

# FLAGS & WHISTLES

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## **Pregame:**

### ***Remarks from the Umpiring Chair***

I can just feel the excitement of another lacrosse season approaching (especially after a very successful and crazy Hawaii tournament).

The NUC met in November and succeeded at a number of projects. The most critical was the total revamping of the Umpires Manual. Kudos to Peter Hyde, who coordinated the efforts of the committee to look at each piece of the manual critically. Laura Hebert, the new rules interpreter, was invaluable in helping us sort out the interpretation of some new rules and old ones. The manual will be distributed a bit differently this year. It will be able to be downloaded from the web AND a copy will be given to each local chair to Xerox to their members if they choose that avenue. In the past, each of you had to purchase a revamped manual. This way, we hope to save you on the total cost of the manual. Local chairs will only be able to pick up their free copy at the convention.

The convention is progressing smoothly. There will be many meaty topics (<http://www.uslacrosse.org/events/05convention.phtml>) this year and good stuff will extend into Sunday. Make plans to stay both days, it will be worth it! Every level of umpire will find something that pertains to them, as we will again have breakout session tailored to different umpiring levels. Super Regions will have their meetings as well as the Chairs meeting where each local board chair will be required to attend.

District rating opportunities are being established and some will be published below. The National Tournament will be held over Memorial Weekend at Lehigh University again this year. Sue Paige and Loretta Pawlowski will be leading the charge to PA.

Cheryl Silverman, [csilver1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:csilver1@nycap.rr.com) is hard at work at coordinating the various umpire clinics. She can help you set up and provide some financial support for a clinic for any level, from beginning to an established board. Pick her brains and contact her quickly as they are being scheduled now.

We have established a Training Committee to go hand in hand with USL Strategic Plan. We hope to have a solid 10 yr plan launched after the first of the year.

Please take a moment to read this Flags & Whistles edition. We have a new editor! Chip Rogers will have a tough act to follow after Evelyn Doyle in this capacity, but I am confident he can bring his own style into it. As usual, please send me your comments on how we can improve this valuable communication tool.

--Perky Nellissen

## **National Umpiring Committee**

**Perky Nellissen, '05, Chair**

**Laura Hebert, '05, At-large**

**Patricia Klecha-Porter, '06, At-large**

**Loretta Pawlowski, '05, At-large**

**Jeff Secor, '06, At-large**

**Cheryl Silverman, '06, At-large**

**Fran Trumbo, '05, At-large**

**Jenny Miriam, '05, SR I**

**Peter Hyde, '06, SR II**

**Sue Paige, '05, SR III**

**Laurette Payette, '05, SR V**

**Dana Crompton, '06, SR VI**

# Preseason Playday Opportunities

**Green Terror Challenge  
Division III Playday  
Feb. 26, 2005 \* Westminster, MD  
held at McDaniel College**

**Field Work:**  
Sat., Feb. 26, 2005  
9:00a - 3:00p at McDaniel College

**Questions?**  
Contact **Fran Trumbo**  
410-795-4961 (h)  
MTRUM4@aol.com (e)

**Charles Street Spring Lacrosse Challenge  
Division I Playday  
Feb. 19-20, 2005 \* Baltimore, MD  
held at Loyola College**

**Clinic:**  
Sat., Feb. 19, 2005  
6:00 - 9:00p at Liberty Christian School

**Field Work:**  
Sun., Feb. 20, 2005  
8:00a - 4:00p at Loyola College

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## Charles Street Spring Challenge

For: National candidates and experienced District umpires(minimum 3 years). Only those umpires who have pre-registered and prepaid by February 1, 2005 will be allowed to participate. Those umpires who will be standing for their National rating at the 2005 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 \$65.

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

NOTE: Only those umpires who are preregistered by February 1, 2004, will be able to officiate.

