To All College Umpires:

New for the 2012 season, the NCAA (through Kim Basner, National Coordinator of Officials), US Lacrosse and the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) have joined forces in developing an online officials evaluation tool. The IWLCA has made this mandatory for all Division I coaches in the 2012 season. Division II and III coaches may send an evaluation if they choose to do so but it is not mandatory at those levels until the 2013 season. Besides the groups named above there has been great cooperation and assistance from the various assignors across the country. They have added the evaluation tool to their Arbiter systems and the coaches will be prompted to log in and submit the evaluations after each game.

It is important for you to know the following:

- The evaluations can only be viewed in their entirety by the assignor for that particular game and by Kim Basner.

- Each official will be able to view the aggregate score in each category and any comments that have been made but you will not be able to know who is evaluating you. We felt assuring the coaches that their comments would be kept confidential would encourage providing honest feedback from them.

- Once 5 or more evaluations have been entered you will be able to view your average score along with other information when you log into Arbiter. This average will continue to change as more games are entered.

- These evaluations will be one of several tools used to rank officials for post season assignments. Assignors will now have a tool to gather extensive ratings and evaluations to assist them with regular season assignments.

Some assignors have also given the umpires an opportunity to evaluate their partners using a tool similar to the one the coaches are using online. Umpire evaluations on each other are NOT required; however they could provide another evaluation tool for both the NCAA and the assignors. As with the coaches’ evaluations, officials will begin seeing an average score after 5 games are entered and the average will change as more games are entered.

You may have already gotten word from your assignor about posting a picture on Arbiter. While we will not make this mandatory, it is highly recommended to insure coaches evaluate the correct official.

It is the goal of NCAA, USL and IWLCA to continue to improve communication, raise the level of officiating, enforce rules, and enhance the integrity and safety of our game. Make sure you take the opportunity throughout your season to review comments regarding your performance.

Kim Basner
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