Training for New Officials

Training  
US Lacrosse requires 9 hours of training for new officials. It is a combination of classroom training and field training. No, training does not need to be completed in one sitting. Class training sessions are on different days than field training, and will be about 3 hours.

Field training makes up majority of training, and consists of:

* Learning about positioning, mechanics, setting up foul situations,
* shadowing experienced officials during scrimmage games
* Being shadowed during scrimmage games by experienced officials
* Working a scrimmage game while being observed.

New officials will be given a one year probationary rating of either Adult-youth or Apprentice upon completion of training. Adult-youth qualified to work middle school and youth (5th/6th grade, 3rd/4th grade level) games only. Apprentices can work high school JV/Varsity, in addition to middle school and youth.

Games

Regular season high school games are two 25-minute halves, with clock stopping only after goals and every whistle in last two minutes of each half. Games last around an hour and 15 minutes on average. Middle school games last under an hour.

At high school level, in addition to private schools St. Johns, Kinkaid, Episcopal, Houston Christian, St. Agnes, St. Pius, there are lacrosse programs at/around Memorial, Stratford, Cyfair, Woodlands, Kingwood, Katy, Klein, Clear Lake, Friendswood, Pearland, Lamar, Bellaire, Sienna Plantation (Fort Bend/Missouri City), to name most.

At middle school level, there are even more. Long story short, plenty of games all over the city!

Game pay

Below is per game rate for regular season games. Note that youth refers to middle school and below.

During season you will work usually two games a night for high school or middle school games. In addition, a lot of middle school games are played round-robin style on a Saturday, where several teams meet at one location and have at least two games. Those working middle school events like this will work 3-4 games in one day.

• Adult Youth rated: $50 Youth game

• Apprentice rated: $60 Youth, $70 JV, $75 Varsity

New officials will be one of the above. Those who are able to advance can eventually move up in rating where pay is greater.

• Local rated: $70 Youth, $80 JV, $85 Varsity

• District rated: $70 Youth, $85 JV, $90 Varsity

Season

Lacrosse is traditionally a spring sport. Girls lacrosse season in Texas starts in early February and regular season for high school and middle school goes until mid-April. There are tournaments and play days and scrimmages in the fall and preseason/early part of season. There are also playoffs.

We use arbitersports.com for assigning regular season games.

Uniform

For games, officials that do football can wear your football ref shirts (narrow stripes), black shorts (black warmups if its cold), black shoes and socks, hat, etc. (other than the zebra shirt, everything else is black). For training, wear all black.

To be eligible to officiate games in the spring, please make sure you complete the following:

* Join US Lacrosse as a women’s official (uslacrosse.org); choose Texas South Local Board when prompted
* Training fee of $60 for training fees (goes to our Local Board, or chapter)
  + Mail checks (made out to TSLB) to:

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* Attend as much training as possible
* Attend the rules interpretation meeting in January
* Complete the 2017 US lacrosse rules test (when available)

Training Events

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| November | | |
| Saturday, 5th | Classroom session for new officials  9 am-12 pm | **Location: TBA** |
| Sunday, 6th | Tenacity Play day at HASP  9 am – 2 pm | This will be a field session for all new officials. Officials will have the opportunity to shadow and officiate at Tenacity’s play day. (no, you don’t have to be there the whole time, unless you want to) |
| Saturday, November 12 | Woodlands Middle School Scrimmage Day  8am-3pm | This will be a field session for all new officials. Officials will have the opportunity to shadow and officiate. (no, you don’t have to be there the whole time, unless you want to) |
| \*\*Its possible we will add another classroom session in November with this event above.\*\* | | |
| December | | |
| Friday, 2  6:00-9:00 | Lead Clinic (all officials) | Location: YMCA near Cypress/Klein area |
| Saturday-Sunday (4-5) | Cy-Fair Tournament Field Training  Field Ratings | This will be field training and evaluations of experienced officials led by National-rated officials. While it is geared towards experienced officials, it will be great experience to be able to listen and observe. |
| January | | |
| Sunday, 8 | Tenacity Scrimmages | Can be used as a recruiting expo if needed.  \*\*Note—this will not be utilized as a field training session |
| Wednesday, January 25 | Rules Interpretation | Rules Interpretation. THIS IS MANDATORY FOR ALL OFFICIALS (experienced and new). We will cover the new rules for the 2017 season.  **Location: Houston Christian High School at 7 pm** |

\*\*One final training may be offered in January or February if needed. Games start beginning of February.