Registration Form - Charles Street Spring Lacrosse Challenge  
Deadline February 1, 2005

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 \$65.00 - enclose fee payable with form US Lacrosse
9. Are you a National Candidate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you want hotel information? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

*It is required that any umpire wishing to stand for a  
National rating in 2005 attend a National Clinic.*

## Green Terror Challenge

**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 February 1, 2005, will be able to officiate.

Registration Form - Green Terror Challenge

1. Deadline February 1, 2005
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address \_\_\_\_\_
4. City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
5. Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Cell \_\_\_\_\_
7. Email \_\_\_\_\_
8. List rating \_\_\_\_\_
9. Tune up \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** I wish to stand for renewal rating \_\_\_\_\_
10. I will help evaluate and give feedback as needed \_\_\_\_\_

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## Approved District Rating Opportunities

### Super Region I

*Chair: Jenny Miriam, heyref4@juno.com*  
Springfield College Tournament  
MIT, Bowdoin Coll., Babson Coll. (all March)  
Fairfield Univ, Harvard Univ (Feb)  
Trinity, Middlebury  
Daniel Hand Jamboree, Madison CT (March)  
Tufts, MA  
Bay State Games, Boston, MA  
Boston University, Boston, MA  
Boston Tri-Match (Post Collegiate Club)

### Super Region II

*Chair: Peter Hyde, p798hyde@aol.com*  
Baldwinsville Games (July)  
Lake Placid Tournament (August)  
Midwest Tournament (May)  
*rotates between Regions II, III, & V*  
Empire State Games - *Invitation Only*  
NYSPHSAA Champ.-(June) *Invitation Only*  
Midwest Tournament (May), Buffalo

### Super Region III

*Chair: Sue Paige, paige190@comcast.net*  
United Sports Training Center  
Philadelphia Women's Lacrosse Assoc.  
USTC Fall Classic (October)  
National Draw (June)  
Dickinson Fall Classic  
PIAA Championship, Public or Private School  
Championships - Renewals Only

### Super Region IV

*Chair: TBA*  
All Star Express (July)  
Limestone Play Day (SC)  
Mid-Atlantic Tournament (May)  
Florida District. Jamboree(Feb)  
George Mason VA (Fall, Division 1 play)  
Green Terror Challenge (Feb), McDaniel Coll.  
South Florida District Clinic (Feb)  
Spring Fling (D2 & D3) Palm Beach  
SWLL Play Day (Florida)

### Super Region V

*Chair: Laurette Payette: lpayette@hb.edu, lpayette@aol.com*  
Texas District Clinic (Feb)  
Ohio State Univ (Feb), *renewals only*  
WDIA Championship (May), *renewals only*  
Midwest School Girl Tournament (May)  
Minnesota May Play Day (*If suitable playing time*)  
Hannigan Tournament (April), Ohio

### Super Region VI

*Chair: Dana Crompton, dangerous\_dana@yahoo.com*  
Western States (March)  
PNLA (April)  
Vail Shootout (July)

Note: National Tournament Region tryouts are an excellent opportunity for District Ratings. These are listed on the web page.

## USLacrosse Convention Update

The 2005 US Lacrosse National Convention is scheduled for January 13-16 at the Philadelphia Marriott and Convention Center. It promises to be bigger and better than ever. Registration is being done on-line this year, so go to the US Lacrosse Web Site ([www.uslacrosse.org](http://www.uslacrosse.org)) and find out what all the fuss is about! Responding to member requests, there are more sessions for officials, and duplicate and nighttime sessions are being offered for the first time. In addition, a breakout session after the New Rules/Rules Interpretation Session for umpires AND coaches is scheduled. This will give all of us an opportunity to discuss the new rules from both sides rather than in a vacuum. In order to give officials an opportunity to learn what players are being taught, coaches have been asked to present to umpires this year. Hopefully, this will give officials some insight into what players are doing, and what they are attempting to accomplish, allowing officials to anticipate play more successfully.

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More emphasis has been placed on administration of penalties, so bring your Umpires Manual and Rulebook to the sessions to make it easier to follow along. There are new faces and new topics this year, so make it your New Year's Resolution to attend the 2005 US Lacrosse National Convention!

