

# FLAGS & WHISTLES

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## Pregame

### Remarks from the National Umpiring Chair

by Priscilla Anderson

The National Umpiring Committee just completed another whirlwind weekend of meetings to get organized for the upcoming 2003 umpiring season. Many thanks to this committee for their dedication and hard work at this lengthy meeting, as well as throughout the year.

Our membership grew to over 2100 this past year. Credit must be given to the local chairpersons as well as the many umpires who worked as clinicians to help develop this growth. Due to the fact that the game is continuing to develop and expand in so many areas across the country our increase in umpire numbers somewhat goes unnoticed. So I want to say "thank you" to everyone for continuing to recruit, recruit, recruit!

Changes have taken place within our council's membership.

- Renewal members are responsible for submitting their membership moneys directly to US Lacrosse, via the web [www.lacrosse.org](http://www.lacrosse.org) or call 1-410-235-6882 x120. Be sure your address and contact information is accurate.

- Local chairs will be responsible for collecting and submitting New umpire membership forms and moneys.

- Renewal members will receive their 2003 Rules Book individually in the mail.

- Convention format change ... we have the convention packed with sessions for umpires, some session topics are divided by umpire rating which will enable plenty of room per session and lots of question and answer time. Look for convention information within this "Flags and Whistles", or check

out the web site at [www.lacrosse.org](http://www.lacrosse.org), or contact your local chairperson for our Umpire Convention Agenda.

All local umpiring board chairpersons are required to attend the National Convention and take part in the Women's Division Umpiring sessions. There will be helpful information supplied regarding specifics of how to train and rate umpires. Local chairs will also pick up test materials and membership information at that time. Local chairs have been supplied forms to order bulk supplies of rulebooks and manuals. Individuals may purchase rulebooks and manuals by visiting the "Gift Shop" on the US Lacrosse web page, or calling 866-877-7550. Don't forget to use your membership number for a 10% discount! It is important for all local boards to attend the National Rules Interpretation and Chairs Meeting sessions of the Convention. Local Board chairs unable to attend the convention (or unable to send a proxy) will be required to finance a clinician to present the National Rules Interpretations to their local board.

Now is the time to contact Cheryl Silverman and/or Perky Nellissen regarding assistance with organizing Professional Growth or Developmental Clinics for umpires and recruits in your area. See further information within this publication.

If you or your board have information you would like to have posted in the next Flags and Whistles (February 15th) please contact Evelyn Doyle [evmdoyle@hotmail.com](mailto:evmdoyle@hotmail.com) or 215-297-8487.

I hope this issue of Flags and Whistles is helpful to you. May you have an enjoyable 2003 lacrosse season!

## 2002-2003 National Umpiring Committee

Priscilla Anderson, chair

Kim Basner

Evelyn Doyle

Laura Hebert

Rala Heinen

Dorothy Hirsch

Patti Klecha-Porter

Debbie Martin

Perky Nellissen

Laurette Payette

Jeff Secor

Cheryl Silverman

Fran Trumbo

## At Large Positions Available

The Executive Committee of the Women's Division Officials' Council (NUC) has three vacancies for two year terms of Member-At-Large beginning 7/31/2003. Any national or international umpire is welcome to apply. The committee meets three times a year (middle of November, January at the National Rules Interpretation Clinic, and May before and during the National Tournament) plus a considerable amount of time should be given

between meetings for various tasks. Consult the front of the Umpires' Manual for a list of current members who you may contact with questions. Please send an application (located in the appendix of the Umpires Manual) to: Rala Heinen, 3405 Noble Ave., Richmond, VA 23222, [rheinen@att.net](mailto:rheinen@att.net) by May 1, 2003. Please indicate whether or not you plan to attend the National Tournament.

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Flags and Whistles is e-mailed to the Women's Division Officials Council membership in December, February and June. It may also be downloaded from the US Lacrosse web site at [www.lacrosse.org](http://www.lacrosse.org).

## NEW RULES for 2003

***New rules have been added for the 2003 season.***

—**Rule 10-** A maximum of five players from each team may be between the restraining lines during the draw. All other players must be below either restraining line.

—**Rule 17-** Once a team gains possession of the ball in the goal circle and the ball is cleared the team must not intentionally return the ball to their goal circle until the ball has been played by another player.

