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## Remarks from the Chair

By *Laurette Payette*

WDOC Executive Committee Chair

I have now had a chance to reflect on the wonderful professional growth opportunity provided to officials by US Lacrosse and by many volunteers who represented many committees at the annual National Convention - sessions and inspirational speakers, meetings and opportunities to make a difference, socials and making connections, and impromptu opportunities for discussion. If you attended I trust that you had a rewarding experience and will take the time to provide feedback on your experience. If you did not attend, I hope that you will make plans to attend the 2009 USL National Convention which will be in Baltimore, MD at the new inner harbor convention center.

The WDOC Executive Committee and many USL employees and USL committee and council volunteers work together to serve the entire officiating community. We want to hear from you, the members of the WDOC. Remember that you have a structure for governance and support - use your resource: Local Board Chairs, Region Chairs, Super

Region Chairs, the WDOC Executive Committee (aka the NUC), WD Director **Ann Carpenetti**, Assistant to the WD Director **Liz Piper**, USL Membership Services **Art Zito**, USL Education and Training **Erin Smith**, USL Rules Committee Chair **Pat Dillon**, and USL Rules Interpreter **Laura Hebert**, just to name a few. Volunteers can and do make a difference. We are working to update the WDOC section of the USL website. If you have suggestions please contact **Missy Ackerman**, our website volunteer.

We are working on "Local Board Resources" with Jen Dorff providing the leadership for a WDOC Executive Committee sub-committee. The goal for this sub-committee is to have a "USL Local Board Binder" produced for distribution at the 2009 USL National Convention. Any and all ideas for inclusion in such a resource should be sent to **Jen Dorff**.

We are working on the standardization of USL training materials for all umpires at all levels - National Training Curriculum; District Training Curriculum; Apprentice and Local Training Curriculum; and Youth Umpire

Training Curriculum. We would love to collect the best practices from all areas of the country. Please contact the Training Committee Chair, **Patti Klecha-Porter** with your ideas.

We are working on revising the National Candidate rating process. Look for the new "Partner WAC" to be used by all New and Renewal candidates and their partners during all 2008 season contests. Please contact **Lynn Beltran** and **Bonnye Lang**, Co-Chairs of the National Rating Review Committee, with suggestions and comments.

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# Umpires Honored for Service, Contributions

During the WDOC General Meeting and Social at the 2008 USL National Convention on Friday, January 18th we had a wonderful celebration as we recognized the

the outstanding services of umpires, (L to R) **Lucy Goodridge, Pat Dillon, Susie Ganzenmuller, Priscilla Anderson.**



**Lucy Goodridge** and **Susie Ganzenmuller** were named recipients of the **National Emeritus Award** that recognizes the exemplary contributions of an

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

**Susie Ganzenmuller, Pat Dillon** and **Priscilla Anderson** were named recipients of the **Distinguished National Service Award** that recognizes exceptional service toward the professional development and standards of the WDOC members on the local, regional, and national levels.

**Lucy Goodridge** began her umpiring career in 1980 and earned her first National Rating in 1994. She redefined volunteer as she served in every office possible. She is a very accomplished negotiator and debater and has taken on commissioners, leagues, and state boards as she fought for benefits, salaries, and fees for umpires. She has been a diligent recruiter of umpires who can be found chasing down players to become umpires.

**Susie Ganzenmuller** began her umpiring career in 1981 and earned her first National Rating in 1986 and her first International Rating in 1991. For Susie service is part of her very make up. She has provided service locally in CT and DC, regionally in New England and the South, nationally, and internationally. She has been a clinician and a presenter and was the face of the "Stars and Stripes" video released in 1996. She worked diligently on stick specifications and testing and on the International Rulebook design and revisions. She has received multiple lacrosse awards including the 1996 Nancy Chance Service Award; the 2005 USL Hall of Fame induction; and the 2006 President's Cup Award. She has touched many lives in the world of lacrosse and is the epitome of the concept of "six degrees of separation".

