the group were Carol Lynn Davey, Bridget Olp, Lissa Ficket, Liz Brush, Jen O'Donnell, Lynn Craun, Fran Trumbo, Lynn Bowers, and Jodi Michna.

Our Canadian hosts treated us extremely well, as they fed us, housed us, and gave us plenty of opportunities to officiate as well as be spectators. We all had the chance to work with officials outside our areas as well as with our Canadian counterparts. Many new friendships were made and lots of ideas were exchanged.

All of us will treasure our fun in the northern sun, along with the swims in the river and long treks up the hill to the dorm. These events are the kinds of things that make us realize why we love this sport so much.

2 Umps Needed for College Review Board

The NUC and the Collegiate Coaches and Umpires Committee (CCUC) are searching for two umpires to fill current openings on the College Review Board (CRB). The CRB is made up of two coaches' representatives and two umpires' representatives that serve rotating two-year terms. The CRB's role is to receive and evaluate Collegiate Match Evaluation Forms submitted during the season. The form is used by umpires and coaches to share positive and negative feedback re: umpires, coaches, sites, fans, etc., in collegiate games. In addition, the CRB will take appropriate action, when warranted, to resolve issues.

Applicants must be active umpires of collegiate games, able to work well with others, communicate via email to all individuals involved in a timely manner, and be available for weekly conference calls in season.

If you are interested, please send a letter of intent with a description of qualifications to Ericka Leslie at eadheiser@aol.com or 310 Highland Ave. Ambler, PA 19002. Deadline for letters received is January 15, 2008. Decision will be made by the NUC after the letters of intent have been received and reviewed by the NUC at the USL National Convention. Applicants will be notified by February 1, 2008 of the committee's decision.

Zebras, Coaches, Players Ready Convention Events

- The 2008 USL Convention is just around the corner and while many umpires have registered for this event, there are still many of you zebras out there who need to earn your stripes and make plans for attending January 18-20, 2008, at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel.

This year's convention promises to deliver a full complement of information necessary for the upcoming lacrosse season for all levels of umpires – youth, high school, and college. A change from past years is the offering of sessions on Friday afternoon before the Keynote Speaker. Susan Ford will offer an overview of the "Evolution of the Women's

Game" starting at 2:30 and 4:00, while Laura Hebert will present her own personal version of "The Habits of Highly Effective Officials" during the same time slots.

The Keynote Speaker for this year's convention is Mike Eruzione, a member of the 1980 Men's U.S. Gold Medal Olympic Ice Hockey Team (Do you believe in miracles????). It is something short of a miracle to have such a highly acclaimed speaker at our convention, so it is strongly recommended that you get to the convention early and reserve your seats for what is surely to be an inspiring and motivational event.

Following the keynote speech, the Women's Division Official's Council will host its annual general meeting in conjunction with a WDOC Social from 8:30 – 10:00. Please join us for an evening of reconnecting with old (and new) friends and an overview of the convention.

international umpires (Laurette Payette, Ericka Leslie, and Rala Heinen) demonstrating penalty administration for both USL and NCAA rules.

Super Regions will meet with their respective chairs during the lunch hour. Immediately following these meetings, the convention will resume with several sessions

dealing with new rules and points of emphasis. Illegal Use of the Stick, 3 Seconds and Free Space to Goal, and Block vs. Charge are only three items that will be covered during the afternoon sessions. The Youth Game and Managing the clock, your partners, and the coaches are also topics that will be

covered.

Sunday morning will be more of the same. Local Board Chairs are invited to breakfast and a presentation by Art Zito, USL Membership Director. The NCAA will host a meeting to review what is required of NCAA officials, Managing the Game will be revisited, and sessions dedicated to seeing "The Big Picture" and the popular "Revisiting the Rules" will be offered to wrap up the convention.

The WDOC looks forward to reconnecting with old friends, making new umpiring partnerships, and being part of a premier event like no other. See you in Philadelphia!

Mark your Calendars!
US LACROSSE Convention
January 18 - 20, 2008

Saturday will once again be the centerpiece of the WDOC portion of the convention.

Local chairs should plan on meeting at 7:00 am while NCAA Officials will be invited to attend the NCAA Rules Interpretation with Pat Dillon and Kim Basner at 8:00 am. All High School Officials will be treated to a session dealing with the "Nuts and Bolts of Officiating" given by Laura Hebert, USL Rules Interpreter, during this time. At 9:30, the USL Rules Interpretation will take place, known affectionately as the "Pat and Laura Show." New this year is a live field session immediately following the Rules Interpretations featuring national and

We Need YOU!

