





# Agenda

- Welcome
- Association business
  - Election – Vice Chair and Treasurer
  - Updated membership information
  - Treasurer report
  - HS report
  - Youth report
  - Mentor program report
  - Rating report
- USAL Online Resources
- USAL Rules Interpretation
  - Video/presentation
- WLUA 2024 Areas of focus
- Wrap Up / Attendance
- Youth Rules Interpretation

# WLUA Executive Committee



- Chair: Jessica Lowrance
- Vice Chair: John Hansen\*
- Treasurer: Pat Dillon\*
- Secretary: Ron Fowler
- HS Assignor: Margaret Kondracki
- Youth Assignor: Jen Roane
- At large: Brett Bjork (Mentor program)  
Amy Stevens - NEW  
Emily Falk – NEW – Officials Development
- Rating Chair: Mary Ann Wagner

*\*election year*



# Association Business

## Elections

- Vice Chairman
- Treasurer

## Updated Membership Information

- 2024 Dues
  - \$35 for all adults who do youth, HS rated and higher officials
  - \$20 for all youth officials
- 2024 Training fees
  - \$40 for HS rated officiating class
  - \$40 for youth officiating class

# WLUA Officials -Collegiate level




- Transitional
  - N/A
- Collegiate
  - Ryan Buslovich
  - Meaghan Galvin\*
  - Erica Garcia
  - Greg Gouchnour
  - Ruth Limberg
  - Jen Roane
  - Amy Stevens
  - Mary Ann Wagner
  - Jeff Zinn
- Collegiate Select
  - Tom Brush
  - Morgan Everitt
  - Emily Falk
  - Dave Falzarano
  - Ron Fowler
  - Liz Goodman\*
  - Cindy Johnson
  - Pam Shea
  - Deb Smith
- National Elite
  - Brett Bjork
  - Margaret Kondracki
  - Jessica Lowrance
  - Mike Miller
  - Cathy Russo

\* new rating this fall

# Reminders . . .



## Pre-season requirements

- USAL rules interpretation 
- USAL 2024 required courses
- USAL HS test – due by 3/10
- Conditioning **NOW**
- Check your uniform/accessories
  - Need new all black shoes?
- Preseason games

## Season requirements

- Create blocks in Arbiter
- Accept games
- Commute with assignor immediately for changes
- Contact partner day before
- Dress for success!
- Be 30 minutes early!
- Follow up with Chair on questions/clarifications/situations

# Treasurer Report



Deposits/Credits		
	WLUA Dues (new officials, HS students)	\$1,440.00
	Excess returned from Arbiter (2001)	\$2,665.17
	Fees collected: games, travel, admin, dues	<u>\$471,017.99</u>
		<b>\$475,123.16</b>

# Treasurer Report



	Deposits/Credit total	<b>\$475,123.16</b>
Checks/Debits		
	Bollinger – D&O Insurance	\$650.00
	Convention/scholarships	\$175.00
	Postage & Supplies	\$67.50
	Youth Coordinator stipend	\$1,971.00
	Web site design/ maintenance	\$141.98
	Training	\$2,897.49
	Ratings	\$1,200.00
	Arbiter – Renew	\$1,800.94
	Assignor fees paid	\$36,337.40
	Game/travel fees paid	\$427,614.24
	New umpire kits	\$1,620.00
	Chapter HOF Ad	\$500.00
	Local Board Chair (2 years)	\$1,500.00
		<b>\$482,825.80</b>





# Treasurer Report

- Assignors
  - Jen Roane – Youth -\$9,245.00
  - Jessica Lowrance – TSJ - \$5,440.29
  - Margaret Kondracki – HS - \$22,335.96
  
- Bank balance as of 12/31/2023 = \$5,224.59

# Treasurer Report



GAMES FEES					
Year	Varsity	JV	Post Season	Single Game Fee*	Travel/ Scrimmage
2022	\$100	\$90	\$106	X	\$15
2023	100	90	106	\$135 / \$125	15
2024	103	93	109	138 / 128	18
2025	103	93	109	138 / 128	18