**Pat Dillon** began her umpiring career in 1983 and earned her first National Rating at West Chester, PA in 1986. A collegiate lacrosse player who has served the world of lacrosse since graduation, Pat is steadfast about giving back to the sport. Her countless hours of service to USL include the WDOC Executive

Committee, Chair of the Rules Committee, member of the Board of Governors, President of the Board of Directors, and power points extraordinaire. She is the "power point queen"! She is a member of the Potomac Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

**Priscilla Anderson** began her umpiring career in 1981 and earned her first National Rating in 1989. Priscilla has served as a Board Treasurer, a Board Chairperson, and an assignor for Collegiate Lacrosse in NY and she has been a member of the USL Board of Directors and the USL Board of Governors. In 1999 she wrote the WDOC By-Laws and was instrumental in providing leadership as the WDOC Executive Committee Chair (1999-2003) during the USWLA to USL transition. Because she recognized the importance of on field training and consistency in such efforts, she began the writing of training materials by first tackling the National Umpire Curriculum standards as set forth in a Handbook/Manual for clinicians and a Workbook for clinic participants.

The awards recipients each received a token of appreciation from USL and their names are forever remembered on plaques that reside at the USL National Office and are displayed at WD events such as the WDOC General Meetings and the WD National Tournament. Should you be interested in nominating someone for one of these awards, please complete the "National Service Application" that can be found in the appendices of your manual or on the USL Website.

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# Umpire Manual an Ever-Evolving Tool

With the USL Convention now over, everyone's thoughts are directed toward the fast approaching officiating season. One tool that is very helpful in preparing for the season is the Umpire's Manual. Copies may be purchased through USL or you can go on line to the USLacrosse web site and find the manual in the Officials Section, WDOC. Your local board chair also has a hard copy that he/she could copy for you OR she can give you a copy of the manual on CD. Please ask him/her for this tool.

The manual is an ever evolving document since it reflects both the new rules and interpretations that are adopted annually by USL and the WDOC Executive Committee. Each year an updated version is printed for use by officials all over the country. If there is a new or modified interpretation during the season it is added to the online version of the Manual. **The 2008 Umpires Manual has format changes that officials should know.**

- All new or revised text is shaded in grey to alert the reader that this is new for 2008.
- The NCAA rules modifications are handled differently in the 2008 Manual. Since the Manual is a USL document, all the material in print in Parts One through Six pertains only to USL Rules. All NCAA modifications are now found in a new Rules Comparison Chart which is has been placed in the appendix of the Manual. The comparison chart also includes International rules.

- All International Officials information has been moved to the appendix (Part Seven).

With any document as large as the manual, and the fast growth of lacrosse, there are bound to be oversights and inaccuracies that exist. The NUC calls upon all officials to be involved in making the manual as accurate as possible. One way that everyone can be of great help is in the area of correcting "typos" and finding text that is inaccurate or does not reflect the most current rules changes.

**One editing mistake that everyone should make note of has already been discovered. In Part Two, Page 4, D-7 the shaded word "pass" should not be included in that sentence. Delete it.**

When you are using the manual and discover a spelling error, or information that should be updated, please notify Peter Hyde at [p798hyde@aol.com](mailto:p798hyde@aol.com). Include the manual part and page # as well as a description of what is wrong. Our goal is to have the Umpire's Manual be as current and accurate as possible and with many eyes doing the looking, errors and inaccuracies will less likely to go unnoticed prior to the next printing.

If the update involves an interpretation it will be reviewed by our rules interpreter before the manual is updated, as we want the manual to reflect the national standard.

## Helpful Hints

1. Attend your Local Board Meetings and Rules Interpretations
2. Please contact your **USL Rules Interpreter, Laura Hebert**, at [lbhref@yahoo.com](mailto:lbhref@yahoo.com) with all questions regarding USL Rules and interpretations.
3. Please contact **Pat Dillon** at [pdillon656@aol.com](mailto:pdillon656@aol.com) with all **NCAA Rules Interpretation** questions and **Kim Basner** at [kbasner@go2ustc.com](mailto:kbasner@go2ustc.com) with all **NCAA umpiring** questions.
4. Collegiate Umpires please complete the "**Carding Survey**" for all collegiate games (one survey per game), <http://www.uslacrosse.org/wdoc/Forms/2008cardingsurvey.pdf>

## To-Dos for All Chairs: SRs Region, Local Bds

1. Submit your "Web Access Forms"
2. Complete the Convention Review Form and return to Laura Hebert
3. Update your database throughout the season.

