

2016 Maine USL Junior Official Requirements

Lacrosse players and adults can be certified as Junior Officials to officiate boys' G3/4 and G5/6 contests in 2016. **All** of the following steps must be completed for both first time and returning Junior Officials:

3 weeks before attending a clinic:

1. **Join US Lacrosse or renew your USL membership.** Visit <http://USLacrosse.org>.
2. Call USL at 410-235-6882 (dial 2 when the announcement starts):
 - Have your **Game Participation** changed to include being a Men's Game Official
 - Ensure that you have **YOUR own unique** email address on file with USL and Arbiter.
 - Order a **NFHS Rule Book**
3. **Order and complete the USL online Men's Officiating Course** (see instructions). This is a prerequisite for the clinic. This course is updated annually.
4. Follow instructions from USL to gain access to the **US Lacrosse Central Hub**.
5. Download the **USL Men's Two-Person Mechanics Manual** from the USL Central Hub. You can print it out or keep it on your computer / tablet / smartphone. Study expectations (p. 3) and mechanics (pp. 9-39). Bring questions to the clinic.

1 week before attending a clinic:

6. Study your rule book (see step 2). Bring questions to the clinic.
7. Get started on the **USL online tests** for both NFHS and Youth rules, administered from the USL Central Hub (see instructions). You can take the tests multiple times. Prepare to ask about difficult questions at the clinic.

Days of Training:

8. Arrive by 5:45 PM to the designated location (Saco, Lawrence High School, Auburn)
9. If you haven't pre-paid, bring cash or a check payable to **MLOA**. The Maine Chapter of USL has subsidized Junior Officials at a rate of \$10 per person.
 - First time = \$65 for clinic and equipment (shirt, hat, flags, card, whistle)
 - Returning = \$15 (and must wear uniform and bring own equipment)
10. Be prepared to take notes. Bring your NFHS rule book and Two-Person Mechanics manual.
11. Bring outdoor clothing; we plan to go outdoors for drills and a scrimmage.
12. **Be an active, engaged, respectful participant, including both classroom and on-field activities.**
13. **Demonstrate official's mechanics at the scrimmage. (TBD in April 2016)**

After the clinic:

14. Complete your uniform and equipment.
15. Finish taking the tests. You must pass both the NFHS and Youth tests.
16. The MLOA Chief Referee will certify people who complete **steps 1, 2, 3, 13 and 14**. He will provide a list of certified Junior Officials to towns / recreation associations.
17. Information will be entered into Arbiter and, if needed, contact your town / recreation association for assignments.