The NUC is looking for an Umpire Assignor for the National Tournament!
May 24-26, 2008, Owings Mills, Maryland

Responsibilities to include:

- ❖ Recruitment of umpires
- ❖ Assign/schedule umpires (candidates for *new National* rating, candidates for *re-rate Nationals*, *judges/raters* for ratings and District, National and International umpires for games)
- ❖ Coordinate with 2 Site Coordinators (persons to be named at a later date)
- ❖ Work with Tournament Director of Umpires
- ❖ Post schedule for tournament and keep it updated throughout the tournament
- ❖ Provide a handheld version of the schedule for all umpires
- ❖ Listing of names to USL prior to deadline for the printed program

A stipend will be provided from USL for this position.

If you are interested, please contact Ericka Leslie at eadheiser@aol.com or 610.308.5538. She will answer questions, provide you with other information, and an application if interested in the position.

2008 Preseason Playday Division I

Charles Street Spring Lacrosse Challenge & National Clinic

Loyola College – Baltimore, Maryland
Saturday, February 9, 2008, 8:00 – 5:00

Questions? Contact Fran Trumbo at 410-795-4961 or email mtrum4@aol.com

A Day of Division I College Play.

It is required that any umpire wishing to stand for a National rating in 2008 attend a National Clinic. You must pre-register using the following form.

Clinic:

Friday, February 8, 2008 **Classroom Session - Liberty Christian School** 7:30 - 10:00PM
Saturday, February 9, 2008 **Field Work - Loyola College** 8:00AM - 5:00PM

For: National candidates and experienced District umpires (minimum 3 years). Only those umpires who have pre-registered and prepaid by January 15, 2008 will be allowed to participate. Those umpires who will be standing for their National rating at the 2008 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 12, and the cost for the clinic will be \$100.

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

NOTE: Only those umpires who are preregistered by **January 15, 2008**, will be able to officiate. 2008 Preseason Playday Division I

2008 Preseason Playday Division I

Registration Form - Charles Street Spring Lacrosse Challenge

Deadline January 15, 2008

1. Name _____
2. Address _____
3. City _____ State _____ Zip _____
4. Phone(H) _____ (W) _____
5. Cell _____
6. Email address _____

7. Tune up (no cost) _____
8. Clinic fee \$100.00 – enclose fee payable with form **US Lacrosse** _____
9. Are you a National Candidate? Yes No _____
10. Please send hotel information. _____ check _____

Return completed form to:

Fran Trumbo
5700 Mineral Hill Road
Eldersburg, Md. 21784

Questions: email MTRUM4@aol.com or call 410-795-4961

2008 Preseason Playday Division III

Green Terror Challenge: McDaniel College – Baltimore, Maryland

Field Work: Saturday, February 23, 2008 9:00 – 5:00 at McDaniel College

Questions? Contact Fran Trumbo at 410-795-4961 or email mtrum4@aol.com

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

NOTE: Only those umpires who are preregistered by **January 23, 2008**, will be able to officiate.

Registration Form - Green Terror Challenge

1. Deadline January 23, 2008
2. Name _____
3. Address _____
4. City _____ State _____ Zip _____
5. Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
6. Cell _____
7. Email _____
8. List rating _____
9. Tune up _____
10. I will help evaluate and give feedback as needed _____

Return completed form to:
 Fran Trumbo
 5700 Mineral Hill Road
 Eldersburg, MD 21784

Arizona Cactus Classic District Umpire Camp

Wanted: New and Renewal District Candidates to Improve their Skills!

Come to Arizona's warmth and sunshine for two full days of high-level college club lacrosse competition. 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: Susie Ganzenmuller, Laurette Payette, and Jenny Miriam.

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

Cost: \$175 *Non-refundable* **Date:** February 15-17 **Venue:** AZ State, Tempe AZ

Includes: 5 hours of classroom and on-field three-person positioning review
 2008 new rules review
 District Clinic Workbook
 Umpiring games in the three-person system with
 feedback from clinicians
 Box lunch at the field each day
 Dinner at the Saturday evening classroom sessions
 Water and beverages at the fields
 Written evaluation to be sent within two weeks of camp completion

Registration opens December 20, 2007 at noon EST and is based on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to attend the Arizona Cactus Classic District Umpire Camp, please send an email expressing your interest (include your name and email address) to Karen Kandola at kkandola@verizon.net

You will receive an email with the link to the US Lacrosse website prior to the opening of registration on Dec. 20.