# 2008 Rule Changes, Redux

New rules, interpretations and points of emphasis were presented at the 2008 USL Convention in Philadelphia. The 2008 new rules and those for the NCAA differ, and points of emphasis were introduced.

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 Time Out 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 the three-second violation and calling it sooner, and the continued focus on stick/body fouls.

New rule changes and interpretations are different for the NCAA. For **collegiate games**:

- 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 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”

## CORRECTION

**NOTE: An extra player, suspended player, or a player not listed or incorrectly is missing from page 37 (top) of the USL rule book**

## Notes for National Renewal Candidates 2008

To: **National Renewal Candidates 2008**

From: Fran Trumbo - Ratings Committee Chair

RE: Information for “Partner WAC’s” and Region Chair mailing application information

Date: 1/30/08

A new WAC called the “**Partner WAC**” is enclosed herein and will be available on the USL WDOC website. The new “**Partner WAC**” will also be emailed to you.

Use the current form from the manual until you have received the “**Partner WAC**”.

Review the manual for Renewal National Candidates requirements. **Must have attended the National Convention or a National Umpire Clinic in the renewal year.**

**Please be aware there may be possible conflicts with the NCAA championships dates and your renewal at National Tournament. Keep in mind that “Partner WAC’s” may be used as a renewal option.**

**\*New this year – an option to renew**

**at specific Fall Ball events will be forthcoming.**

Please contact Fran Trumbo @ [MTRUM4@aol.com](mailto:MTRUM4@aol.com) if interested in this option.

Thank you, especially to the renewal letter writers who will take the time to put the feedback together for the candidates. Their help is greatly appreciated in advance.

Fran Trumbo  
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# National Umpire Renewal Information

To: **National Umpires due to renew in 2008**  
From: Fran Trumbo – Ratings Committee Chair  
Re: Written Assessment Checklist Information  
Date: 1/30/08

Due to 27 renewals we will be using four people to gather the written assessment checklists information and forward the feedback letters to the umpiring candidates. Check the list below and forward the **2008 WAC forms** to the appropriate person.

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# *District Rating Opportunities Announced*

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Feb. 9 Harvard University; Contact Kathy Gibbons: kathy\_gibbons@verizon.net

Feb. 24 Springfield College; Contact Kathy Gibbons: kathy\_gibbons@verizon.net

March 2 Bowdoin College; Brunswick, ME; Contact Kathy Gibbons: kathy\_gibbons@verizon.net

March 2 Trinity College; Hartford, CT; Contact Kathy Gibbons: kathy\_gibbons@verizon.net

**Super Region II Chair:** [Peter Hyde](mailto:p798hyde@aol.com) p798hyde@aol.com

June 7 & 8 NYSPHSAA Championship; Contact Cheryl Silverman: csilver1@nycap.rr.com (Renewal & Invitation Only)

July 11 - 13 Baldwinsville, NY; Contact Sheila Donahue: sdonahu7@twcny.rr.com

July 24 - 27 Empire State Games; Contact Cheryl Silverman: csilver1@nycap.rr.com (Renewal & Invitation Only)

August 8 - 10 Lake Placid, NY; Contact Rick Nelson: RWNelson@nycap.rr.com

TBD NYSWCAA Fall Ball ; Contact Peter Hyde: p798hyde@aol.com

**Super Region III Chair:** [Ericka Leslie](mailto:eadheiser@aol.com) eadheiser@aol.com

March 9, Drexel Club Playday Contact: Bert Butler [bertbutz@comcast.net](mailto:bertbutz@comcast.net)

April 26, Katie Sampson H.S. Tourn.; Radnor HS, Radnor, PA; Bert Butler Assigning: bertbutz@comcast.net and

Sally Laporte, Ratings: [salaporte11@aol.com](mailto:salaporte11@aol.com) (PA Umpires Only)

June PIAA Championship, Public or Private School, Contact: Sally Laporte: [salaporte11@aol.com](mailto:salaporte11@aol.com) (PA Umpires Only)