These are a few of the changes that were presented by the Rules Committee and voted on for approval by the Women's Division Board of Governors at their September meeting. All umpires are required to annually attend a rules interpretation meeting hosted by their local umpiring board. Or, to get a head start on the 2003 clarifications and rule changes why not consider attending the Conventions!

## NATIONAL RULES INTERPRETATION CLINIC IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE US LACROSSE NATIONAL CONVENTION

### To Register:

visit the US Lacrosse web site [www.lacrosse.org](http://www.lacrosse.org)  
or contact your local umpiring chairperson.

### Date:

January 9-12, 2003

### Location:

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront & Renaissance Harborplace Hotels  
1.800.228.9290 for reservations

### Convention Schedule:

Friday, January 10, 2003

KEY NOTE ADDRESS - Waterfront Marriott

Saturday, January 11, 2003

Officials Council - Local Chairs Meeting:

Officials Council - Umpires Mechanics

NEW RULES / RULES INTERPRETATION

Officials Council Luncheon

SAFETY EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Officials Council - Umpiring the Defense

Officials Council - Umpiring the Offense • Officials Council Meeting

Sunday, January 12, 2003

Coach & Umpire Panel Discussion

Physical Contact: What is too much?

Coach & Umpire Panel Discussion

Professionalism - Sportsmanship - Fans!

## Attention Local Chairs!

Please post your Rules Interpretation Meeting (time, date, place, and contact person) on the US Lacrosse web site by sending the information to Jeff Secor at [jmsecor@earthlink.net](mailto:jmsecor@earthlink.net). We are encouraging every local board to open their rules interpretation meetings to the college coaches within your area, the NUC would like you to plan on doing so for this coming pre-season. The Coaches and Umpires Collegiate Lacrosse Committee has determined a need for these joint pre-season sessions for interpretation and a rules dialogue. If you have any questions please contact your Super Region chairperson.

## Northern California Women's Lacrosse Umpiring Association (NCWLUA) holds Annual Meeting

The Northern California Women's Lacrosse Umpires Association (NCWLUA) will have its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2003, at 7 p.m. at the University of California at Berkeley. All new and returning umpires are required to attend. NCWLUA will also hold its annual Rules Clinic and on-field training session February 8-9, 2003, also at Cal in conjunction with the Cal Playday. For more information about these activities, contact Linda Thayer, NorCal Umpiring Chairperson, at: [linda.thayer@finnegan.com](mailto:linda.thayer@finnegan.com) or (650) 849-6621.

Northern California also plans to hold a District-rating opportunity at the annual Western States Tournament to be held April 5-6, 2003. This year, Western States will again be held on the campus of Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA. Locals wishing to attempt a District rating, or District-rated umpires wishing to renew a District rating, can apply to be rated at this tournament by contacting Linda Thayer, at: [linda.thayer@finnegan.com](mailto:linda.thayer@finnegan.com) or (650) 849-6621, by March 1st.

## OFFICIALS BENEFIT

In addition to the Accident and Liability insurance benefits, member Officials and Umpires are covered by a Game Fee Reimbursement Benefit. This coverage will reimburse them for lost officiating fees if they are prevented from officiating at their regularly scheduled games due to an injury incurred while officiating during an amateur lacrosse game. When submitting a claim for the Game Fee Reimbursement Benefit, member officials/umpires must include a schedule of the games they were assigned to officiate, as well as confirmation of their fee (compensation) from their assignor.

Income Continuation Benefit: Up to \$200 per game Waiting Period (Deductible): 7 days Benefit Period: 26 Weeks

Maximum Benefit Payable: \$7,500 per policy term.

For more information contact: Lori Crispo at [lori@bollingerinsurance.com](mailto:lori@bollingerinsurance.com)

## ***Coaches & Umpires Collegiate Lacrosse Committee:***

This committee was developed in the fall of 2001 with the concept to develop opportunities to collaborate on issues to train both constituencies on proper techniques of the game, both coaching and umpiring. And also, to implement annual sharing of strategies, technical information, and rule interpretations in a supportive environment. This group of college coaches and umpires has met three times since September of 2001. The dialogue has been constructive and projects are being implemented. During this structuring period the co-chairs are Denise Wescott, past IWLCA chair [dwescott@udel.edu](mailto:dwescott@udel.edu) and Priscilla Anderson, NUC chair [panderson@mkl.com](mailto:panderson@mkl.com). The next meeting is January 10, 2003.

