



## Mark Your Calendars!

### 2026 Season Training Dates and Required Meetings

(TBD LOCATIONS WILL BE UPDATED NEXT NEWSLETTER AND ON OLOA WEBPAGE ONCE DETAILS ARE CONFIRMED)

#### ANNUAL MEETINGS: REQUIRED

- PORTLAND** Saturday, January 24, 8:00am - 12:00noon PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE: SYLVANIA CAMPUS (12000 SW 49<sup>th</sup> St, Portland, OR 97219) See map on page 4. Building HT. Please arrive between and be in room by 8:00am. Parking is Free on Saturday
- EUGENE** Saturday, January 31, 8:00am - 11:00am TBD
- BEND** Sunday, February 1, 8:00am - 11:00am TBD

#### PORTLAND Veterans Training:

**Meeting Location: PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE: SYLVANIA CAMPUS** (12000 SW 49th St, Portland, OR 97219) See map on page 4. Building TCB. Parking Fee Applies. Approximately \$2-\$3 exact change or CC at Kiosk in parking lot. (OLOA will reimburse; details TBA) Please arrive early and be in room by 7:00pm.

- Tuesday, February 17, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Tuesday, February 24, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Tuesday, March 3, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

#### EUGENE Veterans Training:

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00pm - 9:00pm TBD

Wednesday, February 25, 7:00pm - 9:00pm TBD

Wednesday, March 4, 7:00pm - 9:00pm TBD

#### SALEM Veterans Training:

*Location: Salem Chamber of Commerce*

*1110 Commercial St. NE, Salem OR 97301*

- Thursday, February 19, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Thursday, February 26, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Thursday, March 5, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

#### BEND Veterans Training

*Location: Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt*

*360 SW Bond St, Unit 500, Bend, OR 97702*

- Monday, February 23, 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- Tuesday, February 24, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

#### PORTLAND Rookie Training: 7:00pm – 9:00pm Location TBD

Thursday, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, & March 5

#### EUGENE Rookie Training: 5:30pm – 9:00pm

Wednesday, February 18, 25 & March 4

#### BEND Rookie Training:

*Location: Vince Genna Stadium*

*401 SE Roosevelt Ave, Bend, OR 97702*

February 16-19 5:30pm-8:30pm (4 consecutive days)

#### SALEM Rookie Training: TBD

## ***Fall Season Oregon Tournaments: Mark Your Calendars!***

Sixes Showdown (Portland-Delta Park)                      December 13-14                      (Don Huber, Assignor)

### *Next Spring:*

SALI (Sisters Annual Lacrosse Invitational)                      May 2-3, 2026                      (Chris Davis, Assignor)

**OLOA Website Link for Sign-up for Fall & Spring tournaments is ready!**

**[LAX Tournament Sign-Up](#) **NEW****

### **2026 Summer Tournaments (Plan Ahead Now to Support Lacrosse in Oregon)**

- Hot Shots: June 12-14: Bend, Oregon
- Northwest Summer Open: June 20-21; Portland, Oregon
- Rogue Rising Lax Tournament: June 27-28, 2026; Medford, Oregon
- Oregon Lacrosse Classic: July 18-19; Bend, Oregon
- Cascade Summer Shootout: July 24-26; Bend, Oregon

*(Sign-up Link will be updated after January 2026 for Summer Tournaments)*

## ***High School Season Information for 2026***

Check out the OLOA Page on the OHSLA.net website for the following information:

- NEW 2026 Game Fees for JV & Varsity Games
- Mileage Reimbursement Information
- Past newsletters for reminders, updates and details

Reminder:

- Change of Address? Be sure to update your address under your OLOA profile. This will ensure your game fee checks and federal tax statement are sent to you without any delay.