2008 - 2011 College Umpire Fee Schedules Set

By Rena Whitehouse

Umpire game fees for the 2008-2011 seasons have been negotiated by the US Lacrosse Women's Division College Coaches and Umpires Committee (CCUC). The CCUC is a committee made up of collegiate coaches and umpires, specifically, three appointees from the US Lacrosse Women's Division Officials Council Executive Committee (NUC) and three appointees from the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA).

2007	Division I	Division II	Division III	Club/JV
National*	\$190	\$145	\$145	\$90
District*	\$175	\$135	\$135	\$90
Local*	n/a	\$120	\$120	\$90
Two Person	n/a	\$175	\$175	\$105
2008	Division I	Division II	Division III	Club/JV
National*	\$209	\$159	\$159	\$90
District*	\$192	\$148	\$148	\$90
Local*	n/a	\$120	\$120	\$90
Two Person	n/a	\$192	\$192	\$105
2009	Division I	Division II	Division III	Club/JV**
National*	\$215	\$164	\$164	\$105
District*	\$198	\$152	\$152	\$95
Local*	n/a	\$125	\$125	\$95
Two Person	n/a	\$198	\$198	\$105
2010	Division I	Division II	Division III	Club/JV**
National*	\$221	\$169	\$169	\$105
District*	\$204	\$157	\$157	\$95
Local*	n/a	\$125	\$125	\$95
Two Person	n/a	\$204	\$204	\$105
2011	Division I	Division II	Division III	Club/JV**
National*	\$230	\$176	\$176	\$110
District*	\$212	\$163	\$163	\$100
Local*	n/a	\$130	\$130	\$100
Two Person	n/a	\$212	\$212	\$115
* Three-person crew				

There are a number of changes to the collegiate game and travel fees, as follows:

- A 10% increase to the game fees for 2008, with the exception of local umpire fees and club/JV fees which remain unchanged.
- A 3% game fee increase for 2009
- A 3% game fee increase for 2010
- A 4% game fee increase for 2011
- An increase in the per diem (effective January 1, 2009) to \$40. In addition, this fee will align with the NCAA per diem in future years.
- An increase to \$125 for local-rated umpires for NCAA Divisions II & III effective for 2009-2010 and to \$130 for 2011.
- An increase in WDIA Club/JV fees to \$110 National/\$100 District & Local for three-person umpire crews; \$115 per umpire for two-person crews in 2011. In addition, an 80% game fee guideline was put in place for playday-type/multiple game days with shortened or running clock games.
- Please note the ground travel fee increases to 50.5 cents/mile in 2008.

Finally, the committee developed a travel grid to clarify when and how travel fees are paid in a variety of travel scenarios. This travel grid and complete fee information is available from the US Lacrosse Women's Division Officials Council website.

National Umpires to renew in 2008

Priscilla Anderson*
 Roni Anton
 Sheila Donahue
 Julie Duff*
 Jenn Eames*
 Cindy Fabian*
 Bonnie Foley
 Sally Hartman
 Laura Hebert
 Sue Kennedy
 Judy Kopelman
 Bonnye Lang
 Tim Lang
 Debbie Martin
 Janice McGrath
 Jenny Miriam
 Sue Paige
 Renee Scheide
 Kate Sherwood
 Lisa Volland
 Amy Arcuri*
 Ed Bebyn*
 Connie Chapin*
 Patti Cleary*
 Joe Fanning*
 Tammy Heffron*
 Nancy Madsen*

*denotes on-field rating at
National Tournament

International Umpires to renew in 2008

Nancy Coffman
 Lynn Craun
 Susie Ganzenmuller
 Sandy Goldthorpe
 Jackie Hufnell
 Patti Klecha Porter
 Jen O'Donnell
 Fran Trumbo
 Mari Ann Wilson

Umpires to give service at National Tournament 2008

Barbra Almond
 Donna Arcudi
 David Balogh
 Donna Crompton
 Patty Daley
 Lisa Ellsworth
 Kathy Gibbons
 Pam Dunlap/Hoerup
 Ann Jackopin
 Kelly Lemley
 Sue McVaugh
 Patricia Morris
 Stephanie Murphy
 Laura Paro
 Lorretta Pawlowski
 Mary Jane Schaaf
 Joan Sitterly
 Linda Thayer

To renew or apply national rating:

New National Candidates Applications due April 1, 2008.

