

February Newsletter

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New Board Members

We're happy to welcome both Alex Ruh (Wissahickon Lax) and Karen "Schnell" Schenellenbach as the newest members of PAGLA's Board!!! Alex joins as our new Treasurer replacing Chris Brennan and is a coach with Wissahickon's rec program. Schnell joins as an officiating representative with tremendous experience as the head of PAGLA's officiating. We thank both Alex & Schnell for their contributions!!!

Want to volunteer to help with PAGLA? Contact Ross Waetzman rwetzman@gmail.com for details.

March 3 Coaches Clinic

Join us for a FREE coaches clinic:

When:	Saturday, March 3rd	
Where:	Methacton High School, 1001 Kriebel Mill Rd, Eagleville, PA	
Cost:	FREE!!!	
Registration:	NONE (Just show up. What could be easier?)	
Schedule:	10:00 -11:00 am	New & 3/4 Coaches
	11:00 -12:30 pm	Advanced topics, drills, offensive & defensive schemes
	12:30 - 1:15 pm	Goalie drills
	1:15 - 1:30 pm	Wrap-up

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March 10 USL Level 1 Certification Clinic

PAGLA is sponsoring two opportunities to receive your US Lacrosse Level 1 coaching certification. Each program can send up to 3 persons to these clinics:

When:	Saturday, March 10th
Where:	Radnor High School, 130 King of Prussia Rd, Wayne, PA 19087
Cost:	Free for up to 3 coaches per program*
Registration:	9:00am to Noon Link to Register For AM Session 1:00pm to 4:00pm Link to Register for PM Session

* USL membership is required and is not subsidized by PAGLA

PAGLA Discounts

PAGLA is working to leverage our league's purchasing power. We have arranged the following for members of PAGLA:

1. Kelly Sports for program equipment (see [Link to Kelly's Discount](#) for details)
 2. Dick's sporting goods 20% discount starting March 11th (Coupon Attached Separately)
 3. PAGLA has teamed up with Pearl Balls (<https://guardianpearl.com>) which are 6x to 8x more durable than standard balls. PAGLA members can purchase of \$160 per bucket of 100 balls, a 20% discount. Contact rwetzman@gmail.com if interested in ordering.
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A New Officials Payment Process

PAGLA has been informed that its members can no longer pay officials with cash for legal and risk management reasons. The Board is exploring options, but leading options will involve a phone app that automatically transfers funds from rec programs to officials. No cash, no checks, no worries!

Details will be released shortly!

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NEW Directive: The Sportsmanship Rule

Following a vote at the Winter Meeting, a new directive on sportsmanship will be effective during the 2018 season. Details follow.

Background

Programs form teams in different ways. At the B-Level, this has created a mismatch where “Balanced Teams” (with a mix of A and B kids) can dominate play against teams that are formed of pure “B-Level” kids. During the 2017 Spring Meeting, a directive was passed dictating when recreational programs must form an A-Level team. The directive aimed to create consistency on how teams are formed.

Some regions opted out of this rule with a preference to play “Balanced Teams” of all skill levels at the B-Level. PAGLA respects these disentions but must also address complaints of certain teams dominating play and demoralizing opponents by running up double-digit wins week-to-week.

The heart of this issue is sportsmanship. A 4-question survey was conducted at the Winter meeting with the following outcome:

PAGLA's B division is for less developed players

Agree: 86.67%

Disagree: 13.33%

Games within the B Division are an opportunity for players to develop

Agree: 93.33%

Disagree: 6.67%

At the B level, good sportsmanship is more important than the score of a game

Agree: 86.21%

Disagree: 13.79%

It is more important to develop the skills of B players than to win a game by a high number of goals

Agree: 100.00%

Disagree: 0.00%

The Sportsmanship Directive

Sportsmanship is paramount along with player development. No team should win a game by more 9 points as it is (i) demoralizing to the losing team and (ii) there are always skills for youth players to work on outside of running up the score.

When a team wins by more than 9 points, the coach of the losing team can report the score and

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involved teams to the Board via Frank Heller (heller3@verizon.net). Violations will be treated as follows:

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| After 1 violation: | violating team's coach is warned of their violation |
| After 2 violations: | violating team's program director will need to meet with a Sportsmanship Committee (likely by phone) |
| After 3 violations: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• B-level teams will be restricted to A-division play at the Playday• A-level team coaches will be subject to disciplinary measures by the Board, including a possible revocation of coaching privileges |

The Lighter Side of PAGLA ...

This month we share with you some lighter material geared to get you excited about the upcoming NCAA season. Enjoy!

[Everything You Need to Know Before the 2018 College Lax Season](#)