



FEBRUARY

JANUARY 14-FEBRUARY 4
South Florida 4-Goal League
Gulfstream, Lake Worth, FL

JANUARY 17-MARCH 18
Winter Green Horse Polo
Midland, Midland, TX

JANUARY 19-MARCH 12
Pro Am Arena League
HRPC, Houston, TX

JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 20
USPA Ylvisaker Cup (20)
International, Wellington, FL

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 5
USPA Player's Cup (0-4)
Vero Beach, Vero Beach, FL

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 26
Jimmy Bachman 8-Goal League
Gulfstream, Lake Worth, FL

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 5
Olin Trophy (7-10)
Ladies Tournament (0-4)
Royal County Berkshire, Windsor, U.K.

FEBRUARY 1-6
Tournament of the Stars
Costa Careyes, Jalisco, Mexico

FEBRUARY 1-25
Freebooter's Classic (14)
International, Wellington, FL

FEBRUARY 1-29
Pro/Am (Wednesdays)
Sarasota, Sarasota, FL

FEBRUARY 2-4
Baja Tournament (0-2)
Midland, Midland, TX

FEBRUARY 2-12
FIP Snow Polo World Cup
Goldin Metropolitan, Tianjin, China

FEBRUARY 3-5
Girls' & Open Western IS Preliminary
Central Coast, San Luis Obispo, CA

Open Southeastern I IS Preliminary
Garrison Forest, Owing Mills, MD

Open Southeastern II IS Preliminary
Atlanta RPC, Tyrone, GA

Open Central IS Preliminaries
Houston, Houston, TX

Girls' Central IS Preliminary
Culver, Culver, IN

FEBRUARY 3-12
Sarasota Tournament (6-8)
Sarasota, Sarasota, FL

FEBRUARY 3-19
Carlton Beal Memorial
Eldorado, Indio, CA

FEBRUARY 3-24
Friday Nights Under the Lights
Empire, Indio, CA

FEBRUARY 3-MARCH 2
George Haas Windswept League (12)
Gulfstream, Lake Worth, FL

FEBRUARY 4
Art Cameron Memorial Jr. Tourney
Eldorado, Indio, CA

2nd Annual Molly's House Benefit
Port Mayaca, Port Mayaca, FL

FEBRUARY 4-5
5th Cambridge Keyte Watson Memorial
Cambridge, Cambridge, New Zealand

Barcelona, Spain vs Ireland
Wicklow, Wicklow, Ireland

FEBRUARY 4-25
Pro/Am & Pro Pool (Saturdays)
Sarasota, Sarasota, FL

FEBRUARY 7-12
Chairman's Trophy (2-6)
Royal County Berkshire, Windsor, U.K.

B. Grimm Thai Polo Masters (8-10)
Thai, Chonburi, Thailand

FEBRUARY 9-12
12th Kihikihi (2, 10, 16)
Kihikihi, Waikato, New Zealand

FEBRUARY 10-12
Girls' Northeastern I IS Preliminary
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Girls' Southeastern IS Preliminary
Natania Farm, Warrenton, VA

Girls' Northeastern II Preliminaries
Glen Farm, Newport, R.I.

FEBRUARY 10-25
Arena Gold Cup (14-16)
Royal County Berkshire, Windsor, U.K.

FEBRUARY 11
International Day at Kihikihi
Kihikihi, Waikato, New Zealand

FEBRUARY 11-MARCH 3
South Florida 4-Goal League
Gulfstream, Lake Worth, FL

FEBRUARY 11-27
Canadian Invitational
Costa Careyes, Jalisco, Mexico

FEBRUARY 12-19
USPA Officer's Cup (0-4)
Vero Beach, Vero Beach, FL

FEBRUARY 12-27
USPA C.V. Whitney (26)
International, Wellington, FL

FEBRUARY 14-19
New Zealand Open
Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

FEBRUARY 15-18
New Zealand Women's Open
Hololio, Auckland, New Zealand

Women's Championship WCT qualifier
Sarasota, Sarasota, FL

FEBRUARY 15-29
USPA Governor's Cup (6-8)
Sarasota, Sarasota, FL

FEBRUARY 16-27
USPA Ylvisaker Cup (20)
International, Wellington, FL

FEBRUARY 17
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Museum of Polo, Lake Worth, FL

FEBRUARY 17-18
Mercedes Benz Polo Cup
Costa Careyes, Jalisco, Mexico

FEBRUARY 17-19
Katie Tunn Trophy (4-7)
Royal County Berkshire, Windsor, U.K.