June 15-17 All American Girl Showcase; USTC; Downingtown, PA; Contact: Ericka Leslie: [eadheiser@aol.com](mailto:eadheiser@aol.com)

June 22 to 24 National Draw; Cherokee HS; Marlton, NJ; Contact: Bonnye Lang: [tandblang@toad.net](mailto:tandblang@toad.net)

July 6 & 7 Upper Atlantic Tournament; USTC; Downingtown, PA; Contact: Ericka Leslie: [eadheiser@aol.com](mailto:eadheiser@aol.com)

October Dickinson Fall Classic, Dickinson College; Carlisle, PA; Contact: Fran Trumbo: [mtrum4@aol.com](mailto:mtrum4@aol.com)

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February 23 The Green Terror Challenge; McDaniel College, Contact: Fran Trumbo: [mtrum4@aol.com](mailto:mtrum4@aol.com) \*District Renewals Only

Mid March Spring Fling; Wellington FL Trina Mangano: [tmand3gs@yahoo.com](mailto:tmand3gs@yahoo.com) \*District Renewals Only

July 17-20 All Star Express; Stevensville, MD, Contact: Bonnye Lang: [tandblang@toad.net](mailto:tandblang@toad.net)

Late September Limestone College FallFest; Gaffney, SC; Contact: [Rena Whitehouse](mailto:renawhitehouse@hotmail.com): renawhitehouse@hotmail.com

Late-October George Mason University Fall Playday; Fairfax, VA; Contact: Patti Cleary: [pattilax@aol.com](mailto:pattilax@aol.com)

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Mid. Apr. Hannigan Tournament; Columbus, OH; Contact: Connie Walton: [waltonc@hudson.edu](mailto:waltonc@hudson.edu)

Late Apr. WCLL College Club Playoffs Toledo OH; Contact: Elaine Torvinen: [lovetoref@comcast.net](mailto:lovetoref@comcast.net)

May 17 & 18 Midwest Schoolgirl; Buffalo, NY; Contact: [Elaine Torvinen](mailto:lovetoref@comcast.net): lovetoref@comcast.net

Late Sept/Early Oct Kent State Fall Ball Event; Contact: Connie Walton: [waltonc@hudson.edu](mailto:waltonc@hudson.edu)

**Super Region VI Chair:** [Lynn Beltran](mailto:lbeltran@slco.org) lbeltran@slco.org

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April 7 & 8 Western States Tournament; Northern CA; Contact [Linda Thayer](mailto:Linda.thayer@finnegan.com): Linda.thayer@finnegan.com

April 21- 22 Pacific Northwest Regional WDIA Championships; Portland, OR; Contact [Janet Lennon-Jones](mailto:janet.lj@verizon.net)

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June—July Vail Shootout & Camp; Vail, CO; Contact [Jeff Secor](mailto:jmsecor@earthlink.net): jmsecor@earthlink.net

## Rotating events

May WDIA Championship; CO; [Lissa Fickert](mailto:lfickert@earthlink.net): lfickert@earthlink.net (District Renewals Only)

WDIA Playdays in various Super Regions; Contact: Super Region Chair

Questions regarding approved District events should be directed to [Elaine Torvinen](mailto:lovetoref@comcast.net). Be sure you have the proper applications filled out well before the event and get them to the appropriate person early enough for them to send them on to their final destination.

**Important forms:** [IN Region](#) [OUT of Region Form](#)

# Job Board

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## 2 At-Large Positions opening

Each year At-Large positions on the WDOC Executive Committee expire. In June 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 2008 USL Umpire Manual. To be eligible to apply you must hold a current National or International Rating. The current members of the WDOC Executive Committee will review the applications and vote by June 15, 2008. All At-Large positions will commence their term on August 1, 2008.

