



Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Committee

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Intercollegiate/Interscholastic (I/I) Committee of the United States Polo Association (USPA) is to promote and grow the sport of polo by providing maximum exposure to the sport; recruiting collegiate and scholastic institutions; coordinating activities of member schools and players; providing for organized competition including sponsoring & administering regional and national tournaments with an emphasis on sportsmanship, fairness and safety; and by effectively utilizing funding from the USPA, Polo Training Foundation (PTF) and others for the benefit of I/I activities."

Strategic Policies of the I/I Committee

- All I/I Committee decisions will be based on the needs and interests of USPA member schools/clubs and their players.
- The I/I Committee will provide consistently applied rules and conditions for the member schools/clubs in regards to regular season games within the regions, as well as in USPA sponsored tournaments.
- The I/I Committee will provide rules and regulations for;
 - a) The safety and welfare of players and horses
 - b) The conduct and sportsmanship of all players
 - c) Fairness of competition between schools and players
- The I/I Committee will use participatory management and site-based decision making with accountability throughout the I/I Committees' organization, including maximum use of the Host Tournament Committee.
- All students will be given equal opportunities regardless of ethnicity and gender.

Strategic Goals

- All colleges and USPA member clubs will be contacted about participating in the I/I Polo Program.
- Within one year from contact from the I/I Committee, all colleges and USPA member clubs will be encouraged to have an I/I polo program.
- Within three years from contact through the I/I Committee all colleges and USPA member clubs will be encouraged to field an I/I polo team.
- The USPA will continue to utilize sub-committees of the I/I Committee to promote, regulate and foster I/I polo programs.

Coaches' Sub-Committee

The USPA I/I Committee will have a Coaches Sub-committee which will be open to any I/I Coach or Advisor of a USPA member club or school.

The Coaches' Sub-committee will conduct meetings as necessary. Coaches' Sub-Committee members will elect two coaches/advisors to serve on the I/I Committee as Coaches' Representatives.

The Coaches' Representatives will serve for two years on a staggered basis. The first election will be for two representatives. The person obtaining the most votes will serve a two year term of office. The person obtaining the second most votes will serve a one year term of office. Subsequent elections will occur every year and one representative will be elected to serve a two year term each year.

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Means of communication

The primary means of communication within the I/I Community will be through the USPA website. News, updates and reminders concerning the I/I Program will be posted on the *I/I News Bulletin* (www.us-polo.org/ii_bulletin.htm) throughout the year. Current I/I Committee meeting topics, email contacts, and other pertinent information can be found on the Bulletin. *Please check the Bulletin periodically for updates and news.* If you have any information or news topics that you would like to see on the *I/I News Bulletin*, please forward it to Kim Syme at ksyme@uspolo.org.

Email will also be used extensively in communications. Please be sure to inform Kim Syme of any email or phone contact information changes.

Tournament Site Selection Process

The National Host Tournament Committee (NHTC) shall select national tournament site locations on a rotating basis. When possible, locations will be determined and published two years in advance.

Sites desiring to host a National I/I Tournament are encouraged to submit proposals requesting the opportunity. Such proposals shall detail past experience in hosting National or Regional I/I Tournaments, facilities presently available as well as future facilities that may be available, tournament horses available for use, cost requested for hosting the tournament and other activities that may be available for students and/or families while on location.

Regional Host Tournament Committees (RHTC) shall also encourage sites to submit proposals to host Regional and/or Preliminary I/I Tournaments. Such proposals shall detail facilities presently available as well as future facilities that may be available, tournament horses available for use, cost requested for hosting the tournament, experience in hosting prior tournaments and cost if any to host the tournaments.