

2016 Returning MLOA / USL Requirements

All Returning Maine Lacrosse Officials planning on officiating youth, high school lacrosse or MSAID lacrosse need to complete all of the following:

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.
 - Update your profile picture with a professional head shot of only you.
3. View the updated 2016 USL / NFHS rules video. This is a major rules change year.
4. Follow instructions from USL to gain access to the US Lacrosse Central Hub.
5. Download the USL Men's Two-Person and Three-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 or email Josh Blaisdell.
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. I would advise you to print out a PDF copy prior to taking the test. Prepare to ask about difficult questions prior to or at the clinic.

Day of Training:

8. Arrive by 5:45 PM to the designated location. Choose a location that best fits your schedule. Note: you must attend only one of these sessions. Thornton Academy in Saco on March 1st, Auburn (TBA) March 9th, or Lawrence High School on March 17th. There will be Level 2 and Level 3 classes at each location. You will receive an event invitation via Arbiter to confirm your desired classroom location and to ensure that we have ample seats.

Level 2 officials are 2nd year and newer officials concentrating on two-man mechanics and umpire responsibilities

Level 3 training is designed for crew chiefs and will concentrate on three-man mechanics, referee responsibilities and game management techniques.

NILOA certified officials have fulfill their classroom requirements at the regional meetings, but will be asked to assist in level 2 & 3 trainings.

MASAIID training will take place following the Kick-Off meeting at Bates College from 12:15-1:15pm on March 20th.

9. Be prepared to take notes. Bring your NFHS rule book and Two-Person and possibly Three-Person Mechanics manual.
10. Be an active, engaged, respectful participant, including both classroom.
11. Demonstrate official's mechanics at a scrimmage or play day. (TBD in April 2016)

After the clinic:

12. Check and update your uniform and equipment. Attach the NEW MLOA Patch two inches below the left shoulder seem that you will receive at the March 20th Kick-Off meeting at Bates College.
13. Finish taking the tests. You must pass both the NFHS and Youth tests. Officials that want to be eligible to officiate MASAIID need to also pass the NILOA test (Details to follow on NCAA test).
14. The MLOA Chief Referee will certify people who complete steps 1, 2, 3, 11, and 13. He will provide a list of certified Officials to the MLOA assignors.
15. Update availability in the Arbiter and continuously keep it up to date.