## **NUC Rules Testing and Interpretation Committee**

This committee addresses umpire testing, rules, and interpretations for our membership. If you have concerns/questions/ideas contact Laura Hebert (committee chair) at [lbhref@aol.com](mailto:lbhref@aol.com), Kim Basner "National Rules Interpreter" at [kbasner@go2USTC.com](mailto:kbasner@go2USTC.com), or Laurette Payette at [lpayette@hb.edu](mailto:lpayette@hb.edu).

## **NUC Publication Committee**

This committee develops articles for "Lacrosse Magazine" and "Flags and Whistles" as well as updates our council's information on the web site and is involved in any media produced for our council. If you have information to contribute or questions/ideas please contact Jeff Secor, committee chair, at [jmsecor@earthlink.net](mailto:jmsecor@earthlink.net); Evelyn Doyle at [evmdoyle@hotmail.com](mailto:evmdoyle@hotmail.com), or Perky Nellissen [gr8call@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gr8call@nycap.rr.com).

## ***Congratulations!***

**The following umpires have earned their International ratings during the summer of 2002:**

*Lisa Clark , Cheryl Silverman  
& Rala Heinen*

## **National & International Umpires due to give service at National Tournament in 2003:**

Donna Arcudi • Barbara Carreiro  
Peggy Cellucci • Roger Cooper  
Cindy Fabian • John Federline  
Lucy Goodridge • Dorothy Hirsch  
Lea Kusner • Janice McGrath  
Jenny Miriam

## CALANDAR OF EVENTS:

<b>Jan 9-12</b>	<b>US Lacrosse Convention</b> Baltimore, Mayland Contact Joe Gold at 410.235.6882 x113 or www.lacrosse.org
<b>Mar 15-16</b>	<b>Panama City Beach</b> in conjunction with Spring Fling College Tournament. District clinic with classroom. Contact Rick Nelson 3csunref@nycap.rr.com for registration contact Gene Delorenzo for housing etc info gkd@adelphia.net
<b>May 24-25</b>	<b>2003 National Tournament</b> Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA www.lacrosse.org
<b>July 10-12</b>	<b>Baldwinsville Star Spagled Lacrosse Tournament.</b> District rating opportunity. Contact Sheila Donahue 315.426.2870
<b>Aug 7-10</b>	<b>Lake Placid District Rating Opportunity/</b> Imagine yourself in the cool Adirondacks in the heat of the summer. You make your town arrangements for lodging...Camping at the local KOA is a favorite with the regulars. Come for the whole tournament or just a few days. For more info head to lakeplacidlax.com/index/asp For info on the District Rating Event Contact Rick Nelson 3csunref@nycaprr.com for registration.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

For information about international events contact:  
Patti Klecha-Porter at patti-klechaporter@mail.wesleyan.edu

<b>May</b>	<b>Berlin Open - TBD</b>
<b>Apr 4-11</b>	<b>Dublin Fest</b>
<b>Apr 11-14</b>	<b>Senior Home Internationals, England</b>
<b>June 8 -14</b>	<b>Senior National Championships</b> , Melbourne, Australia
<b>June 10-13</b>	<b>Down Under Cup</b> (2 divisions), Melbourne, Australia
<b>June 27- July 6</b>	<b>Under-19 World Championships</b> (Men and Women) Towson, Maryland - Contact: www.lacrosse.org. IFWLA Conference - Following U-19 Championships
<b>July 9-12</b>	<b>Prague Cup</b>
<b>July 26-Aug</b>	<b>2 European Championships</b>
<b>July 26-27</b>	<b>OWL Tournament</b>
<b>Aug 30-31</b>	<b>Junior National Championships</b> - Canada
<b>Sept 14-15</b>	<b>QUA Earlybird</b> - Canada
<b>Sept/Oct</b>	<b>U17/U21 National Championships</b> , Tasmania

## National Candidate Applications due April 1, 2003

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 McVaugh, 42 Broad Street, Hamilton, NY 13346

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

All candidates must also have Written Assessment Checklists from every game sent to their ratings chairperson by all umpiring partners throughout the season. These forms are found in your Umpire's Manual.

