

# Agenda



- Welcome
- Association business
  - Treasurer report
  - HS report
  - Youth report
  - Recruitment/Retention initiatives
  - Website update
- Ratings and Professional Development
- USAL Rules Interpretation
- 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
- Past Chair/Nominating: Cathy Russo
- Recruiting: Amelia Crabtree
- At large: Brett Bjork  
Ryan Buslovich\*

# WLUA Officials -Collegiate level



- Collegiate

- Ryan Buslovich
- Greg Gouchnour
- Ruth Limberg
- Jen Roane
- Amy Stevens
- Kelly Stodter
- Mary Ann Wagner
- Jeff Zinn

- Collegiate Select

- Morgan Everitt
- Emily Falk
- Dave Falzarano
- Ron Fowler
- 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 HS test – due by 3/10
- Conditioning
- Check your uniform/accessories
- Need new all black shoes?
- Preseason games

## Season requirements

- Accept games in arbiter
- 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)	\$1,140.00
	Excess returned from Arbiter (2001)	\$1,529.39
	Fees collected: games, travel, admin, dues	<u>\$470,871.84</u>
		<b>\$473,541.23</b>
Checks/Debits		
	Bollinger – D&O Insurance	\$550.00
	Convention/scholarships	\$795.28
	Postage & Supplies	\$41.20
	Youth Coordinator stipend	\$2,000.00
	Web site design/ maintenance	\$662.00
	Training	\$3,331.11
	Ratings	\$1,350.00
	Arbiter – Renew	\$1,614.38
	Assignor fees paid	\$36,337.40
	Game/travel fees paid	\$427,614.24
		<b>\$474,255.61</b>

# Treasurer Report



- Assignors
  - Jen Roane – youth - \$10,978.60
  - Jessica Lowrance – TSJ - \$5,314.14
  - Margaret Kondracki – HS - \$20,035.66
- Bank balance as of 12/31/2022 = \$8,869.08

# Treasurer Report



GAMES FEES					
Year	Varsity	JV	Post Season	Single Game Fee	Travel/Scrimmage
2022	\$100	\$90	\$106	X	\$15
2023	100	90	106	\$130	15
2024	103	93	109	130	18
2025	103	93	109	130	18

\* WLUA has added a single game fee of \$135



# HS Report



- **ASSIGNMENTS –**

- Schedules have been added to arbiter
- SCRIMMAGES – March 1 – March 11 – ALL are required to do 2 scrimmages
- **Regular Season** – being published randomly
  - Season begins March 13
- **Busiest Days** – Tuesday IS BUSIEST, then Friday, 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: April 3-8
  - Private – varies with each school
- **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



- Junior umpire on-field training
  - 3/6 – email Jen ([wluayouth@gmail.com](mailto:wluayouth@gmail.com)) if you can help
- NVYLL Season
  - Regular season 3/26-5/22
  - Games (Saturdays) and Sundays
  - No Games Easter or Memorial Day weekends
  - **A level Play-offs 5/21-22 – please hold if possible!**
  - B/C level play-offs 6/5-6 and 6/12-13
- Report red cards on players and all cards on coaches to Jen
- Jen Roane is the Point of Contact for ALL YOUTH!

# Youth Report



- Rules interpretation directly following this meeting
- Stay on to cover youth rules and updates
- Required for all levels of youth play for NVYLL

# Recruitment/Retention Initiatives



- Facebook campaign - Amelia Crabtree and Brett Bjork
  - 2 Ads in Dec. 2022 with a cost of \$5/day
  - Ad 1 reached 2,840 with 46 clicks; 12/12-12/19
  - Ad 2 reached 4,492 with 38 clicks; 12/22-12/29
- Brett Bjork and Dave Falzarano to co-chair mentor program
  - Roll-out of new program for 1<sup>st</sup> year officials
- 2022 fall class – 4 certified adults
- 2023 spring class – Deb Smith and Pam Shea
  - 10 adults
  - 5 seniors in HS

# Website



- Wluaofficials.com
- Transitioned from 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor to Mary Ann Wagner
- Benefits
  - Helped reduce monthly maintenance cost
  - Immediate changes
  - Stays up-to-date
- Please reach out with changes or to post
- NEED PICTURES

# 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 - Summary



- In 2022, completed 21 ratings at HS level
- 2023 outlook based on 89 officials at HS level and above
  - 71 officials with current ratings
  - 18 officials at HS level with an expired or no rating
- 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



