Training Requirements

Returning Officials

All experienced officials are required to attend a minimum of 6 hours of training each year. This 6 hours will include sessions in the classroom and on the field.

December 2-4: Burning Flower Tournament

**December 2:** LEAD CLINIC (classroom session) from 6-9. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ATTEND!

**December 3-4:** Burning Flower tournament with field training. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONE OF THESE TWO DAYS.

During the Burning Flower Tournament, all experienced officials will complete rating requirements if applicable.

If you hold one of the following certifications, you are required to be rated at this tournament:

* Youth
* Apprentice
* Local 1
* Any Local 2 or Local 3 that expires

January 25: Rules Interpretation Meeting

Houston Christian High School from 7 pm.

THIS IS MANDATORY FOR ALL OFFICIALS (experienced and new). We will cover the new rules for the 2017 season.

In order for you to be eligible to officiate games, please make sure you complete the following:

* Renew your US Lacrosse Membership
* Pay your league dues ($110--$60 for training fees and $50 for dues)
  + Mail checks (made out to TSLB) to:

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* Maintain a current rating
* Attend a minimum of 6 hours of training
* Attend the rules interpretation meeting
* Complete the 2017 US lacrosse rules test (when available)

**Opportunities to Improve Your Game:**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| Saturday, October 8 | Woodlands’ Fall Draw High School Play Day |
| Sunday, November 6 | Tenacity Play Day at HASP |
| Saturday-Sunday  December 3-4 | Burning Flower Tournament hosted by Cy-Fair |
| Sunday, January 8 | Tenacity Play Day |
| Saturday-Sunday  February 4-5 | Aggieland High School Tournament |
| Saturday, February 25 | St. John’s Play Day |

Training Events

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| October | | |
| Sunday, October 2 | Classroom session for new officials  3-6 pm | **Location: TBA** |
| Saturday, October 8 | Field training for new officials  Ropes training at 10 am | **Location: Woodlands Fall Tournament** |
| November | | |
| Friday, 4 | Classroom session for new officials  6-9 pm | **Location: TBA** |
| Sunday, 6 | 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. |
| December | | |
| Friday, 2  6:00-9:00 | Lead Clinic (all officials) | Location: YMCA |
| Saturday-Sunday (4-5) | Cy-Fair Tournament Field Training  Field Ratings | This will be field training and evaluations led by the national officials. Each official is required to “give up” one game to help offset the cost.  STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL EXPERIENCED OFFICIALS. |
| January | | |
| Sunday, 8 | Tenacity Scrimmages | Can be used as a recruiting expo if needed.  \*\*Note—this cannot be utilized as a field training session |
| Wednesday, January 25 | Rules Interpretation | Rules Interpretation. All officials are required to attend. This is the annual meeting following the US National Convention.  **Location: Houston Christian High School at 7 pm** |

\*\*One final training may be offered in January or February if needed. Our goal is to recruit enough people and take care of training requirements in the fall.

\*\*All new officials are required to complete ***9 hours*** of training.

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