# HS Report



## PLEASE KEEP ARBITER UP TO DATE

- **IF YOU SHOW AVAILABLE, I EXPECT YOU TO ACCEPT**
- Game day communication – **MUST BE A TEXT.** Your communication is not resolved unless you get a response from me.
- **DO NOT** call the school to ask if they are canceling their games due to weather. ADs communicate to assigners as soon as they know, and I communicate with you as soon as I know.
- Let me know ASAP if you have a conflict with a school or partner

# HS Report



- **ASSIGNMENTS –**

- Schedules have been added to arbiter
- SCRIMMAGES – February 27– March 9
  - **ALL ARE REQUIRED TO DO 2 SCRIMMAGES**
- **Regular Season** – being published randomly
  - Season begins March 11
- **Busiest Days** – Friday IS BUSIEST, then Tuesday, lots of Saturday games so please update weekend availability
- Varsity only - this is still up in the air and will continue to be through tryouts.
- Middle School – we **WILL** have middle school and those assignments are posted during the season as they are continually changing.

# HS Report



- **ASSIGNMENTS –**

- Spring Break
  - Public School: March 25 - March 30
  - Private – varies with each school during the month of March
- **Post-Season** – we expect a full post season beginning the second week of May. We will make every effort to support the semi-final and final with 3-person crews.

**ALL POST SEASON ASSIGNMENTS ARE DISCUSSED WITH LBC!**

**I look forward to working with you this season!**

**PLEASE EXPECT LAST MINUTE CHANGES**



# Youth Report

- Rules interpretation has been added to this meeting so all officials here today are eligible for youth games
- Please consider at least one Sunday in season of youth games
  - Great way to give back to WLUA and junior official;s
- Junior Umpire on-field training – March 3<sup>rd</sup> – email Jen if you can help
- NVYLL regular season
  - 3/23-5/12
  - Games (Saturday) and Sunday
  - No Games Easter Weekend
  - Play-off weekend – May 18/19 – please hold if possible
- Report red cards on players and all cards to coaches to [wluayouth@gmail.com](mailto:wluayouth@gmail.com)

# Youth Report



**New Contract! (Thank you Pat for staying on top of this!)**

<b>YOUTH CLUB LEVEL</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>G 7/8</b>	<b>\$65</b>	<b>\$68</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<b>G 5/6</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$63</b>	<b>\$65</b>
<b>G 3/4 FF</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$58</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>G 3/4 MF</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$55</b>
<b>GK2</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50</b>

**NEW THIS YEAR: SINGLE 7/8 GAMES GET \$25 SINGLE GAME FEE**

# Mentor Program



- New system for 2024
- 1<sup>st</sup> year advisors for all new officials from 2023
  - Advisors have been contacted directly and paired with new official
- New trainees in 2024 will work with Margaret, Brett and Jessica
  - In 2025, as they become 1<sup>st</sup> year officials they will be turned over to advisors
  - With MK, BB and JL focusing on new 2025 trainees
- Goal is to build consistency with trainees and then broaden relationships with members on the board as newer officials
- 2023: 16 new officials now with advisors
- 2024: 9 adults, 8 HS seniors for full check



# Officials Development



- Goal: Support continuous development of officials through training, mentorship, and resources from trainee to collegiate level
- Kick-off - Summer 2024
  - Develop new HS training program using USAL resources
    - Goal: reduce time to “classroom train” new officials
  - Develop track for officials who train with USAL at tournaments
  - Use Fall and Winter leagues to transition USAL trained officials to WLUA members
  - Transition mentor program into officials' development
    - Assist with 1<sup>st</sup> year officials with HS Assignor and LBC
    - Assign advisors for 2<sup>nd</sup> year officials
  - Develop content / use USAL resources to present more in-depth webinars on key topics to members
- [WLUAdvelopment@gmail.com](mailto:WLUAdvelopment@gmail.com)

# Rating Report



- Rating Committee email: [ratings@wluaofficials.com](mailto:ratings@wluaofficials.com)
- New and Youth Ratings
  - Youth ratings are granted to junior officials and adult officials who are qualified to officiate youth-level games
  - All first-year officials are awarded an Apprentice rating upon successful completion of class and on-field training
    - No need to contact the rating committee
    - Ratings valid for one year
- Renewal ratings are awarded Apprentice, Level 1, Level 2, or in some instances Level 3 rating
  - Contact Rating Committee prior to expiration of high school level rating
  - Conducted throughout the lacrosse season based on game and rater availability
  - Ratings valid for 1-3 years
  - Cost \$75