# Professional Development



## Charting Your Path

- We are each responsible for our own professional development
- 3 Local ratings
- 4 Collegiate ratings

# The Certification Process



## Level 1

Active USAL Membership  
Attend WLUA Annual Meeting  
Pass Rules Exam  
Pass Level 1 Field Evaluation  
Expectations: Safely Manage  
any JV content and some high  
school games

## Level 2

All Level 1 Requirements, Plus:  
Pass Level 2 Field Evaluation  
Expectations: Safely manage  
most varsity games and some  
playoff games

## Level 3

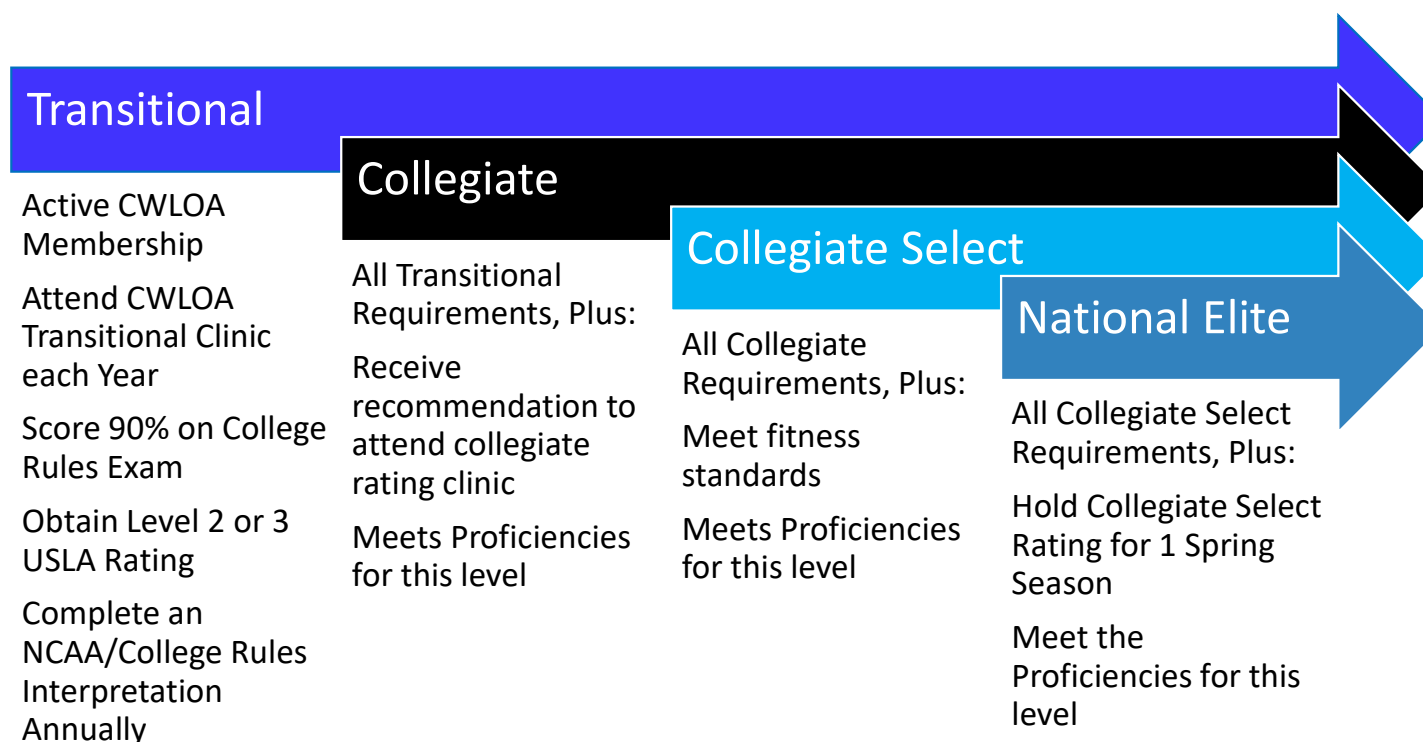
All Level 2 Requirements, Plus:  
Pass Level 3 Field Evaluation  
Expectations: All varsity play  
and playoff games

All USLA Ratings are Valid for 3 Years.

# On to the CWLOA



*If Interested*, the next level of officiating is the collegiate level



# Mentoring



## **What we are looking for from a Mentor:**

Desire to help others; Willing to reflect & share experiences, including failures; Availability; Willing to grow mindset.

