

Hello Players,

If you have received this packet, you are being invited to apply for the USA World Cup team. I am very excited about this event, our potential team and our very motivated coach. She has many ideas for fundraising and is very positive about our chance of a high finish in the event.

At this time I am unsure of the cost for the WC11 event in England, but please rest assured, that as always, this committee will attempt to keep the cost down. This time around we have added a Players Representative to the World Cup Committee and I hope that this addition will help the players feel like they have a voice in the decisions being made on their behalf. I hope you send your application for this team. They are due July 12.

Sincerely,
Kiki Pantaze
APA World Cup Committee Chair

P.S. Please read the following information about this exciting opportunity

Dear Players,

I would like to invite you to nominate yourself for the 2011 World Cup Squad; the first step for the World Cup preparations. I am excited about coaching the squad and the team for the 2011 World Cup in the United Kingdom and I look forward to helping you achieve your polocrosse goals. It is an exhilarating feeling to represent your country, and it is an immense honor to be an ambassador for the sport of polocrosse.

USA will need the best team the APA can gather to be successful in 2011 and we will need full commitment from all squad members. Are you prepared to make that commitment? I am prepared to assist you in your training and to take you to the next level. What you have been doing previously will need to be increased and the bar raised, it will be a big job!

“If you keep doing the same things, you will keep getting the same results!”

We have to do more, we have to do it better and we have to do it smarter!

I look forward to seeing more of you all on the field.

Take Care and good luck!

Regards,
Jane Cooper

American Polocrosse Association
2011 World Cup

Applications Due by July 12, 2009

USA World Cup Committee:

Coach – Jane Cooper

Chair – Kiki Pantaze

Player Representative - Rob Shuttles

At-Large - Liz Pohl

Internationals Liaison - Liz Gleeson

Player Development Chair - David Brooks

This is an application to be considered for the World Cup Short List or squad that will consist of 8 women/8 men, who will train for final selection to the USA World Cup Competition Team (4 women/4 men, 1/1 alternates). The team will travel to the UK for the 2011 Polocrosse World Cup.

The Lists – *(See page 5 in this document for the complete explanation of the program).*

Long List – All eligible players for consideration of the World Cup Team

Short List – The players selected for consideration of the final competition team

Competition Team – The final team selected by the coach to travel to WC11.

To qualify for this team tour the competitor must be eligible under the rules set by the APA World Cup List.

- Be an APA member in good standing.

- Have a player rating of a 10 or above.

- Competed in at least 1 Test Match or tour, recognized by the APA in the last 10 years.

- Invited to apply for the Lists by the coach or committee.

(See page 5 in this document for the complete explanation of the program).

The selection criteria will be based on skill, horsemanship, team-cohesiveness, coach ability and good ambassadorial skills.

Cost - All of the financial burden is carried by the players and team.

Players named to the Short List/Squad will be required to cover the cost of the coaching events and coaches travel while they are named to the squad. After the Competition team is selected, the players not selected are no longer responsible for any of the continuing expenses.

World Cup Event Cost: It is unknown at this time what the budget will be for the World Cup. The International Polocrosse Council is having a meeting in July in the UK to discuss the cost and format. Players will be responsible for all of their own, coaches, and portion of the team managers expenses. Not limited to: Air fare, uniforms, food and transport.

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Proposed Schedule

2009

July 12 - Application due

Squad/short list of approx 8 Men and 8 Women selected.

October or November – 3 day camp for all squad/short list members (3 days) –

Date/Location to be determined –

2010

March - Australian Nationals

April/May – Jane to USA and Coach/Play for 2 months

Selection of World Cup Team by coach and committee.

Fall

Coach Jane will come over if she is needed

September – World Equestrian Games - Kentucky -

The USA World Cup team may be involved in this event - unsure at this time cost or duration.

October – USA Nationals

2011

June

On route to UK – World cup team to visit Western Australia to play and train for 10 days with polocrosse matches 5 days out of the 10. It will be a great benefit for players to have strong and unknown competition on borrowed horses in WA on the way to the WC-

Cost: Player plane fare and portion of the managers plane fare - hosted by clubs in Western Australia.

July 1

USA team fly to England to Bishop Burton College, Beverley, East Yourshire

July 4 - 18

World Cup Event

The schedule of events is unknown at this time for the World Cup. The International Polocrosse Council is having a meeting in July in the UK to discuss the cost and format.