# Rating Report



- In 2023, completed 16 ratings at HS level
- 2024 outlook based on 88 officials at HS level and above
  - 71 officials with current ratings
  - 17 officials at HS level with an expired rating as of 12/31/23
- Most common rating feedback
  - Positioning
    - As lead, remain on tangent in proper quadrant in CSA, see between players
    - As trail, don't ball watch and count ahead, not behind
  - Movement
    - Move with a purpose, don't stand
    - Move with partner and support 8m administration
  - Mechanics
    - Direction first then foul signal
- USL Rating Level 1-2 and 3 Forms on [WLUAOfficials.com/resources](http://WLUAOfficials.com/resources) webpage

# USAL Online Resources

# USAL Online Resources



- New 2024 requirements for USAL certification
  - One and done:
    - eLearning User Guide
    - Girls Officials – Rules & Penalties
  - 2024 Professional Development
  - 2024 NFHS Rules Exam

# USAL Rules Interpretation

# Is Goalie In or Out?



- Group 1 – Questions 1, 2, 3
- Group 2 – Questions 4, 5, 6
- Group 3 – Questions 7, 8, 9
- Group 4 – Questions 10, 11, 12
- Group 5 – Questions 13, 14, 15
- Group 6 – Questions 16, 17, 18
- Group 7 – Questions 19, 20, 21



# Areas of Focus

## 2024 WLUA ADDITIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS

- **PLAYER SAFETY** – Focus on 8-meter play
  - Stick to body contact
- **OFFENSIVE FOULS**
- **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**
  - Partner
  - Coaches
  - Table

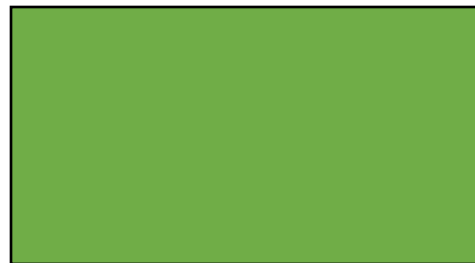
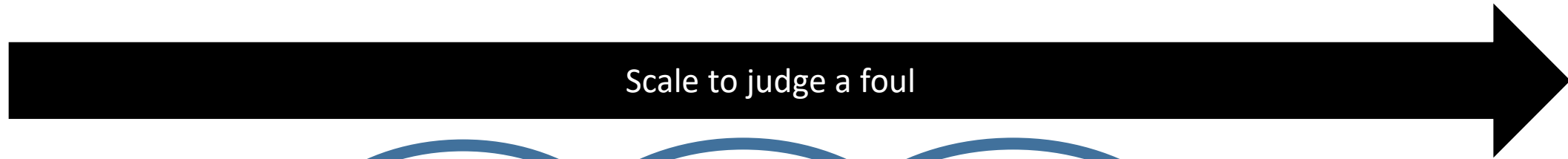


# Player Safety



- Legal use of the stick is essential to minimization risk to players
- We must work as a team to ensure that the game is played in a safe manner.
- Officials must recognize, call and penalize illegal stick-to-body contact
- Positioning, ability to keep up with play, and knowledge of the rules give us the tools we need to keep the players safe.
  
- Legal defensive positioning – 10 and 2!

