

Meeting Summary for WPYLA President's Meeting 9/16/2025

Attendance:

Baldwin-Dan Nicomatti	Butler-David Zaccari	Canon Mac- Hollis Hames	Chartiers Valley- Brandy Sacks	Franklin Regional- Jessica Petrie	Hampton-Mary Mlinarich	Hempfield-Amy Wetzel
Indiana-Melissa Campisano	Mars-Monique Mayes	Mt. Lebanon- Kevin Renne	NAYLAX-Meredith Rodgers	NAYLAX-Jared Beers	NAYLAX-Sam Cammarata	NAYLAX-Seth Staffen
Peters-Vince Chiodo	Plum- Erica Houlihan	Plum- Lori Altrudo	Sewickley Valley- Devin Fisher	Shaler-Matt Kline	South Fayette- Ryan Fornella	Trinity-Kristen Hernandez

Quick recap

The meeting focused on updates and requirements for the upcoming WPYLA season, including registration processes, USA Lacrosse age verification, and changes to the off-season fee structure. Key dates and deadlines were reviewed, covering team and player registration, with the season scheduled to run from March 21 to May 22. The discussion also addressed divisions, coach certifications, and the importance of accurate roster information for better divisional placement and competitive balance.

Next steps

- Next President's Meeting – 10/15 @ 7 pm
- All programs: Review the 2026 Calendar of Events
- All programs: Designate a WPYLA representative from their Board of Directors to attend meetings and communicate information to their club
- All programs: Complete and submit the JotForm with board of directors' contact information before January

WPYLA Season Registration Updates

Carllie emphasized the importance of age verification through USA Lacrosse, requiring players to update their membership numbers and provide valid identification. The registration process will collect detailed information about players' experience, including club and in-area participation, to better match teams and improve playing experiences. A template will be provided to help programs organize and submit this information.

Required information:

Player First Name	Player Last Name	Player Date of Birth	Parent Email	Jersey Number
Grade	# of Years playing lacrosse	USAL #	Home Street Address	Home City
Home State	Home Zip	Program Name	Division: 8U 10U 12U 14U	Bracket: Bronze Silver Gold Platinum
Last season's playing level (exp. 14U Silver)	Do they play club (travel) lacrosse? Y/N	# of Years playing club lacrosse	Current Travel Club	Travel Club Team Level (AA, A, B)

Off-Season Fee Structure Changes

The meeting discussed changes to the off-season fee structure, combining in-season and tournament fees into a single payment. The organization is reaching capacity at Wright Fields and is considering additional options for future seasons. For 2026, we are implementing a \$500 per team fee for 10U, 12U, and 14U divisions. This is \$70 more than last season. 8U will be charged \$25 per team in 2026. This fee is new as 8U requires more structure than in prior years as more programs have 8U teams. WPYLA will also require advance notice of teams combining for the tournament. Matt Martin will complete Arbiter referee assigning and scheduling, with a \$100 fee per team. Programs will be invoiced directly by Matt.

2026 Referee Fees

Division	Fee
10U	\$60/official
12U	\$75/official, 2 officials/game
14U	\$75/official, 2 officials/game \$70/official, 3 officials/game

Program Contact Information Collection Update

WPYLA discussed the need to collect and update board of directors' contact information for all programs, transitioning from a Google Form to JotForm for better organization. Each program must designate a WPYLA representative to attend meetings and communicate information back to the program. Programs must complete the form before the start of the new season in January.

Season Schedule and Registration Dates

Elene reviewed key dates and deadlines for the upcoming season, including team registration opening in January, player registration due January 31st, and various fees and rosters due dates in

February and March. Games can begin on March 21st and end on May 22nd, with all conference games to be completed by then. An in-person coach clinic and a virtual youth rules meeting will be held in March, and the tournament will take place the weekend after Memorial Day.

U.S. Lacrosse Membership Verification Requirements

The meeting focused on U.S. Lacrosse membership and age verification requirements. Carllie explained that all members need to update their USA Lacrosse profiles with age verification to maintain valid membership, and families can now extend memberships at any time, not just 60 days before expiration. Programs will be held responsible for ensuring all members have valid memberships and age verification, as expired memberships can lead to insurance issues and tournament participation restrictions. Elene clarified that parents who previously uploaded birth certificates for their children's USA Lacrosse memberships are already age certified and won't need to complete the process again.

Lacrosse Season Registration and Divisions

The meeting discussed the registration processes and division arrangements for the upcoming season. Carllie explained that player registration information is due at the end of January, while team rosters are due by February 28th, to facilitate early verification processes and better division management. Anthony mentioned that a new USA Lacrosse representative will attend the October President's Meeting to address any outstanding questions. Jared inquired about division changes, and Carllie confirmed that the current divisions (Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze) remain unchanged. However, the number of divisions will be determined once all teams have registered.

Coach Certification and Referee Programs

The group discussed coach certification requirements, confirming that bronze certification includes age verification and background checks. WPYLA clarified that coaches can be added mid-season.

Team Registration / Division Planning

Anthony explained that team placement in divisions like Platinum, Gold, and Silver would be based on roster data and competitive balance, with more guidance to be provided in the coming months. He emphasized the need to balance challenging teams with competitive fairness, addressing concerns about misplacement and feedback from programs. Anthony also mentioned the importance of collecting and analyzing roster information to improve divisional placements for future seasons, starting with the current year as a baseline. Anthony and Jared discussed the need to review team combinations, particularly for programs with multiple teams. Meredith inquired about bubble player situations and team submissions, receiving confirmation that programs should submit for the maximum number of teams they anticipate, even if some need to be combined later. Vince highlighted the challenge of the new roster deadline in late February, suggesting earlier communication about this change. The group agreed on the importance of clear communication and flexibility in handling registration and team changes.