



# NEW JUNIOR OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

Junior Official Certification is for anyone between the ages of 14 and 18 who wishes to officiate lacrosse games. It is recommended that junior officials only officiate games for players that are at least two age levels below their age.

## ✓ **ACTIVE USA LACROSSE MEMBERSHIP WITH OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION**

USA Lacrosse membership as an official enrolls you into the certification program, provides you with free access to online courses, rules exams recorded webinars, downloadable resources and insurance benefits. If you already have a current USA Lacrosse membership as a player, be sure to contact our Member Experience team in order to add Official to your participation/involvement type AND add in a personal email that the junior official can use to access our E-learning portal (rules test, online courses, etc.)

## ✓ **COMPLETE THE BOYS OR GIRLS LACROSSE RULES ONLINE COURSE**

This course explains the rulebook so that new officials have a better grasp of the rules and how to differentiate between legal and illegal checking.

## ✓ **ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE**

This is an annual online learning component that must be completed by all officials.

## ✓ **ANNUAL ONLINE RULES EXAM**

This is an annual exam taken just prior to the season starting; all officials must pass with an 90% or higher each year.

## ✓ **COMPLETE ANY ADDITIONAL LOCAL OFFICIATING ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

Ask your local organization about their individual requirements which might include registration, dues, and a classroom learning option.

## ✓ **PASS THE JUNIOR OFFICIALS FIELD EVALUATION**

Your local trainer or observer will conduct this evaluation when they feel you are ready. Please check with them to secure a game to be evaluated on. The evaluation is the most critical component of certification as it ensures the official is ready to officiate games at that level and that they have learned the fundamentals needed to officiate lacrosse games.

Our **Member Experience** team can help with changing participation types and adding in emails and/or any membership questions that you may have.

You can reach them at **410-235-6882 x102.**

Hours are Mon-Friday 8:30am-5pm (all times are Eastern.)