Certified Officials’ Policy

- Certified officials must be current members of US Lacrosse.
- Officials are to abide by all board policies regarding conduct, uniform, professionalism, etc. as stated in the RBWLO Board Policies and Guidelines document.
- Officiating a game not assigned or sanctioned through RBWLO is strongly discouraged.
- Officials must register on-site 30 minutes prior to first game.
- Non-scholastic events must provide adequate security for officials. Officials should be able to contact tournament director or staff on-site for all tournaments, leagues and facilities at each contest.
- Officials are not required to manage score or timing of game/penalties.
- Actions may be taken if an official is tardy or unprofessional.

Assigning of Games

- Assignors will assign games to certified officials appropriate to the official’s level and experience. All contests must be made available to officials within their certification level.
- Officials will not be assigned contests if a conflict of interest is present.
- Officials must be scheduled one 30-minute break (non-paid) for every four hours of games worked. Officials must not be assigned more than four games consecutively. (Games consist of two halves.)
- Two officials must be assigned to all Modified, JV, and Varsity level games on full fields (110-140 yards long x 60-70 yards wide.) One official may be assigned if field size is reduced by more than 50 percent. One official may be assigned to youth levels Grades 1-6 on reduced fields (60-70 yards x 30-40 yards.)

Fees

- Game fees are $1.00 per minute of playing time for a maximum of two 25-minute halves, per official.
- Game fees are to be paid on-site after officials’ last game each day (or at the end of the season for off-season leagues.)
- The assignor will negotiate rates for “special events”. Assignor determines what constitutes a “special event.”
- Assigning fee is $3.00 per official slot.
- In situations where games are used to train/rate officials, fees may be adjusted (as agreed upon by tournament directors and assignors.)
- If an assignor is required to be on-site, they will be paid a fee negotiated prior to the start of the tournament.

Game Cancellations

- If games are cancelled prior to the event, then tournament director or assignor must notify the officials by phone of the cancellation at least 90-minutes prior to the start of their first game. If official is not notified, then official is entitled to their scheduled game fees for that day.
- If games are cancelled once event has begun, then officials are paid their scheduled game fees for that day.
- If games are cancelled due to team cancellations or tournament director’s scheduling error, then officials are paid the schedule game fees for that contest.
- If tournament is not refunding teams registration fees, officials will be paid for all games scheduled.

Rules

- Tournaments/leagues may set rules for all events. RBWLO recommends following US Lacrosse rules for all levels of play.
- All changes/modifications to USL rules will be communicated to officials (either through the tournament director or the assignor) prior to the start of the contest.

Lightning

- Officials will abide by tournament policies regarding thunder and lightning. If no policy is in place, officials will abide by the NYSPHSAA Thunder & Lightning Policy (if thunder is heard or lightning is seen, play will be suspended, participants will be instructed to leave the field and find shelter, play will be suspended 30 minutes after the last strike/boom is noted, etc.)

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