



United States Association of Indoor Wheelchair Soccer

Press Release

(Bay Shore, New York)- The newly formed United States Association of Indoor Wheelchair Soccer (USA-IWS) has just established an interim Executive Committee and appointed William Lardi as its interim Commissioner. The primary goal of the committee is to lay the groundwork for a permanent Executive Committee to be elected next year.

Mr. Lardi has been involved in the sport of Indoor Wheelchair Soccer for more than 25 years, first as a coach and then as a national referee. "I am honored to have been chosen as the first Commissioner of the USA-IWS, and hope to preside over a first year that provides a solid foundation for the future of our organization and sport", Mr. Lardi stated.

The USA-IWS is also announcing that the city of Houston and the Greater Houston Athletic Association for the Physically Disabled has been selected to host the 2010 Indoor Wheelchair Soccer National Championships. Tentative dates and location are November 12-14, 2010 at the University of Houston. Visit our new website www.usaiws.org in the coming weeks for an official announcement.

Notes to the Editor:

Indoor Wheelchair Soccer is played on a basketball court with six players on each side, a goalie and five other players on the floor. The fast paced game is a basketball, soccer, European team handball hybrid, using elements of each and it is the most inclusive sport for all disability groups. Players must bounce, pass and throw the 10" ball in order to score on the goal. The sport uses a functional classification system that classifies each player in one of five levels of disability, within all disability groups. Teams from around the country compete in local, regional and national tournaments.

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