## National & International Umpires Due to Renew in 2003:

BJ Baitinger  
Patty Daley  
Pat Dillon  
Lisa Ellsworth  
Jean Glennon  
Jane Hansen \*  
Cathy McWilliams  
Patricia Morris  
Stephanie Murphy  
Perky Nellissen  
Rick Nelson  
Loretta Pawlowski  
Debbie Quinn \*  
Judy Reed  
Kerry Sacco \*  
Barbra Samph \*  
Pat Shollenberger \*  
Mari Ann Wilson \*

\* donates on field at National Tournament

## DISTRICT UMPIRE RATING PROCESS

Local and District umpires should keep in mind the proper procedures when standing for their District rating. If the rating will be Out-of-Region, there is a different application and procedure. Please review the Umpire's Manual. Applications can be found in the Umpires Manual as well as on the US Lacrosse web site [www.lacrosse.org](http://www.lacrosse.org).

### District In-Region Process:

1. Applicant fills out the application (include phone number)
2. Give application and a copy of umpiring schedule to the Local Chair
3. Local Chair will confirm applicant is a member in good standing
4. Local Chair will give completed application & schedule to the Region Chair prior to the rating session. (Note: if the Region Chair is not organizing the rating session, the Region Chair should confirm with the event's Rating Chair that the candidate has or has not been approved.)

### District Out-of-Region Process:

1. Applicant fills out the application (include phone number)
2. Give application and a copy of umpiring schedule to the Local Chair
3. Local Chair will confirm applicant is a member in good standing
4. Local Chair will send application and schedule to the National Umpiring Chair for approval prior to the rating session.
5. National Umpiring Chair will confirm approval with applicant's Region Chair and the event Rating Chair.

## DISTRICT RATING OPPORTUNITIES

US Lacrosse District Tournaments are approved sites for District ratings. In addition the NUC has approved other sites. These events have met the level of play required for District ratings and have gone through the National Umpiring Committee for approval. If your region would like to get approval for an event to host District ratings please contact your Super Region Chair to start the process. Many events have already been approved for this purpose.

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH CLINICS

are available to established Local Boards  
Contact Perky Nellissen at 518-899-6003 or  
[grcall@nycap.rr.com](mailto:grcall@nycap.rr.com).

## UMPIRE DEVELOPMENTAL CLINICS

are also available to new areas. These provide training and testing for umpires.  
Contact Cheryl Silverman at 518-877-5857 or  
[email:csilver1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:csilver1@nycap.rr.com)

## Umpiring Opportunity in Colorado

### 2003 VAIL LACROSSE SHOOTOUT

The 19th Annual Vail Lacrosse Shootout is being held in Vail Valley among the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Come join the fun and umpire at 8,000 feet. There are two tournaments, both needing umpires. The High School Division, which features terrific high school talent, and the Elite Division, featuring top players from the four corners of the US. The tentative dates are June 29-July 2 for HS and July 3-6 for the Elite. Come for one or come for both. New for this year is an increase in game fees and for each tournament we are limiting the number of umpires to 12-15.

This is a District rating opportunity and next year (2004) it will be established as a National re-rating opportunity.

To participate, contact Jeff Secor at 719-528-1090 or [jmsecor@netzero.net](mailto:jmsecor@netzero.net).

## DISTRICT RATING OPPORTUNITY June 6-7

NYSPHSAA tournament in Cortland, NY. In-region & by invitation only. For more information contact Cheryl Silverman at [csilver1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:csilver1@nycap.rr.com)

## DISTRICT RATING OPPORTUNITY July 23-27

Empire State Games, Buffalo, NY, in-region & by invitation only, contact Cheryl Silverman [csilver1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:csilver1@nycap.rr.com) for more information.

# PRESEASON PLAY DAYS & UMPIRING CLINICS

## CHARLES STREET SPRING LACROSSE CHALLENGE Loyola College • Sunday, February 23, 2003, 8:00 - 4:00 A Day of Division I College Play.

A Day of Division I College Play. **It is strongly, recommended that any umpire wishing to stand for a National rating in 2003 attend.** You must pre-register using the form on page 7. Hotel information is available. Please indicate if you would like to receive that information.

