

LETTER TO FOREIGN UMPIRES

Dear Visiting Umpire,

US Lacrosse welcomes you. This letter is to explain the current procedures for foreign nationals who want to umpire in the United States under the auspices of US Lacrosse.

Requirements:

Hold an International rating from a country that fields a women's lacrosse team currently active in international competition, i.e. World Cup.

Join US Lacrosse as a Women's Division Official Council Member (through a Local Umpiring Board).

Attend a Local umpire training session given by an approved clinician.

Take and pass the USL rules test for women's lacrosse at level for Local or higher.

Be rated on the field by a USL rater (D3 is maximum rating that can be achieved).

An umpire holding an USL Local rating is eligible to umpire most levels of games in the United States including but not limited to Youth, High School (Varsity and Junior Varsity), some College (NCAA Division II & III), or Club. An umpire holding a USL District or National rating is eligible to umpire all levels of games in the United States including but not limited to Youth, High School (Varsity and Junior Varsity), Club, and College (NCAA Divisions I, II, and III). You are welcome to continue the US rating process for District and National ratings.

Please be advised that each umpire who is a foreign national is responsible for any visas, work permits, or green cards necessary for employment in the United States.

Game assignments come through assignors who may be affiliated with or hired by local leagues, schools, universities, clubs, etc. It is up to each assignor to fill their schedules as they see fit as they are under no obligation to use any umpires regardless of their rating, or whether or not they hold US citizenship. In other words, a rating does not guarantee an assignment.

We hope that this letter clarifies US Lacrosse's obligations and policies regarding umpiring in the United States.

Sincerely,
WDOC Chair