

HOW TO BECOME A CERTIFIED GIRLS' LACROSSE OFFICIAL

Western New York • BWLO / Section VI

No playing experience is required. Training, mentoring and resources are provided.

1 CONTACT BWLO

Visit bwlo.org or email info@bwlo.org. Submit your interest and ask for the next new-official orientation or training schedule.

2 JOIN USA LACROSSE

Create or renew an official's membership. USA Lacrosse annual certification learning is included with membership.

3 REGISTER FOR TRAINING

Enroll in BWLO's new-official program. Attend required classroom, virtual and rules-and-mechanics sessions.

4 COMPLETE ONLINE LEARNING

Finish the assigned USA Lacrosse annual certification modules and any required safety or rules education.

5 PASS REQUIRED EXAMS

Complete all rules tests, quizzes and registration requirements assigned by USA Lacrosse, BWLO, NYSPHSAA or Section VI.

6 COMPLETE FIELD TRAINING

Practice signals, positioning, mechanics and game management. Complete on-field observation, mentoring or evaluation as assigned.

7 OBTAIN SECTION VI CLEARANCE

For interscholastic games, complete NYSED fingerprint clearance and Section VI paperwork. Officials working Section VI contests must be at least 18.

8 SET UP FOR ASSIGNMENTS

Complete ArbiterOne and ArbiterPay setup, enter availability, pay required dues and obtain the board-approved uniform and equipment.

AGE & ELIGIBILITY

Section VI high-school officials must be at least 18. Ages 14–17 should ask BWLO about a junior or youth-officiating pathway.

IMPORTANT

Training dates, exams, dues, clearance steps and fees may change. Confirm current-season requirements with BWLO and Section VI.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

RULES & SAFETY

Fouls, restarts and player safety

MECHANICS

Positioning, signals and teamwork

GAME MANAGEMENT

Communication and conflict control

PROFESSIONALISM

Preparation, conduct and reliability

READY FOR YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT?

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| ☐ USA Lacrosse membership active | ☐ BWLO registration and dues complete | ☐ Training and exams complete |
| ☐ Section VI clearance approved | ☐ Arbiter profile and availability entered | ☐ Uniform and equipment ready |

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