

Empire 8 Women's Lacrosse
Fall 2013 Conference Call
Wednesday, January 9th at 3:30 p.m.

Present on the call:

Sam Patton (Alfred)
Katie Augustine- Moore (Elmira)
Rachel Dell Gondek (Hartwick)
Rachael Snelgrove (Houghton)
Shannon McHale (Ithaca)
Traci Lian (Nazareth)
Linda Michele (Saint John Fisher)
Kate Robinson (Stevens)
Kristin St. Hilaire (Utica)
Janelle Fuez (Empire 8 Associate Commissioner)
Jennifer Bozek (Associate Director of Athletics)

Absent from the call:

Celine Cunningham (Stevens)

Voting items are in YELLOW

Action items are in RED

2013 Discussion

1. All-Conference Team

- Discussed the breakdown of the team; formerly 3 attackers, 4 midfielders, 4 defenders, and 1 goalie on each team.
- Discussion centered around it being difficult to vote for 8 defenders based on a variety of reasons.
- Discussed the idea of changing the team to 3 attackers, 4 midfielders, 3 defenders, 1 "at-large", and 1 goalie.
- Voted on the new team make-up. Voting results: Yes- 8, No-1
- Timeline for All-Conference will remain the same. Vote prior to Empire 8 tournament with the release not coming out during the tournament weekend.

2. New Chair

- Rachel Dell Gondek (Hartwick)

3. Tape Exchange

- Will exchange 1 tape per institution. Vote results: Yes- 9, No- 0
- Deadline for tape exchange is February 15th

- Please make sure to film the draw control and the scoreboard following every goal, at halftime, and at the conclusion of the game.

4. 2014 Schedule

- Thank you Shannon for taking ALL concerns into consideration and coming up with a schedule
- Discussion included concern for starting on March 22nd, some teams playing 3 weekday games, some teams not playing 2 weekends in a row in the middle of the conference season which could make scheduling non-conference games difficult.
- With the “approval” of the schedule the March 22nd games could be moved to a weekday to allow room for non-conference and one weekday game could be moved to a weekend to help the team that does not play two weekends in a row.
- **Vote results: Yes- 7, No- 1, Abstain- 1**

5. Tie-breakers

- Discussion centered around three or more teams being tied. Clarification regarding whether to “advance” or to “eliminate” a team once they are no longer tied with the other teams.
- Example 1:
 - Naz, Fisher, Utica are all tied for third place.
 - Their records against each other are all 2-1. So they move into step two. The rankings are as follows:
 - 1- Ithaca
 - 2- Stevens
 - 3- Naz, Fisher, Utica
 - 6- Hartwick
 - 7- Alfred
 - 8- Elmira
 - 9-Houghton
 - Naz, Fisher, and Utica all have the same head to head record except Fisher beat Stevens which means that Fisher **advances** to third place leaving Naz and Utica tied for fourth place so they would go to the two-way tie breaker.
- Example 2:
 - Naz, Fisher, Utica are all tied for third place.
 - Their records against each other are all 2-1. So they move into step two. The rankings are as follows:
 - 1- Ithaca
 - 2- Stevens
 - 3- Naz, Fisher, Utica
 - 6- Hartwick
 - 7- Alfred
 - 8- Elmira
 - 9-Houghton

- Naz, Fisher, and Utica all have the same head to head record except Fisher and Naz beat Stevens which means that Utica will be **eliminated** from the running for third place and drop to fifth place and Fisher and Naz will go through the two-way tie breaker to determine third and fourth place.

Tie-breakers will be available on the women's lacrosse webpage.