US Lacrosse Men's Game Officials Certification Program

Level 1 – Initial Certification

In order to be Certified Level 1 by US Lacrosse, officials must complete the minimum requirements listed below:

- **Current "official" member designation with US Lacrosse**
- **US Lacrosse On-line course completion**
- **Classroom (8 hours minimum)** ***Best Practice over 3 to 4 Sessions***
  - **Three hours minimum focused on mechanics**
    - 2 hours minimum devoted to the current US Lacrosse Two-man Mechanics PowerPoint
    - 1 hour minimum devoted to on-field stations
  - **Five hours minimum focused on rules and lacrosse officiating knowledge**
    - Technical fouls presentation and discussion
    - Personal fouls presentation and discussion
    - Penalty enforcement and administration presentation and discussion
    - Current rule interpretation
      - This will include at minimum the viewing of the current years rule interpretation video
    - Lacrosse 101 presentation
    - Rule 4 – Play of the Game – presentation and discussion
    - Presentation and discussion of Rules 1, 2 and 3
    - View the US Lacrosse concussion video and participate in a discussion on concussions
- **Field work (no time limit, needs to pass level 1 evaluation) –**
  - Recommended 2 games as a shadow, 2 games being shadowed, and 2 games solo with senior partner. (Evaluation should be done without a shadow)
  - It may be necessary to evaluate one official multiple times before certification is achieved
  - Evaluation reported by trainer as completed and passed to US Lacrosse
- **Take online and pass the US Lacrosse annual rules test with an 80 or higher**

Level 1 – Recertification

In addition all officials who are Level 1 Certified and wish to remain Level 1 must meet annual recertification requirements in order to maintain their Level 1 Certification. These requirements are:

- **Pass the annual US Lacrosse Rules test with an 80 or higher**
- **Classroom (6 hours minimum)**
  - **Two hours minimum focused on mechanics**
    - Current years Two-man Mechanics PowerPoint
  - **Four hours minimum focused on rules and lacrosse officiating knowledge**
    - View the US Lacrosse concussion video and participate in a discussion on concussions
    - Current rule interpretation
      - This will include at minimum the viewing of the current years rule interpretation video
    - Remaining classroom time to be filled with the curriculum listed below based upon points of emphasis identified within the local area:
      - Technical Fouls
      - Personal Fouls
      - Penalty enforcement
      - Play of the game
      - Rules 1, 2 and 3

Level 2 – Initial Certification

In order to be Level 2 Certified Trained by US Lacrosse, officials must complete at minimum the requirements listed below:

- **Must have a current Level 1 certification or have met all requirements for Level 1 certification and is being field evaluated for Level 2 certification.**
- **Current "official" member designation with US Lacrosse**
- **Classroom (6 hours minimum)**
  - **Two hours minimum focused on mechanics**
    - Current US Lacrosse Two-man Mechanics PowerPoint with focus on mechanics points of emphasis for Level 2 officials
  - **Four hours minimum focused on rules and lacrosse officiating knowledge**
    - Current rule interpretation
      - This will include at minimum the viewing of the current years rule interpretation video
    - View the US Lacrosse concussion video and participate in a discussion on concussions
    - Simultaneous fouls presentation and discussion
    - Game management and professionalism
    - Player safety, multiple minute fouls, releasable/non-releasable fouls, ejections
    - Rules review
- **Field work – (no time limit, needs to pass level 2 evaluation)**
  - Level 2 on-field evaluation
  - Evaluation reported by trainer as completed and passed to US Lacrosse
  - It may be necessary to evaluate one official multiple times before certification is achieved.
- **Take online and pass US Lacrosse annual rules test with a 90 or higher**.

Level 2 – Recertification

Additionally, all officials who are Level 2 Certified Officials and wish to remain Level 2 must meet annual recertification requirements in order to maintain their Level 2 Certification. These requirements are:

- **Take online and pass the US Lacrosse annual rules test with a 90 or higher**
- **Classroom (6 hours minimum)**
  - **Two hours minimum focused on mechanics**
    - Current years Two-man Mechanics PowerPoint
  - **Four hours minimum focused on rules and lacrosse officiating knowledge**
    - View the US Lacrosse concussion video and discussion on concussions.
    - Current rule interpretation
      - This will include at minimum the viewing of the current years rule interpretation video.
    - Remaining classroom time to be filled with the curriculum listed below based upon points of emphasis identified within the local area:
      - Simultaneous Fouls
      - Game management and professionalism
      - Player safety, multiple minute fouls, releasable/non releasable fouls, ejections
      - Technical Fouls
      - Personal Fouls
      - Penalty enforcement
      - Play of the game
      - Rules 1, 2 and 3

Level 3 – Initial Certification

- **Current Level 2 certification *(official cannot jump from a Level 1 to a Level 3 without first being certified as a Level 2 official)***
- **Current "official" member designation with US Lacrosse**
- **Classroom – 6 hours**
  - **Two hours minimum focused on mechanics**
    - Current US Lacrosse Three-man Mechanics PowerPoint
  - **Four hours minimum focused on rules and lacrosse officiating knowledge**
    - Current rule interpretation
      - This will include at minimum the viewing of the current years rule interpretation video
    - Viewing the US Lacrosse concussion video and participate in a discussion on concussions
    - Simultaneous fouls presentation and discussion
    - Game management and professionalism
    - Player safety, multiple minute fouls, releasable/non releasable fouls, ejections
    - Rules review
- **Field work - (no time limit, needs to pass level 3 evaluation)**
  - Level 3 on-field evaluation form
  - Must achieve a score of 80 or higher on the evaluation score
  - Reported by trainer and reported to US Lacrosse as passed
- **Take online and pass the Us Lacrosse annual rules test with a 90 or above**

Level 3 - Recertification

In addition, all official who are already Level 3 Certified Officials and wish to remain Level 3 must meet annual recertification requirements in order to maintain their Level 3 Certification. These requirements are:

- **Take online and pass the US Lacrosse annual rules test with a 90 or higher**
- **Classroom (6 hours minimum)**
  - **Two hours minimum focused on mechanics**
    - Current US Lacrosse three-man Mechanics PowerPoint
  - **Four hours minimum focused on rules and lacrosse officiating knowledge**
    - View the US Lacrosse concussion video and participate in a discussion on concussions.
    - Current rule interpretation
      - This will include at minimum the viewing of the current years rule interpretation video.
    - Remaining classroom time to be filled with the curriculum listed below based upon points of emphasis identified within the local area:
      - Simultaneous Fouls
      - Game management and professionalism
      - Player safety, multiple minute fouls, releasable/non- releasable fouls, ejections
      - Technical Fouls
      - Personal Fouls
      - Penalty enforcement
      - Play of the game
      - Rules 1, 2 and 3
- **Official must have accumulated 20 hours of active participation throughout previous certification year.**
  - This can be met by games worked, observing Level 1 and 2 officials, conducting local training, mentoring junior officials etc…
  - LOA can define the exact requirements on how officials can reach the 20 hours using the above examples as a guideline.