



## Association Newsletter Vol 1 October 2024

### **IMPORTANT DATES** *(Use OLOA webpage and future newsletters to get updates as additional details are confirmed)*

- **Annual Meeting (Required Attendance)**
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> Portland: 17140 SW Bany Road, Beaverton 97007 8AM-Noon
  - February 1<sup>st</sup> (Eugene: Site TBD) 8AM-Noon
  - February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Bend: Site TBD) 8AM-Noon
- **Veteran Trainings (Required Attendance) ALL TBD will be updated in next newsletter and OLOA website**
  - Portland: February 18, 25, March 4 17140 SW Bany Road, Beaverton 97007 6PM-9PM
  - Salem: February 20, 27, March 6 Location TBD Time:TBD
  - Eugene: February 19, 26, March 5 Location TBD Time: TBD
  - Bend: Dates TBD Location TBD Time: TBD
- **Rookie Trainings (Required Attendance for New Officials)**
  - **Portland/Metro:** Every Thursday beginning January 16th through March 6th 7PM-9PM
    - Location: Round Table Pizza: 10150 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton
    - Trainers: James Just & Mark Monson
  - **Salem/Eugene: TBD**
  - **Bend: TBD**
- **HS Season - 2025**
  - March 17: HS Season Begins (V & JV)
  - April 12: Fritz Hayes Classic (Lakeridge HS)
  - May 17: End of Regular Season (V & JV)
  - May 22: Cascade Cup Playoffs Begin
  - May 23: Championship Playoffs Begin
  - June 3: Cascade Cup Semi-Finals
  - June 4: Championship Semi-Finals
  - June 7: State Championships & All-Star Game
- **Sisters Annual Lacrosse Invitational (Sisters, OR)**
  - May 3-4 Assignor: Chris Davis

### **OLOA Board Updates**

- **BOARD POSITIONS:** Board positions coming up for membership vote include the following: Treasurer, Region VP 3 positions (Metro/North, Valley & High Desert), At-Large Metro/North, Valley & High Desert (1 position for each area)
  - Nomination Process: An active OLOA member may be nominated, or they may nominate themselves. Complete nomination process will be provided via OLOA communication in the coming weeks.
  - Vote Process: An email will be sent out to all active OLOA members providing instructions for voting. The vote will be open for a limited time. Announcement of new board positions will send out via email.
  - Please consider getting more involved as an OLOA board member. If you have any questions about time requirements, position responsibilities or other details, please reach out to any board member.

### **REMINDER: Renew your US Lacrosse Annual Membership & Confirm Background Check is Current (or Renew asap)**

- Renewal of annual membership provides you an opportunity to order a 2025 rule book at the same time. (\$6.00)
- Renewal of Background Check by March 1, 2025: Once completed, please email confirmation to OLOA Secretary. (james.strohecker@gmail.com)

### **2025 Rules Changes**

- Every year the NFHS issues updates and areas of emphasis for the new season. This year is no different. Please take some time to review the attached article from NFHS on this year's focus:
  - <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/risk-minimization-at-forefront-of-high-school-boys-lacrosse-rules-changes/>
  - **Free Rules Interpretation Webinar hosted by US Lacrosse. See link below for dates and registration:**

- [https://www.usalacrosse.com/news-media-blog/usa-lacrosse-hosting-live-rules-interpretation-webinars?utm\\_source=sfmc&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=102924\\_NFHSMens\\_Member&utm\\_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.usalacrosse.com%2fnews-media-blog%2fusa-lacrosse-hosting-live-rules-interpretation-webinars&utm\\_id=2061698&sfmc\\_id=75195110](https://www.usalacrosse.com/news-media-blog/usa-lacrosse-hosting-live-rules-interpretation-webinars?utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=102924_NFHSMens_Member&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.usalacrosse.com%2fnews-media-blog%2fusa-lacrosse-hosting-live-rules-interpretation-webinars&utm_id=2061698&sfmc_id=75195110)

#### **Fall/Winter “Off-Season” Officiating**

- Portland: November 16-17 OR Fall Invitational (Delta Park & Lake Oswego area high schools) Assignor: Don Huber
- Portland: December 14-15 “Sixes Showdown” Tourn. (Delta Park) Assignor: Don Huber

#### **“Off-Season” Official’s Jersey**

- Distribution of previously purchased “off season” official’s jersey may be picked up from Tom Carney ([tomcarneyathome@comcast.net](mailto:tomcarneyathome@comcast.net)) at the November and December tournaments. Please email Tom to confirm that you will be picking up jersey then. Otherwise, any remaining purchased jersey will be distributed at the annual meetings.