# Managing Play



Green: general delay

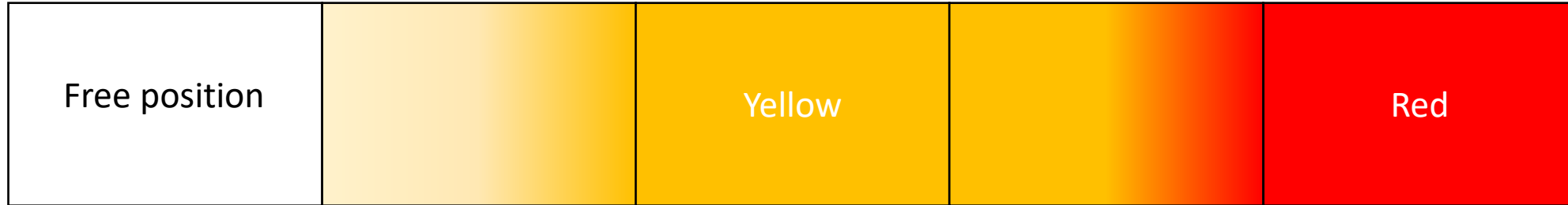
# Working as a Team



- ILLEGAL CONTACT TO HEAD, NECK AND BACK MUST BE CARDED
- How can we work together as a team to make sure these are SEEN and CALLED
- Is it excessive? Is it necessary? Is there a high probability of injury?
- What is the context of the game?
- 1<sup>st</sup> card to a team? 6<sup>th</sup> card of the game? Of a team?



# You Make the Call



- CWLOA-provided Clips

- [Northwestern](#)
- [Saints](#)
- [Syracuse](#)
- [Duke](#)
- [Liberty](#)

- WLUA-pulled Clips

- [UNC](#)
- [Tech](#)
- [Visi](#)
- [BI](#)
- [TSJ](#)

# Dangerous/Illegal Contact



- Dangerous contact (**MUST BE** CARDED): any action that thrusts or shoves any player with or without the ball who is in a defenseless position.
  - Includes but not limited to:
    - Head down
    - From out of the visual field
    - In the air
    - Out of balance
    - In the kidneys, ribs, lower back, shoulder blades or aimed at the neck or head
- Dangerous play (**MAY BE** CARDED): player actions that are rough, threatening and/or are without regard to player safety. May be carded

# Offensive fouls



- Block: block an opponent by moving into the opponent's path without giving the opponent a change to stop or change direction and contact occurs.
  - When a player is running to receive the ball, a "blind side" defense player must give the player enough time and/or space to change directions.
- Charge: charge, bare, shoulder, or back into an opponent, including a player pushing into an opponent's stick
- Who initiates contact?

# Offensive fouls



- Minor
  - Cover
  - Empty
  - Hand ball
  - Illegal crosse
  - Illegal exchange of crosse
  - Play from out of bounds
  - Squeeze head of stick
  - Warding
- Major/Cards
  - Dangerous Shot vs Dangerous Propel vs Dangerous Follow-through
  - False start
  - Forcing through
  - Illegal Pick
  - Illegal Shot
  - Holding
- You make the call
  - [Video 1](#)
  - [Video 2](#)
  - [Video 3](#)
  - [Video 4](#)

# Effective Communication



- Pre – game starts the day before with contacting your partner.
- Who: EVERYONE should be contacting their partner to confirm your game and arrival time.
- When/where: As you walk the field, confirm field markings and the cages (thoroughly check the nets and try to check the nets prior to the goalie warm up)
- What: Field coverage, splitting the 8m, support with clearing the CSA, transition, clock management, self-start review
- How: EYE CONTACT, your signal when ready, your signal when you need help, when to conference



# Effective Communication



- Be a team...if something is wrong with the field, divide the responsibilities.
- Who is writing? Switching after every two goals?
- Someone can meet with table personnel, and someone can fix field issues (if necessary)
- SPECIAL SITUATIONS – DISCUSS SPECIAL SITUATIONS – WE ALL HAVE THEM
- Decide who will be head official on each game. The head official will run the coaches/captains meeting. ONLY interject WHEN necessary.
- Work to get it right! Help each other! You're a team!
- For a more thorough Pre-game discussion, please go to the FORMS tab in arbiter and print the document.

# Effective Communication



- Giving/receiving feedback - Brett

# Effective Communication



- Coaches
  - Coaches/Captain meeting
  - Answering questions as you can/able
  - Following up with partner if need clarification
  - Use language of the rulebook
- Table – familiarize yourself with WLUA website/resources
  - Clocks - when to stop, when to run, 4-12 min qtrs.
  - Signals
  - Horns – on scoreboard, at table
  - Managing timeouts, cards/recording/penalty time

# Wrap Up



- On time is late. **BE 30+ MINUTES EARLY**
  - Dress the part, look professional!
  - Treat everyone with respect
  - Communicate with partner
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- Attendance