

## US Lacrosse Men's Game Officials Certification Program

### Level 1 – Initial Certification

In order to be Certified Level 1 by US Lacrosse, officials must complete the minimum requirements listed below:

- **Current "official" member designation with US Lacrosse**
- **US Lacrosse On-line course completion**
- **Classroom (8 hours minimum) *Best Practice over 3 to 4 Sessions***
  - **Three hours minimum focused on mechanics**
    - 2 hours minimum devoted to the current US Lacrosse Two-man Mechanics PowerPoint
    - 1 hour minimum devoted to on-field stations
  - **Five hours minimum focused on rules and lacrosse officiating knowledge**
    - Technical fouls presentation and discussion
    - Personal fouls presentation and discussion
    - Penalty enforcement and administration presentation and discussion
    - Current rule interpretation
      - This will include at minimum the viewing of the current years rule interpretation video
    - Lacrosse 101 presentation
    - Rule 4 – Play of the Game – presentation and discussion
    - Presentation and discussion of Rules 1, 2 and 3
    - View the US Lacrosse concussion video and participate in a discussion on concussions
- **Field work (no time limit, needs to pass level 1 evaluation) –**
  - Recommended 2 games as a shadow, 2 games being shadowed, and 2 games solo with senior partner. (Evaluation should be done without a shadow)
  - It may be necessary to evaluate one official multiple times before certification is achieved
  - Evaluation reported by trainer as completed and passed to US Lacrosse
- **Take online and pass the US Lacrosse annual rules test with an 80 or higher**

### Level 1 – Recertification

In addition all officials who are Level 1 Certified and wish to remain Level 1 must meet annual recertification requirements in order to maintain their Level 1 Certification. These requirements are:

- **Pass the annual US Lacrosse Rules test with an 80 or higher**
- **Classroom (6 hours minimum)**
  - **Two hours minimum focused on mechanics**
    - Current years Two-man Mechanics PowerPoint
  - **Four hours minimum focused on rules and lacrosse officiating knowledge**
    - View the US Lacrosse concussion video and participate in a discussion on concussions
    - Current rule interpretation
      - This will include at minimum the viewing of the current years rule interpretation video
    - Remaining classroom time to be filled with the curriculum listed below based upon points of emphasis identified within the local area:
      - Technical Fouls
      - Personal Fouls
      - Penalty enforcement
      - Play of the game
      - Rules 1, 2 and 3