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

Renewal National Candidates Applications due March 1, 2008.

All **RENEWAL** candidates must send completed application forms (see Appendix in the Umpire's Manual) to their Region Chair for completion. Region Chairs are to send forms to **Sue Kennedy**, 266 Norfolk Road, P.O. Box 1426, Litchfield, CT 06759

WDNT Tourney on the Move

The Women's Division National Tournament (WDNT) is moving this year - not to just one site, but two! US Lacrosse staff has worked to secure locations just miles away from Towson University, the site of the 2008 and 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championships. The WDNT will continue to take place over Memorial Day weekend (May 23-26, 2008).

The McDonough School (located in Owings Mills, Maryland) and St. Paul's School (located in Brooklandville, Maryland) will play host to the WDNT, which began in 1933 as a tournament to showcase the best Post-Collegiate and club women's lacrosse players. Since that time, it has grown into one of the largest women's lacrosse events in the nation and features five levels of play, including Schoolgirls, Senior Only, Regional Club, Stars & Stripes and Post-Collegiate Club divisions.

Stay tuned for announcements regarding registration, location information, housing, and scheduling. It's never too early to start planning for May!

At-Large positions open

Each year at-large positions on the WDOC Executive Committee expire. In 2008 Patti Klecha-Porter and Jeff Secor have terms that expire. If you are interested in applying for one of the positions please submit an application to Bonnye Lang by May 1, 2008. The application and qualifications are in the USL Umpire Manual. To apply, you must hold a current National or International rating. The current members of the Committee will review the applications and vote by June 15, 2008. All at-large positions will then take their committee positions effective on August 1, 2008.

Testing, testing ...

The NUC has polled the local boards across the country; it has been decided to do away with the Apprentice test and just use the regular Rules Exam as a teaching, open book tool with new officials.

Although some of the questions may seem daunting to a new official, local chairs and trainers should stress to new officials that we don't expect them to know all this right off the bat. We want to familiarize them with all the rules and help them be able to locate the answers in the rule book.

We also want them to know it's okay to ask more seasoned officials questions.

Local Board Chairs Reminded to Attend Convention

Reminder: You or your proxy are **REQUIRED** to attend the USL National Convention in Philadelphia, PA from Friday, January 18, 2008, through Sunday, January 20, 2008.

Important Convention Details

Friday, January 18, 2008

- 2:30 PM - Sessions Begin
- 7:00 PM – Keynote Speaker
- 8:30 PM – WDOC General Meeting and Social
“Awards and Recognition”

Saturday, January 19, 2008

**7:00 AM – “Required” for Local Board Chairs and Region Chairs
Check In with Super Region Chair**

- 8:00 AM - NCAA Rules Interpretation
- 9:30 AM - USL Rules Interpretation
- 11:00 AM - On Field Demonstration
(Rules, Interpretations, Penalty Administration)
- 12:15 PM - Super Region Meetings
- 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM - Sessions

Sunday, January 20, 2008

**7:30 AM – “Required” for Local Board Chairs and Region Chairs
Breakfast Meeting
Sponsored by USL Women’s Division and WDOC
USL Membership & Local Board Resources**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Sessions Continue

WDOC to Honor “Exemplary” National Umpires

by Laurette Payette
WDOC Executive Committee Chair

Each year the WDOC has the opportunity to recognize members who have provided exceptional service during their tenure as umpires. The following are awarded to umpires chosen by the WDOC Executive Committee.

The *National Emeritus Award* recognizes the exemplary contributions of an umpire who has renewed her/his National Rating a minimum of two times. The umpire has served as a role model and has upheld the highest standards of professionalism. The umpire has demonstrated exceptional service at the local, district, and national levels.

The *Distinguished National Service Award* recognizes exceptional service toward the professional development and standards of the WDOC members on the local, regional, and national levels.

During the WDOC General Meeting and Social at the USL National Convention on Friday, January 18, 2008, at 8:30 PM, the WDOC Executive Committee will recognize two National Emeritus Award recipients and three Distinguished National Service Award recipients. I hope you will join me in celebrating these umpires.

And last, but not least ...

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