

Oregon Youth Lacrosse Junior Official Registration Checklist--2026

- Register for the training program.
- Complete 6-hour in-person classroom training
- Complete on-field training session with OLOA trainer (if you ordered a flag and whistle this is when you'll receive it). This should be completed either at:
 - A scrimmage organized by a local club
 - LaxJam on 4/4 at Delta Park (a link for registering will be sent out before the event).
 - Possibly at the JO's first game of the season (this can be a challenge to schedule, so the above options should be used if at all possible).
- Be a USA Lacrosse member with "Official" designation. Note that, if you have a family membership, you'll have to have a separate email for each JO in order to get a USA Lacrosse number and "Official" designation.
- Pass USA Lacrosse Youth Official's test
 - This can be very difficult to find. Go to the E-Learning Platform at: <https://www.usalacrosse.com/usal-elearning-program> for "Ready to Get Started?" Then go to Boys Officials Annual Certification (2026).
 - Send a copy of the certificate to: oyl.ref.coordinator@gmail.com
- Create an Arbiter account.
 - Instructions are included at: oregonyouthlacrosse.org in the Resources/For Officials/NEW—Arbiter Instructions tab
 - A **partial** Arbiter account is required for all JOs.
 - Include Name, Phone Number & Email (only include a number/email that you will check frequently)
 - A **full** Arbiter account is required for certain clubs and tournaments. This can only be done on the arbiter.io website.
 - Include Name, Phone Number & Email (only include a number/email that you will check frequently)
 - Include Address
 - Set up Travel and Date blocks
 - Check the "Ready to be Assigned" box on the "Dashboard"

Assigning and Payment through Arbiter (regular season and/or tournaments). Clubs can opt out of this process but will not be eligible to get out-of-club refs via Arbiter when needed and will not benefit from the OYL program to pay for adult refs/mentors at selected games.

- Club indicates that schedule is “final.”
- OYL enters game info in Arbiter
- Club pays estimated invoice based on schedule
- Games are assigned by OYL
 - Requires “full” Arbiter account details (name, address, phone, “ready to be assigned,” travel and date blocks
 - Assignments are accepted by official
- Officials are paid through Arbiter
 - Approved by Assigner
 - Requires either bank account information or a check can be mailed
 - “True up” accounting with additional payment or refund as appropriate

Field Mentoring Cheat Sheet

These guys vary in ability from total newbies as officials (they’re all current players), to pretty darn solid. Some have never thrown a flag or blown a whistle before. Most of them will have poor mechanics. We spend a lot of time in the classroom on mechanics but it just doesn’t “catch” until they’re on the field. Try to get an idea of where they are skillwise and adjust accordingly

Your level of engagement can vary from having them shadow you (probably only for the very least skilled and timid JO’s), through you shadowing them and giving immediate feedback, all the way to being on the side of the field, yelling at them when needed and giving them direct feedback during dead balls. I quite often start shadowing the least experienced one, then switching to the other for the first half, and then moving off toward one sideline or the other, giving them feedback when needed (“throw the flag!”) during live ball and more feedback during dead balls. Try to include positive messaging along with any constructive feedback.

The goal is to train 2 JO’s each scrimmage, giving each of them one full scrimmage on the field. That said, if there’s a situation where you just have to squeeze in one more JO in a scrimmage, have one of them stay with you while the other 2 work, switching around when appropriate.