## 4 WDOC Training Committee At-Large Positions Open

According to the recently approved Training Committee "Operating Procedures" [effective October 2007] two (2) of four (4) positions are to expire in alternating years (2 in even years and 2 in odd years). To establish the positions and the terms for the selected members of the Training Committee the WDOC Executive Committee is accepting applications for **2 positions with terms expiring in 2010** (one position must represent SR I, II, or III and one position must represent SR IV, V, or VI) and **2 positions with terms expiring in 2011** (one position must represent SR I, II, or III and one position must represent SR IV, V, or VI). Applicants must hold a current District, National, or International Rating. Applications should be submitted to [Bonnye Lang](#) by May 1, 2008. The current WDOC Executive Committee will review the applications and vote by June 15, 2008. All Training Committee positions commence on Aug. 1, 2008.




## BE HEARD!

*Next Flag & Whistles deadline April 30 for May 15, 2008, publication date.*

*Send submissions to:  
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## Jump in the Umpire Pool with training clinics

If you are in an area of the country where lacrosse is a new sport, or you are in need of some support with your board's growth, the WDOC would like to help you wish your development of umpires.

**Umpire trainers are available** to travel to your area and train your pool of umpires with USLacrosse sharing the cost.

Shared cost could be 90% for newly emerging areas down to 25% for areas with 5 plus years of experience.

If you would like to apply for an umpire clinic in your area, contact Jenny Miriam at [heyref4@juno.com](mailto:heyref4@juno.com) or 413-582-7022.

# Job Board

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## *Wanted: National-rated Umpires to Mentor Candidates*

The NUC and the Training Committee would like to establish a pool of willing National umpires to be assigned as a mentor to new candidates through their season prior to standing at the National Tournament.

This pool would be called upon in case a candidate didn't know, or may not have worked with any, National-rated officials due to either location or schedule limitations.

If you are a National-rated umpire interested in being a mentor for a new National candidate please contact [Elaine Torvinen lovetoref@comcast.net](mailto:Elaine.Torvinen@comcast.net) Super Region V Chair.

If you are called upon from this pool of possible National Candidate Mentors, you would be asked a series of questions before you are assigned to any National Candidate.

## Vail Shoot-Out and Umpire Training Camp Set

Come to Vail's beautiful mountains for four full days of high-level lacrosse competition. In addition to working games each day, you will receive classroom and on-field training sessions in the three-person umpiring system. The event is scheduled for June 29-July 2

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

Camp starts Wednesday evening with a classroom session and ends on Saturday after games conclude at 3:00 pm.

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

Cost: \$300.00 **Non-refundable**

Includes:

- 7-10 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
- Dinner at the evening classroom sessions
- B-B-Q social with coaches, teams and other officials
- Water and beverages at the fields
- Written evaluation to be sent within two weeks of camp completion
- We will arrange condo housing for you-cost for housing is your expense.

Registration opens March 1, 2008 and is based on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to attend the Vail Shoot Out District Umpire Camp, please send an email expressing your interest (include your name and email address) to Trina Mangano Balch at [tmand3gs@yahoo.com](mailto:tmand3gs@yahoo.com)

You will receive an email with the link to the US Lacrosse website prior to the opening of registration on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Get Your Run On! Umpiring Opportunities

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>PLACE</i>	<i>FEES</i>
June 1	Galaxy South Playday	Annapolis Area	\$35/hr
June 6-8	Beach Lax Festival	Ocean City Md	\$35/hr
*June 20-22	National Draw	Medford, NJ	\$35/hr
**July 17-20	All Star Express	Stevensville, Md	\$35/hr
July 25-27	Galaxy Championship	Philadelphia Area	\$35/hr
Sept 13-14	Skywalkers Fall Festival	Baltimore Md	\$35/hr
Sept 28	Green Turtle Tournament	Ocean City Md	\$35/hr
Oct 4-5	Laxtoberfest	Annapolis Area	\$35/hr
Oct 18	Skyscraper	New York City	\$35/hr
Oct 26	Frederick Stars Challenge Cup	Walkersville, Md	\$35/hr
Nov 2	Navy Rivalry	USNA Annapolis, Md	\$35/hr
Nov 22-23	Mid Atlantic Showcase	Baltimore, Md	\$35/hr
Nov 28-29	Turkey Shoot	Annapolis Area	\$35/hr

All level umpires are welcome to attend. These are multi age/talent players.