--Laura Hebert

## New Rules -- 2005

There are several new and revised rules which will take effect for the 2005 season. Eye protection is now mandatory for all levels of play (youth, high school, college, and post-collegiate club) beginning January 1, 2005. In addition, goalkeeper helmets and youth goalkeeper helmets must now meet the NOCSAE standard for lacrosse.

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New rules regarding the administration of play are few, but important. Teams now will have two timeouts per game, inclusive of overtime. A timer's horn will end each half and overtime, rather than the official's whistle, so no countdown on the field is needed. When play is stopped due to a foul and a second foul occurs during that stoppage of play, possession of the ball will change. There will not be a throw. If a card is given after a goal has been scored or as time in a half expires, the game will be restarted with a free position at midfield involving the centers for each team, rather than with a draw as in the past. Other field players will assume the positions they would for a draw, but a free position will start play.

There are other rules dealing with wording changes, i.e. "dangerous shot: is directed at a goalie" and "dangerous propelling" is directed at a field player", and stick specifications.

For a total rundown on the new rules and interpretations, umpires are encouraged to attend the 2005 U.S. Lacrosse National Convention in Philadelphia.

--Laura Hebert



**2005 US Lacrosse National Convention**  
January 13-16 • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia Convention Center & Philadelphia Marriott  
*presented by Harrow Sports*

for more information, click on  
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/events/05convention.phtml>

## Synopsis on New Rules 2005

- ↘ Eyewear is mandatory at all levels
- ↘ Goalkeeper helmets must meet NOCSAE standard for lacrosse
- ↘ Two timeouts per game, inclusive of overtime.
- ↘ Timer's horn to end each half and overtime.
- ↘ Dead ball fouls result in change of possession.
- ↘ If a card is assessed after a goal or as time expires in a half, the game will be restarted with a free position at midfield, involving the centers.

## From within the ranks.....

### National Umpires due to renew in 2005

Roni Anton	Lissa Fickert	Laurette Payette
Donna Arcudi	Sue Frazier	Mary Jane Schaaf
Chris Bond	Kathy Gibbons	Jeff Secor
Lynn Bowers	Marilyn Hull*	Linda Thayer
Lauren Charwat	Annie Jackopin	Carol Venet*
Dana Crompton*	Sue McVaugh	Connie Walton*
Jill Dull	Laura Paro	Rena Whitehouse



\* denotes on field at National Tournament

### Internationals due to renew 2005

Lynn Craun	Marge Garinger	Jackie Hufnell
Jen O'Donnell	Patti Klecha Porter	Joan Sitterly
Fran Trumbo	Joan Wagner	

### National Umpires due to give service at National Tournament 2005

Patty Daley	Pam Dunlap	Lisa Ellsworth
Stephanie Murphy	Judy Strong	

### **National Candidate Applications due April 1, 2005**

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:  
**Priscilla Anderson, 744 Lockwood Hill Road, Mt. Upton, NY 13809**

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.

Please send current email address to **Fran Trumbo** at **MTRUM4@aol.com** for future communication purposes.

## Gold Cards

### Jackie Hufnell

#### *US Lacrosse Hall of Fame Class of 2004*

Jackie Hufnell is one of the most highly-regarded lacrosse officials of all-time. Hufnell worked the final four of the NCAA championships 12 times and was an umpire at the 1993 World Cup in Scotland and the 1997 World Cup in Japan. She also served as a technical delegate for the 2001 World Cup in England. She was a past member of the United States Women's Lacrosse Association Executive Board and participated in numerous officiating clinics in the U.S. and abroad. Hufnell also served as the head coach at Downingtown High School from 1969-70 and 1972-74. She was inducted into the US Lacrosse Philadelphia Chapter Hall of Fame.

Our very own Jackie Hufnell was recently inducted into the US Lacrosse Hall of Fame on Nov. 20, 2004. The following is her Hall of Fame biography and the text of her induction speech.