**Clinic:** Saturday, February 22, 2003 **Classroom Session** - Goucher College 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Sunday, February 23, 2003 **Field Work** - Loyola College 8:00 - 4:00AM

For National candidates and experienced District umpires (min. 3 years). Only those umpires who have pre-registered and prepaid by February 1, 2003 will be allowed to participate. **Those umpires who will be standing for their National rating at the 2003 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 9, and the cost for the clinic will be \$50.

**Tune Up:** For experienced collegiate umpires who wish to prepare for the upcoming season.  
NOTE: Only those umpires who are preregistered by February 1, 2003 will be able to officiate.

**Registration Form**  
**Charles St. Spring Lacrosse Challenge**  
Deadline February 1, 2003

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (H)  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (W)  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify:  
 Clinic

Are you a National Candidate?  Yes  No  
Please enclose a \$50 registration fee payable to  
US Lacrosse with this form.

Tune-up (no fee)  
 Please send hotel information.

Specify roommate(s) if desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form and check by February 1, 2003 to:  
Fran Trumbo  
5700 Mineral Hill Rd.  
Eldersburg, MD 21784

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# PRESEASON PLAY DAYS & UMPIRING CLINICS

## CHESAPEAKE BAY LACROSSE CHALLENGE

Goucher College • Saturday, February 22, 2003, 6:00 - 8:00

A Day of Division III College Play • Sunday, February 23, 2003

**Clinic:** District Classroom Session  
Saturday, February 22, 2003 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Goucher College

**Field Work:**  
Sunday, February 23, 2003 - 9:00 - 3:00 PM Sunny schedule at Goucher College (2 fields)

**Questions?** Contact US Lacrosse Mid Atlantic Region Chair, Bonnye Lang at 410.757.0682 or email at tandblang@toad.net

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

NOTE: Only those umpires who are preregistered by February 1, 2003, will be able to officiate.

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**Registration Form**  
**Chesapeake Bay Lacrosse Challenge**  
Deadline February 1, 2003

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (H)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify:

Clinic fee

Are you a District Candidate?  Yes  No

Please enclose a \$25 Registration fee payable to US Lacrosse along with this completed form and mail it to: Bonnye Lang, 625 Bay Hills Drive, Arnold, MD 21012.

Tune Up (no fee)

I will help evaluate and give feedback as needed.

Please send hotel information.

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## **2003 "SOUTH OF THE BORDER" TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, February 15 – Sunday, February 16

Hosted by Duke University and The University of North Carolina

Attention Collegiate Officials!!! Make your plans now for a preseason WARM-UP in North Carolina the weekend of February 15 & 16, 2003. Rain or shine, Division I and Division III level play will be available for warm-up and those interested in District level umpire training. Umpires from all Regions are welcome to participate!

There will be a rules discussion for all participants at the Comfort Inn University on Friday evening, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00 PM.

To participate in the warm-up part of the weekend, an official must have a District rating. The number of participants for the warm-up will be limited to thirty (fifteen officials per field). Please plan to stay for the duration of the Tournament.

**Registration deadline: February 1, 2003**

The District training clinic will be offered for umpires who, with the support of their Local Umpiring Boards, are interested in earning their District rating. Candidates must have had a Local rating for two years. The cost of the training clinic is \$85.00, and the number of participants will be limited to eighteen (nine participants per field).

**Registration deadline: February 1, 2003.**

I have reserved 25 non-smoking double and 5 single non-smoking king rooms at the Comfort Inn University. The Comfort Inn is conveniently located between the Duke and UNC campuses. All reservations must be made through Lisa Clark. The cost of a room per night, including breakfast, is \$65 plus tax.

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### "WARM-UP" Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Board & Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in helping with the District Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve me a Double room: \_\_\_\_\_ My roommate will be: \_\_\_\_\_  
Single room: \_\_\_\_\_

### "DISTRICT" Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Board & Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve me a Double room: \_\_\_\_\_ My roommate will be: \_\_\_\_\_  
Single room: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks for \$85.00 payable to US Lacrosse. Your place in the clinic will be secured when I have received your check and application. REMINDER: District candidates who go OUT OF REGION to stand for their District rating, must complete the "District Candidate Application Form" located in the back of the Umpiring Manual. Send completed Registration forms to:

Lisa Clark                                      828-322-1511  
4265 4<sup>th</sup> ST LN NW  
Hickory, NC 28601                              ldclax@aol.com

**US Lacrosse**  
113 West University Parkway  
Baltimore, MD 21210-3300