## **What we are looking from a Mentee:**

Commitment to expanding your capabilities; Willing to ask for help, be vulnerable & explore multiple perspectives; Open to new ideas; Ability to accept feedback; Want to see movement and growth.

## **There are two mentoring tracks:**

1. New umpires will be paired with a First Year Advisor we will pair you with an advisor to take the role of mentor for your first season
2. Experienced umpires should identify someone they believe could fulfill the above suggestions as a mentor.

# Mentoring: What to Expect



## Pre-season

- Establish contact and response times – who contacts who;
- Review mentee's strengths and weaknesses
- Set specific goals and ways to achieve them
- Review game schedules – identify games and partners that may afford learning opportunities
- Identify what each party is looking for from the relationship

## In Season

- Provide mentee a mid season evaluation
- If possible, observe on-field performance
- Invite mentee to game

## End of Season

- Review progress towards pre-season goals
- Review goals achieved

# Get in Touch with Questions



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# USAL Rules Interpretation

# Areas of Focus



## 2023 WLUA ADDITIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS

- PLAYER SAFETY
- ILLEGAL/DANGEROUS CONTACT
- CONSISTENCY



# Player Safety



- Our first priority needs to be the safety of the players on the field.
- We must work as a team to ensure that the game is played in a safe manner.
- Positioning, ability to keep up with play, and knowledge of the rules give us the tools we need to keep the players safe.
- KNOW WHO INITATED THE FOUL – can be offense or defense

# Questions to ask yourself



- Are you in position to see the space between the players?
  - Do you see the back of a player?
  - Do you see the space where contact is being made?
  - Then move!
- Who initiated contact?
- Where are sticks positioned?
- Tough meet or greet or did someone give more?
  - Did a player get there first?
  - Did they get there at the same time?
- Not always defense's fault?
  - Did attack lean in first?
  - Is attack trying to go where there is limited or no space for them?
  - Is there an easier path attack could have chosen?

