

LACROSSE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION PATHWAYS IN OHIO

NEW CERTIFICATION

OHSAA

- Register with OHSAA:
 - www.ohsaa.org/Officiating/permits
 - Minimum age - 14
- Take Online Officiating class-RefPrep
 - No DEADLINE – rolling enrollment
 - Join after May 1- roll dues, etc. to next year
 - Attend State Rules Interpretation*
 - Attend 1 Educational Session*
 - Contact any Association for opportunities
 - Pass NFHS/USAL Test – 80%
 - Concussion training
 - *Per OHSAA Handbook p.6
- Reciprocity
 - USAL or CWLOA rated Do NOT have to take an OHSAA online class
 - Pass NFHS/USAL rules test with 80%
 - Concussion training
 - Attend State Rules Interpretation
 - Attend 4 Educational Sessions

Pros:

- Don't have to join another organization
- No on-field requirement
- Class 3 may officiate 9th and MS games

Cons:

- May only officiate OHSAA games
- No on-field requirement

USA Lacrosse

- Join USAL: <https://www.usalacrosse.com>
- Complete Rules Online Course
- Pass USAL rules test– 80%
- 2025 Professional Development course
 - [May be used to meet the OHSAA Educational Sessions](#)
- On Field Evaluation for rating

Pros:

- Access to up-to-date educational materials
- Access to on-field training
- Requirement for obtaining College rating
- Can officiate USAL sanctioned games – summer, youth
- Insurance includes lost game fees
- Reciprocity with OHSAA
- May be used outside of Ohio
- Educational training may be used for OHSAA requirement
- USAL test may be used for OHSAA

Cons:

- Additional fees
- Additional requirements

RENEW CERTIFICATION- EACH YEAR

OHSAA

- Renew certification through DragonFly
- Concussion training current
- State Rules Interpretation
- 4 Local Educational Sessions
- Pass NFHS/USAL rules test with 80%
- On Field Evaluation – only for upgrade

USA Lacrosse

- Renewal deadline by individual
- Pass USAL rules test– 80%
- 2025 Professional Development course
 - * May be used to meet the OHSAA Educational Sessions
- Hold current on-field rating
 - On Field Evaluation - At end of 3 year cycle or sooner to evaluate for upgrade

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

INCLUDED WITH MEMBERSHIP

Requirements:

- » Membership
- » Rules Online Course
- » Annual Rules Exam
- » Annual Professional Development Course

Other Benefits

- » Annual Rules Interpretation
- » Digital NFHS Rulebook and USAL Youth Guidebook

**Rules Online Course only taken once, not annually*