July 19 or 20

Fly Home

American Polocrosse Association
2011 World Cup
Application Form

Name	Age as of January 1, 2009
Address	
Home Phone	Cell
Email address	
Vacation time available	
Are you willing to take unpaid or unexcused leave or absence.	
All relevant representative exposure (Event, Team, Position)	
What position do you prefer to play	
Horses	
Nominees Signature	

SIGNED NOMINATION FORMS AND SIGNED CODES OF CONDUCT ARE TO BE RETURNED TO
KIKI PANTAZE by July 12, 2009
NO LATE NOMINATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Team Requirements and Codes of Conduct for the World Cup Squad Player

1. Abide by rules of the American Polocrosse Association, the APA Code of Conduct and any specific conduct requirements that my coaches or managers may have.
2. A high standard of Conduct is expected at all times and as such swearing and displays of bad temper will not be tolerated (on and off the field) under any circumstances.
3. All players place themselves under direct control of World Cup Chair/Team Coach during the period of any official tour, training or competition.
4. Players must comply with uniform dress code requirements as set by their Officials.
5. Acknowledge those in leadership positions.
6. Respect umpires and officials.
7. Players must be an ambassador for Polocrosse at all times.
8. Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
9. Be a good sports person. Acknowledge all good players, whether in your team or the opposing side.
10. The consumption of alcohol is not encouraged by seniors and will not be tolerated by minors at any stage. Non-prescribed, illegal drugs are forbidden at all times.
11. Players must attempt to maintain themselves in peak mental and physical condition during training and competition.
12. Ignore as much as possible any isolated incidents of unsporting Conduct you might encounter. Highlighting such Conduct is unproductive and unsporting.
13. Any illness or injury must be reported to the team coach and/or manager as soon as possible.
14. Players must attend all training sessions as requested by the coach.
15. Players must abide by training programs set by the team coach.
16. Players must provide horses when asked to by the team coach.
17. Never argue with an umpire or an official. If you disagree, ask your captain or coach to handle the matter during a break or after the game.
18. All rules of venues being used by the team and regulations of the host organization must be adhered to.
19. Players must take responsibility for their personal and horses fitness, care and general well being at all times.
20. Care and consideration must be shown to your team mates, horses and the opposition horses at all times.
21. I agree to compensate the Team for all monies I owe for this tour by the deadlines established and that all final budgeted monies must be paid 1 month prior to the tour departure date or it is the discretion of the tour management to replace my spot with the an alternate player. If no player is named then all monies paid into the tour will not be refunded.

NOTE: If any party breaches this code of Conduct, then such breach may lead to either temporary or permanent expulsion from the squad or team.

I have read the Requirements and Code of Conduct and agree to it.

NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

APA World Cup Polocrosse team Long List program

APA Long List Definition

The American Polocrosse Association World Cup committee maintains a Long List of polocrosse players. Included on this list are any players who have represented the United States in an International Test Match in the last 10 years. This list is maintained and updated on an ongoing basis.

The APA Long List is used to determine eligibility to compete in the World Cup. This list is also for extending initial or priority invitations to participate in APA-WC training sessions.

Eligibility

- Be an APA member in good standing.
- Have a player rating of a 10 or above.
- Competed in at least 1 Test Match or tour, recognized by the APA in the last 10 years.
- Invited to apply for the Lists by the coach or committee.

If a player does not meet the above criteria and seeks a waiver of one or more of the eligibility criteria, the player must:

- Complete an application and send it to the APA World Cup Chair.
- Submit a written letter which must include the player's experience and background as well as their accomplishments.

These lists consist of:

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Management of the List

Placement and removal from these lists is overseen by members of the World Cup Committee. The List is reviewed quarterly.

Removal from the list

- If a player is not in good standing with the APA.
- If a player is playing on the same quality of team and horse and their rating drops below the approved level for a period 4 months they can be removed from the list.

Purpose of the Lists

The APA World Cup Committee uses the long lists to determine which players are the most qualified to receive financial and other support from the APA that aids development to represent the APA at the World Cup.

Invitations to APA World Cup prep training sessions

APA World Cup training sessions are scheduled through out the year in various locations throughout the US. The purpose of the training sessions is to identify and develop those players that have the potential to most successfully represent the US at the World Cup. The Committee may also invite players who are not currently on the Long Lists to attend practices and submit an application because it is the belief that player has the potential to compete for a spot on the World Cup Competition team. (For example, a player may have recently purchased a horse that allows the player to perform at a higher level, for younger players a growth spurt.) Those riders will not take a spot away from riders who are on the already Long Lists.