# 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

# Questions to ask yourself

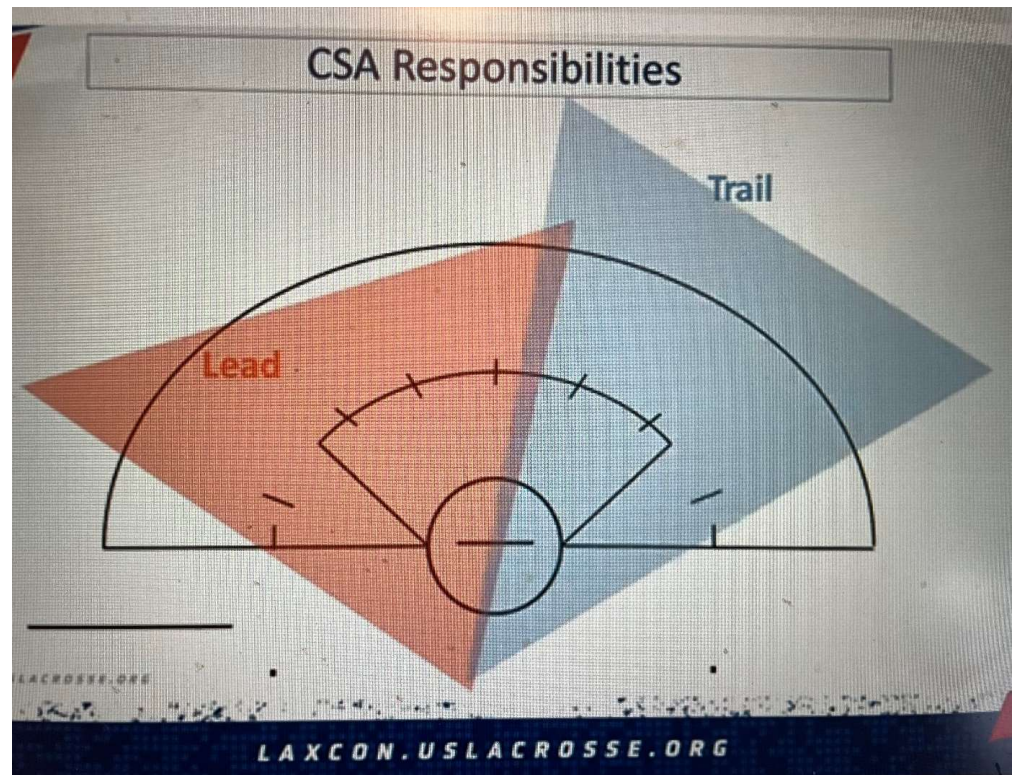


- How did the player get on the ground?
  - Did it herself
    - Off her feet for shot, dove, etc. – move on
  - Defender put her there
    - Did defender's body or stick make contact with ball carrier –
      - Did she attempt to play the ball? NO – think card
      - Did she use her stick to put her on the ground – think card
      - Was the ball carrier defenseless – CARD
      - Did the ball carrier see the girl – NO – think card
      - On kidney, shoulder blades, chest, neck – Yes - CARD
    - Or did the defender commit a: Hold? Trip? Block? – then award a free position
- Are you lead and followed the shot? Why is player on the ground?
  - PARTNER NEEDS TO COME IN BIG.
  - NEED TO BE IN POSITION TO SEE AS TRAIL

# Positioning – must be a priority

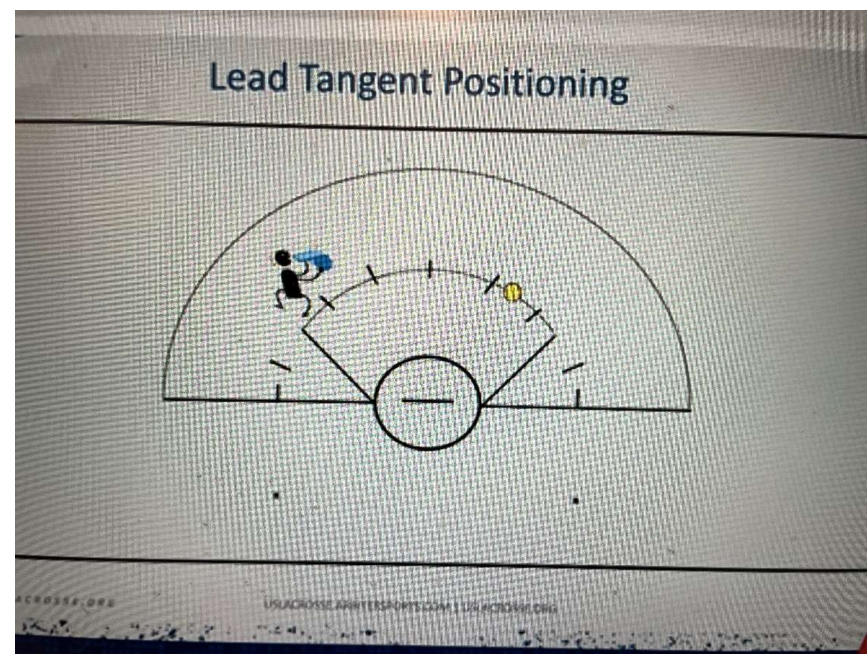
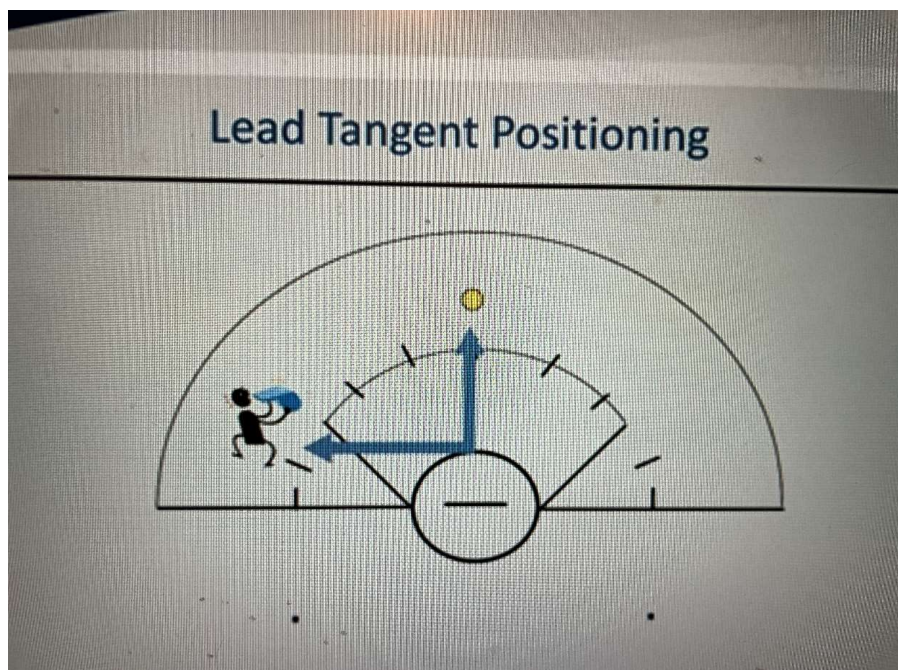