- \*District Rerate opportunity
- \*\*District rating opportunity (new and rerate)

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## *More on the Vail Shoot-Out*

HS Division: June 29 - July 2

Elite Division: July 3 - July 6

The Vail Shootout is in its 24th year for the Women's Elite division and the 11th year for high school. The Elite division is comprised of many current and former college players and club teams from across the US. The HS division are competitive teams from Canada and all parts of the U.S.

As with all tournaments, umpires are needed to make it a game and not a scrimmage! We are looking for those umpires with at least a couple of years experience.

If you are interested in joining us in the Rocky Mountains for a few days of lacrosse and outdoor entertainment, please contact us, Jeff and Michelle Secor, at [jmsecor@earthlink.net](mailto:jmsecor@earthlink.net) or [jmsecor@netzero.net](mailto:jmsecor@netzero.net).

In addition to umpiring games, there will be a USL District Umpire Camp in conjunction with the HS Division. Look for camp information on page 8 of the Flags and Whistles.

# *A Glimpse into the World of International Umpiring*

By Sandy Goldthorpe

US International umpires are National Umpires who have received an International rating from the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations and who are eligible to represent the United States in international lacrosse events. US International umpires have represented the United States at World Cups, U-19 World Championships, European Championships, Prague Cup, Berlin Open, and the OWL (Ontario Women's Lacrosse) tournament, just to name a few tournaments.

National umpires interested in standing for an International rating should obtain a recommendation from the National Umpire Committee or the US International Umpire Committee (USIUC). Applications (which are in the US Umpire Manual), along with the above recommendation, should be submitted to Sandy Goldthorpe, Chair of the USIUC. Applications are accepted throughout the year; however, the USIUC committee votes on applications only twice a year, first at the National Convention, second at National Tournament. Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in some of the many international club tournaments prior to applying to stand for a rating.

To get an idea of what an International umpire can do, the following events were umpired by US International umpires in 2008/2007.

## **2008 International Events:**

**Champions Challenge (January 2008):** US Elite and Development teams competed against each other as well as Duke University and Johns Hopkins University in this two-day event. US International umpires Lynn Craun, Sandy Goldthorpe, Rala Heinen, Jodi Michna, Jen O'Donnell, Fran Trumbo and English International umpire Steve Taylor refereed this event. Jen O'Donnell, Fran Trumbo, and Lynn Craun also stood for their International field test renewal, with ratings being done by Susie Ganzenmuller, Joan Wagner, and Steve Taylor. Susie Ganzenmuller also offered training in being a technical delegate at this event.

When not on the field, this group of International umpires also conducted a Local/District level clinic for Florida area umpires. This event, organized by Trina Mangano, provided a classroom session for approximately 22 umpires and field

evaluations for approximately 17 umpires, with competition provided by Rollins College and Central Florida Women's Lacrosse. Many thanks to Ann Carpenetti, Liz Piper, and Stacie Wentz for their help and support with this weekend.

## **2007 International Events:**

***Elite Team Matches (October 2007):*** US International Umpires worked the United States Elite team in its competitions against England and the University of Virginia. US v England (Rala Heinen, Fran Trumbo); and US v. UVA (Nancy Coffman, Lynn Craun, and Rala Heinen).

***Stars and Stripes Tournament (October 2007):*** This annual event, sponsored by US Lacrosse, included an exhibition match between the US Elite and Development teams, and competition against the US Elite and Development teams by UC Cal Berkeley, Stanford, and the University of Oregon. US International Umpires Rala Heinen and Sandy Goldthorpe, along with Canadian International Umpire Cheryl MacNeill, umpired the exhibition match and tournament matches and conducted umpire development clinics.

***IFWLA World U-19 Championships (August 2007) (by Rala Heinen):*** The US umpiring community was well represented at this summer's IFWLA U-19 Championships in Peterborough, Canada. International umpires Rala Heinen and Mara Wager participated as field umpires throughout this eight-day tournament. International umpires Susie Ganzenmuller and Nancy Coffman served as head technical delegate and technical delegate, respectively.

