

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1. What clinic do I sign up for?

A: Sign up for Entry Level if:

- ✓ You are a brand new referee and are 17* or younger.

A: Sign up for Level 1 if:

- ✓ You are a returning EL referee from the previous season
- ✓ You are a new referee that is 18* or older.
- ✓ You are an experienced official from another sport but are new to lacrosse, and are 16 or older..

A: Sign up for Level 2 if:

- ✓ You are at least 16 (as of Dec 31) and have been a full level 1 referee for at least 2 full seasons.

2. I have been a level 2 for 2 years, why can't I register for a level 3?

A: Level 3 is for officials working in Junior and above and is offered to referees by invitation only.

3. How many years do I have to do level 1?

A: At least 1, possibly 2 or 3 years. 16(as of Dec 31) is the minimum age for Level 2 and you must have at least 2 full years as a L1 referee before you can advance to level 2.

4. Is the on-floor clinic mandatory?

A: Yes it is.

5. If I can't attend the scheduled on-floor time, can I still referee?

A: Yes, only if you register and successfully attend a different on-floor session.

6. Will we get paid for attending the on-floor training?

A: No

7. I am an experienced referee. Do I have to do this every year?

A: Yes, all referees must recertify each year. If you are experienced, give other referees the benefit of your experience by participating in these clinics and helping your peers. Learning never stops, you may find yourself learning something new and or it is possible you will help someone else learn something new. Your role in the clinics will change as you gain experience.

8. Why are we changing our training?

A: It has been found that our referees are not receiving sufficient on-floor training, it has also been recognized that there are limitations to the effectiveness of classroom instruction. It is hoped that this new model will assist newer referees develop on-floor skills prior to their first real game. It is also hoped that more experienced L2 referees will learn some mentoring skills

9. I have a game scheduled prior to the clinic. Am I allowed to ref?

A: If you were a certified referee last season, then Yes. Referees with a valid certification card from the previous season may continue to referee until the final regular scheduled referee clinic for the current season. For eg: If the last regular scheduled minor referee clinic is set for April 2nd, a returning official from last year may referee up to Apr 2. After April 2 they may no longer referee without a current certification card.

10. What if I cannot make the clinic that I registered for?

A: Please contact your head referee ASAP and inform them you can not attend the clinic you were previously registered for and arrange with them to re-register for a different clinic.

11. Can I just walk into a clinic?

A: No. You must have registered prior to attending a clinic.



12. Do I need to bring referee gear to my clinic?

A: Yes. For the classroom session all referees will need to bring their rule book, a pen/pencil and paper, a mobile device (tablet, smart phone, laptop etc).

For the on-floor session referees will need to be dressed in their uniform.

The uniform is:

- ✓ BCLA Jersey (new officials will have purchased one through registration)
- ✓ Black Helmet (do not use your player helmet, as the face mask needs to come off)
- ✓ Black Pants - not sweatpants
- ✓ Fox 40 Whistle (can be purchased at Sport Check)
- ✓ Black Socks
- ✓ Black Undershirt (if required)

13. Where can I get a referee jersey?

A: Referee jersey's can be purchased through your head referee and or by contacting the BCLA office directly. www.bclacrosse.com for contact information.

14. Where can I get the Fox 40 (pealess whistle)

A: Most sporting goods retailers offer them or can obtain them. Sport Check etc...
Amazon and other online retailers also sell them.