- Make positioning a priority this season, WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER
- Being in a good position sets you up to be successful and make the correct call
- Lead and Trail responsibilities in a 2-man crew
- Checking in with your partner and their position will help improve coverage of the CSA
- Ensuring the entire CSA is covered
- Not everyone can watch ball all the time!
- Shaded areas help with on-ball / off-ball

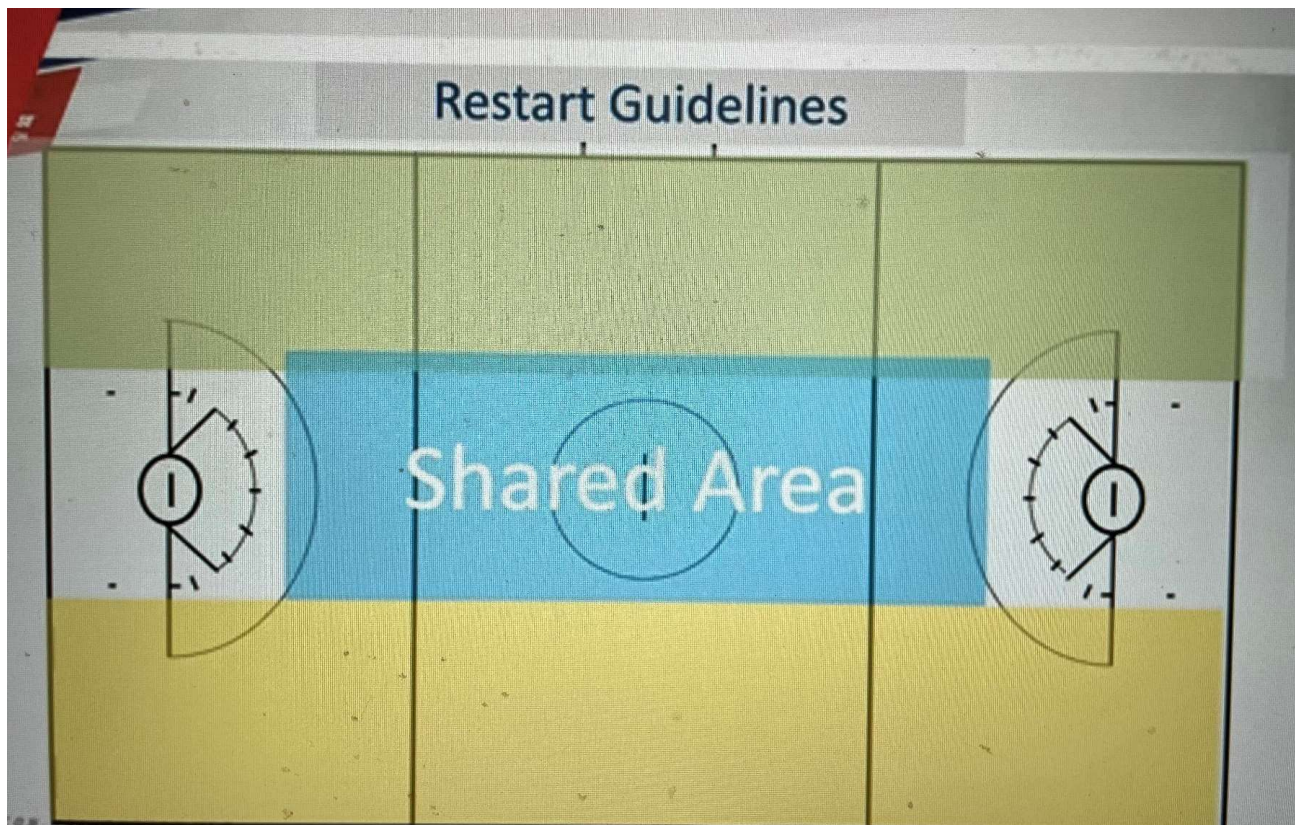




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# Wrap Up



- 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