This year's tournament included international umpires and teams from eleven countries, the greatest participation ever at a U-19 World Cup event. The teams and umpires brought a wide range of experience to all of the matches. International tournaments are often preceded by a two to three day umpiring clinic. This clinic is designed to acclimate umpires to not only the environment but to working with one another as well; this year's clinic was led by Susie Ganzenmuller.

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# Upcoming 2008 International Events

(International Umpiring, continued from page 10)

**Canadian Lacrosse Association U-17 Field Lacrosse Tournament (Peterborough, Canada, August 2007):** Participating in this festival tournament, which took place in conjunction with the IFWLA World U-19 Championships, were US International Umpires Jen O'Donnell, Fran Trumbo, and Lynn Craun.

**Prague Cup - (by Jackie Hufnell, who was Technical Delegate for the tournament):** The Prague Cup 2007, International Women's Lacrosse Tournament took place July 9-14 at the Slavia Praha Sport Centre. This is the same venue that will be used for the World Cup in 2008. A pre-tournament clinic was offered on the 8th and the following International and national umpires attended, along with many umpires from the Czech Republic and several coaches: Aubrey Andre, Lauren Charwat (US International Umpire), Chase Charwat, Madge Corbitt, Sue Grasso, Jackson Hee, Ann Hutchinson, Ericka Leslie, Mary McKnight, Bridget Olp, Karen Owen, Ann Parker, Wendy Reynolds and Lisa Volland.

Teams from the United States, Scotland, Czech Republic, Germany, England and Spain participated in 47 games in four days before winners were decided on Saturday. The final evening was a wonderful party hosted by the Czechs to celebrate a successful tournament.

**Berlin Open (Berlin, Germany) (by Lauren Charwat, who attended as an umpire):** The Berlin Open was a great success this year - well organized and very smoothly run. The tournament was took place the weekend of June 22-24. The venue, which was well located in Berlin with beautiful fields and nice facilities, was wonderful. Both men's and women's tournament play occurred simultaneously, which was fun for players and umpires alike. Twelve teams from six different countries represented the women's side. Germany, England, Scotland, Czech Republic, Denmark, Holland and Finland all sent teams. The tournament ran all day Friday and Saturday and half the day on Sunday.

Interested in International umpiring? The following are 2008 International events. An International rating is not always required. New International candidates are strongly encouraged to attend an International event prior to standing for an International rating.

Upcoming 2008 International Events:

For information regarding level of rating required to participate, application process, and potential funding (if any) contact the person listed after each event.

Madrid, Spain: 6-8 May, 2008, 6v6 Tournament (contact Lauren Charwat on [charwatl@att.net](mailto:charwatl@att.net) for more information)

Amsterdam, the Netherlands: 8-9 March, 2008, rules clinic and tournament. Contact Lauren Charwat on [charwatl@att.net](mailto:charwatl@att.net) for more information.

Amsterdam, the Netherlands: 6-7 June, 2008, tournament. Contact Lauren Charwat on [charwatl@att.net](mailto:charwatl@att.net) for more information.

Copenhagen, Denmark: June 2008, tournament. Contact Lauren Charwat on [charwatl@att.net](mailto:charwatl@att.net) for more information.

Berlin Open, Berlin, Germany: June 20 - 22, 2008. Contact Lauren Charwat on [charwatl@att.net](mailto:charwatl@att.net) for more information.

Prague Cup 2008: The 2008 Prague Cup will be divided into two tournaments, a senior division from June 25th - 28th and a junior division from July 9-12. Umpires with a national or international rating are encouraged to participate in Prague for the senior tournament. Any umpires who want international experience may come to the junior tournament.

The Czech Republic lacrosse community is well organized and provides ground transport from airport to hotel, accommodation and all meals. Money is also available to help offset air travel. Contact Jackie Hufnell on [jmh64uk@aol.com](mailto:jmh64uk@aol.com) and [jmhuffs@aol.com](mailto:jmhuffs@aol.com).

US National teams events: Throughout the year the US Elite and Development teams will be competing in tournaments and team trials. If you are interested in gaining exposure to the International game and would like to umpire at a National team event if an opening occurs, please contact USIUC chair Sandy Goldthorpe on [sgoldthorpe@msn.com](mailto:sgoldthorpe@msn.com).