Open Western IS Regionals
Empire, Indio, CA

Open Central IS Regionals
ERG Ranch, Brookshire, TX

Open Southeastern IS Regionals
Virginia Polo Center, Charlottesville, VA

FEBRUARY 17-26
Sarasota Tournament (6-8)
Sarasota, Sarasota, FL

FEBRUARY 18
Outback 40-Goal Challenge
International, Wellington, FL

Pink Polo Tournament
Thai, Chonburi, Thailand

FEBRUARY 18-19
Coleman Cup (0-4)
Arizona, Scottsdale, AZ

GPL Tournament
Eldorado, Indio, CA

Denbigh Cup
Wanstead, Wanstead, New Zealand

FEBRUARY 19
New Zealand Polo Open
Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

3rd Annual GPL Wellington Cup (8-10)
Empire, Indio, CA

Cold Cup
Lexington, Lexington, KY

FEBRUARY 19-25
Cortina Winter Polo Gold Cup
Cortina d' Ampezzo, Italy

FEBRUARY 20
Avendano Memorial Junior Tourney
Florida Junior Polo, Wellington, FL

FEBRUARY 20-24
Cartier Int'l Dubai Polo Challenge
Desert Palm, Dubai, UAE

FEBRUARY 21-25
Tabuia Cup WCT qualifier (0-2)
Port Mayaca, Port Mayaca, FL

FEBRUARY 23-26
USPA Women's WCT Tournament
Trione Seniors Tournament
Eldorado, Indio, CA

FEBRUARY 24-25
USPA/PTF Senior's Tournament
Sarasota, Sarasota, FL

FEBRUARY 24-26
Open Northeastern IS Regionals
Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

FEBRUARY 26
Children's Cup Charity (8)
Vero Beach, Vero Beach, FL

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 20
USPA Piaget Gold Cup (26)
International, Wellington, FL

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 4
USPA Wayne Brown (8)
Sarasota, Sarasota, FL

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 31
Everglades Classic (16)
International, Wellington, FL

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club events, conduct clinics, provide feedback for certifications and identify new umpire talent. Hughes will coordinate regional umpiring, focusing on professional umpire distribution, and conduct umpire certification and training clinics around the country.

The LLC will manage and implement the umpire expense reimbursement program that will provide specified funds to member clubs for umpire expenses at all handicap levels of umpire certification events with an emphasis on following and promoting USPA rules, rules interpretation, umpire standards and umpire guidelines.

Another new program is the umpire exchange program, whereby U.S. professional umpires will be afforded opportunities to travel abroad to train and mentor with peer professionals for their continued education and enhancement. If the polo world can create one set of polo field rules, this exchange program will go a long way to creating world-wide consistency of rules and rules enforcement.

Even with all the past, present and future plans for improved umpire training, certification and enhancement, even with all the written and honed rules and rules interpretations, even with USPA and club oversight of the umpire selection process, it still comes down to the attitude and respect of the players towards the rules and umpires.

Respect needs to be more than a two-way street, because it must start with the players respecting the rules and the umpires, and those rules and umpires need strong backing, not only from the USPA, but also particularly from all club owners, club officials and team sponsors. The USPA Umpires, LLC motto is "Honesty, Integrity, Transparency and Respect." As players, let's be honest with ourselves. Honor the integrity of the game, yourselves and others around you. As I see it, there is plenty of respect to go around, making our game safer and whole lot more fun to play. ♦