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NSW Director of Umpiring-Sam Halsted:

There has been a lot happening since the half yearly meeting for myself, I have been appointed to the NUC (National Umpires Committee) with three other members, which include Laughlin Ross from NSW.

I would like to congratulate Laughlin on this appointment to the NUC, Laughlin has a lot to offer to the sport of Polocrosse and it is fantastic that NSW has 2 representatives on the committee.

I also have a new position of Deputy Director of Umpiring Australia; I am looking forward to being a part of these roles and bringing back learning's and information to NSW Polocrosse.

In October 2016 the State Directors of Umpiring and NUC committee all met in Sydney. The Nationals were discussed as well as the trial rule. The trial rule for 2016 in relation to striking has been modified with a new version introduced for 2017 as follows;

'For the second penalty four (4) awarded against an individual player during a game, the offending player will serve a penalty six (6).'

This will be trialed for 2017 and at the next yearly PAA Umpires meeting both rules will be assessed and a decision will be made on the best option of the ruling.

Member transfers were also discussed at the meeting, after seeing how many transfers go through the system we do believe it needs to be made an easier process for members to follow so an amendment was made.

'Any transferring playing member must play 2 tournaments prior to be being eligible to compete for their new club at State Championships, by doing this it gives members a straight answer as to the requirement. '

I would like people to take the time to refresh their memories prior to the commencement of the 2017 season by either glancing at the rule book or by attending an umpire's school with your Zone Chief umpire.

Please take the time to complete the induction that NSW Polocrosse is rolling out it is a great idea and a good refresher of information, hopefully one day this will be available online.

Polocrosse in NSW in 2017 will be an exciting season and I wish everybody the best of luck for the year ahead. If you have any problems or questions during the year please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Zone Chief umpires we are only a phone call away.

Play safe and enjoy the season.

Thank you.