



**Top Attributes: A Great Official & Partner** *(contributions from veterans around the state...thank you!)*

- **Pre-Game:**
  - "R" Specific
    - Email communication to crew a minimum 72 hours before the scheduled game. Include in email the game details, location/parking for pre-game meeting, expected uniform and other details.
    - Assign a topic to each crew member to cover as part of the pre-game discussion. Create an atmosphere of learning, sharing and "getting better."
  - "Crew"
    - Respond in a timely manner to the "R" pre-game email confirming your game.
    - Arrive "on time" and be ready for pre-game meeting. (5-10 minutes early at a minimum; ready and fully prepared to walk to the field immediately after the pre-game meeting is completed)
    - If you have a "hot topic" come prepared to discuss by reviewing the rule book and mechanics manual. (on OLOA website)
    - Be Ready: Use the commute as a time to clear your mind to step onto the field as an official.
- **In-Game:**
  - Communication: Clear and consistent communication with players, coaches, and fellow referees is crucial. Use signals and verbal cues effectively to ensure everyone understands your decisions.
  - Fairness: Always strive to be impartial and fair. Your integrity is the cornerstone of your role, and maintaining it builds trust and respect from all participants.
  - Calmness Under Pressure: Games can get intense, but maintaining your composure helps in making accurate decisions and managing the game smoothly. Expect everything we do or say is being recorded.
  - Hustle: This exhibits to coaches, players, fans and your crew that you are covering your area of responsibility fully; it "sells" that you are on your game, and it will support acceptance of the "tough call" by coaches and players who know you were in the right place to make the "right" call.
- **Post-Game:**
  - The "R" should lead a thoughtful post-game review/recap; may need to leave venue to another location to have the right atmosphere to discuss the game, address anything that came up and create a time of learning from game experiences.
  - Knowledge: Stay updated with the latest rules and regulations of the sport. "Know the RULES, know the game, but know the RULES."
  - Teamwork: Refereeing is a team effort. Support your fellow referees by sharing insights, discussing challenging situations, and providing constructive feedback. "Be "open" to feedback. This makes us better! Don't take it personally!"
  - Review OLOA Webpage & Schedule Updates to Game Assignments & Important Announcements: Daily!

**Upcoming Oregon Tournaments (Spring & Summer): Mark Your Calendars!**

**Sisters Annual Lacrosse Invitational** *(powered by Thump Lacrosse)*

- Sat & Sun May 3-4 (Games begin at 8AM) Assignor: Chris Davis ([chris.davis.ref@gmail.com](mailto:chris.davis.ref@gmail.com))
- Commit Today to SALI! Link to sign up: [https://www.ohsla.net/Officials/SALI\\_form.asp](https://www.ohsla.net/Officials/SALI_form.asp)
- Housing, Group Dinner provided
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year officials encouraged to attend; great opportunity to do a lot of games & improve your skills as an official!

**Summer in Oregon:**

**June Tournament Dates: TWO (2) tournaments in June on the SAME weekend...this is an ALL HANDS call out to OLOA!**

- Bend: June 20-22 Tournament Name: **Hot Shots** *(Lodging Provided; Travel Stipend Provided)*
- Portland: June 21-22 Tournament Name: **Northwest Summer Open**

**July Tournament Dates:**

- Bend: July 18-20 Tournament: **Oregon Lacrosse Classic** (on July 18, there will be AM games; plan on it)
- Bend: July 26-27 Tournament: **Cascade Classic**  
*(Both Tournaments in July Provide Lodging and Travel Stipend)*

**The April Newsletter will provide details on how to make yourself known to the game assignor that you are available to work any of the summer tournaments listed above. Please review your family & professional calendars now to make room for officiating!**

## Off Season Jersey Availability/Ordering

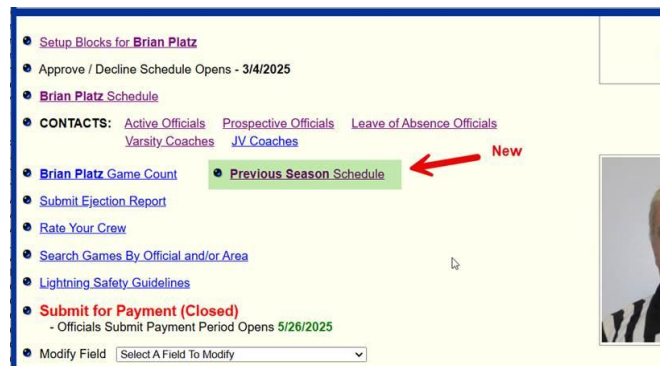
- OLOA Board has authorized an order to replenish the inventory of off-season “summer” shirts worn during the Oregon tournaments.
- Future Emails and Newsletter information will be sent to provide instructions for ordering shirts. Shirt Price: \$55.00 (Cash/Check/Venmo Options Available)



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS & ACTIONS:

- **Accept Your Game Assignments!** Please get in the habit now to check the OLOA website daily and determine if any game assignments have been added or changed to your schedule. Please Accept or Decline (provide reason for decline) as soon as possible.
- **HS Season Schedule Blocks:** Continue to update your availability for games; this really helps the game assignors know who is available on any given night. Please continue to keep updated as your availability opens or if you must block a day(s) due to professional/work, injury or family reasons.
- **2025 3-Man Mechanic** PDF available on the OLOA Website. Please review regularly to improve your positioning and ability to support the crew during the game. Website Link: [https://www.ohsla.net/Officials/Docs/2025\\_3Man\\_Mechanics.pdf](https://www.ohsla.net/Officials/Docs/2025_3Man_Mechanics.pdf)

## OLOA Webpage: New Feature on Official's Home Page (Link Provided to allow you to view prior year's game schedule)



## Has Your Address Changed?

Make sure your game fees and tax records are properly sent to you, please verify/update mailing address by following these steps:

- 1) Update your profile on the OLOA/OHSLA website
- 2) Complete a NEW IRS W-9 tax form: <https://www.ohsla.net/Officials/Docs/W-9.pdf>
- 3) Send Updated IRS W-9 tax form to OHSLA Treasurer, Joe Alexander: [joe@alexandertaxconsulting.com](mailto:joe@alexandertaxconsulting.com)

## Great Article from Willamette Week on the traditions of Lacrosse continuing through OHSLA players today

<https://www.wweek.com/sports/2025/02/05/little-eagle-horn-knows-where-lacrosse-comes-from/>

*Ideas, Contributions and Feedback for the OLOA Newsletter: Please email Tom Carney with details on how our association's communication through the newsletter and OLOA webpage can continue to support everyone's ability to be a great official. (email: [tomcarneyathome@comcast.net](mailto:tomcarneyathome@comcast.net))*