**Congratulations, Jackie!!**

To be quietly forgotten is the best compliment an umpire receives post game. During 27 years of lacrosse umpiring a simple thank you, job well done has been more than enough...until tonight, when I am overwhelmed by all the attention. When I was inducted into the Pennsylvania Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2002, my son hugged me and asked...does this mean you are getting old, mom?

I am honored to be a member of the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame Class of 2004 and congratulate my fellow inductees for your achievements. Heartfelt thanks for all the hard work which has gone into the organization of this event.

Sharing this evening with my family and friends is especially important for me. You have been there in the good and not so good times and it is really nice to see everyone enjoying the evening. Thanks to each of you for always being there.

No one arrives at this spot unless others have opened doors. I should like to recognize some of those coaches who 'opened' those doors for me many years ago when I began my collegiate umpiring career...this will sound like a trip down memory lane, but hopefully it will bring smiles to many faces. Gillian Rattray at Penn State, followed by Sue Sheetz, Chris Sailer at Princeton, Janet Smith at Delaware, Jane Miller at UVa, Tina Sloan Green at Temple, Sue Tyler at Maryland, Feffie Barnhill at W&M and Sue Stahl and Heather Dow with the US team. All of these coaches selected me for tournaments or to tour with the US team and work games internationally and it was from this experience that I have been able to move my game to a higher level. These outstanding women coaches gave me the opportunity to learn the game from the very best...thank you!

And this last group of people, I shall call my hometown umpiring buddies. Philly is a wonderful place to become an umpire. There is complete support and encouragement from our old-timers to our on the field, colleagues. So to Hall of Fame members, MG, JW and JWagner...thanks for being wonderful role models. To all the other umpires here this evening...remember all those missed meals, days and days of games in pouring rain, new rules every season, sore muscles and road trips that never end...well, thanks to all of you for a job well done.

### Pat Dillon

#### *Chair, US Lacrosse Board of Directors*

Congratulations to Pat Dillon who has recently taken over the reins as the Chair of the US Lacrosse Board of Directors. Dillon, who has served as the Chair of the Rules Committee for the Women's Division for 11 years, was the 2003 recipient of the Nancy Chance Service Award. We wish Pat the best of luck in her new position...and are hopeful that she won't have to use her red cards in any meetings!

## Around the World

### CONGRATULATIONS to our ranked US Umpires

1. Jen O'Donnell
2. Lynn Craun
3. Patricia Klecha-Porter



### Process for International Rating

1. Applicant must forward a recommendation from their Super Region Chair, or NUC to the USIUC at one of the USIUC meetings (US Lacrosse convention or National Tournament)
2. The applicant will completely fill out a application form send to the USIU chair prior to Jan meeting National Convention or May meeting National Tournament.
3. USIUC will review and approve applicant for continuing the international rating process at the National Convention or National Tournament. Candidate will receive written notification if their request was accepted or not by February 15.

Direct any questions to:

International Umpire Chair: **Patricia Klecha-Porter @ pklechaporte@wesleyan.edu**

## 2005 IFWLA World Cup

### Lacrosse is coming home!

The quadrennial IFWLA World Cup will be contested in the USA for the first time since 1986 when US Lacrosse will host 10 nations in the ninth tournament. The Americans are the four-time defending World Champions, having successfully defended their title (again) with a 14-7 win over Australia in England in 2001.



*June 23 - July 2, 2005*

*Hosted by the United States Naval Academy*

*For the full schedule, click on*

[www.uslacrosse.org/worldcup/schedule.phtml](http://www.uslacrosse.org/worldcup/schedule.phtml)

The US team is selling tshirts as part of a fundraising effort for the World Cup. Both white and grey tshirts are available in both long and short sleeves. Sizes range from youth small up to XXL. Youth sizes run \$5 while adult sizes run \$10 for shortsleeves and \$15 for longsleeves.

To order shirts, please email **Chip Rogers**, National Teams Squad Chair, at [chipr@virginia.edu](mailto:chipr@virginia.edu).