

BEST PRACTICE #8



I recognize the level of commitment my officials have for the profession.

You should consider an officials' commitment to the sport, your organization and their professional development. Commitment can be demonstrated by:

- Attending meetings.
- Working scrimmages.
- Being willing to work extra games.
- Participating in training clinics.
- Helping mentor newer officials.
- Getting additional training at a clinic.
- Helping with training, recruitment, and retention of new officials.

USA Lacrosse Development Clinics are excellent ways for officials to improve in a relatively short period of time. Under the tutelage of expert USA Lacrosse Clinicians, attendees make significant strides developing their rules application, judgment, game management, and, most importantly, their confidence.

Clinic Feedback:

I enjoyed the hard work and work hard attitude of the clinicians! They were a great resource for us to improve as officials.

The clinicians talked about things that were not typical areas of feedback. They mentioned aspects of my game that I would have never known were incorrect because no one mentioned it to me. They were also able to apply much of their teachings to specific rules in the rulebook.

My goal was to obtain honest feedback on my skills as a lacrosse official, and the clinicians were completely fair and honest in their assessments.

The level play was fantastic and provided a great opportunity for honing our game in all areas: mechanics, game management, adjudication and communication with players, coaches and crew. From start to finish, this was the best possible experience!

I was able to correct shortcomings within the next hour as opposed to a few days.

I was looking to enhance my knowledge of better techniques to referee and manage games and was thoroughly satisfied with the leadership, information, and quality of the other participants.

Being able to connect on a personal level and understand the trials that our clinicians went through allowed me to grow professionally and apply their experiences in my state.