Preseason Checklist

- Wash Uniforms, Jackets, Hats, Shorts/Pants
- Inspect gear/order replacement items now before the rush of the season
- Waterproof Jackets, Hats
- New Batteries for Timers
- Review your professional and family calendars to prepare for schedule “blocks” as needed

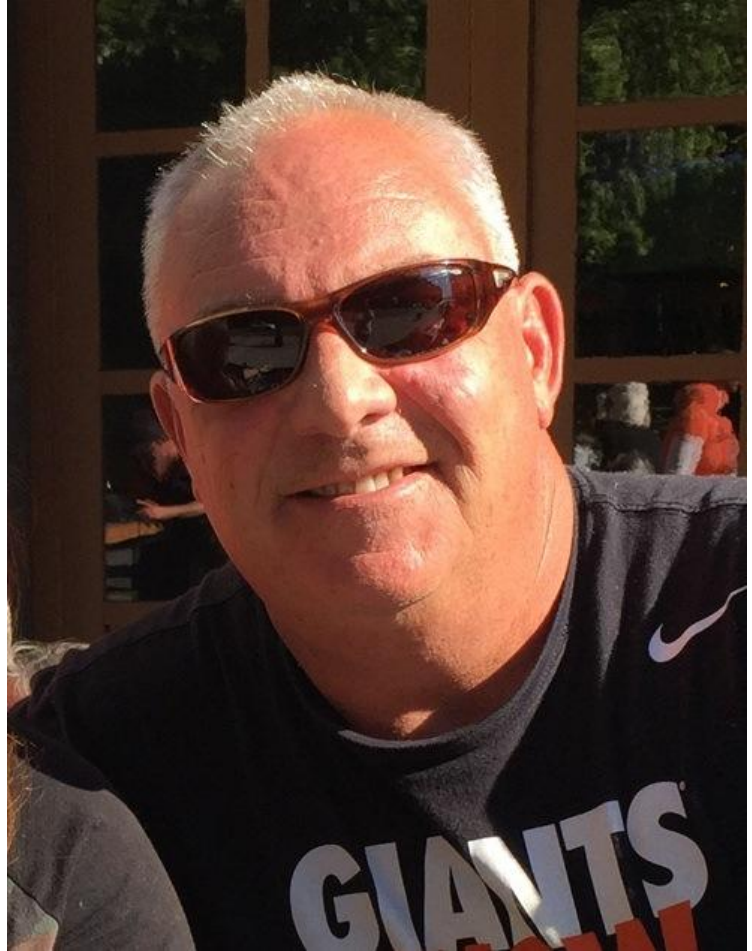
The OLOA Newsletter will highlight a few of our officiating “brothers” each edition. A great way to get to know each other on and off the field. This Month’s Edition:

**Name: Brian Platz**

Brian Platz officiated his first college lacrosse game in 1984 at Western States LAX Tournament (@Stanford Univ) and has been officiating college, club and high school lacrosse for 41 consecutive seasons. Hank Molley (RIP) was Brian’s trainer and mentor. Brian has been selected to officiate the MCLA National Tournament 5 times, including the first one ever held in St Louis (1997). Brian was a LAX Trainer for 15-20 years and has trained and mentored many officials that have passed through Oregon Lacrosse. Brian served on the OLOA Board for approximately 12-14 years (~1999 – 2014) and currently is serving on the OHSLA Board as an Assistant Commissioner. Brian was inducted into the Oregon Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2007.

**Hobbies:** Brian enjoys traveling and anything to do with the water including Scuba Diving (Divemaster since 1986), Swimming, Boating, Jet Skiing, Rafting and walks on the beach. Brian has always loved Photography and did it for years, including a B&W darkroom in Ireland and underwater photography. Brian also loves computers and databases which he has made a profession since 1992 as the owner of “The Web Doctor”.

**Fun Fact:** Brian lived in Ireland for 2 years (1980 – 1982) after graduating from high school and worked in his relative’s shop in Kilkee, Co Clare Ireland. Brian later (~2005) had the opportunity to get dual citizenship and completed the paperwork (a 2-year process) and now carries two passports.





**Name: Devin Bentz**

Hey everyone — hard to believe I’m heading into my 11th year as a lacrosse official! I started out reffing basketball back in high school as a good side job, but after playing lacrosse in Seattle and moving to Portland, I wanted to stay connected to the game. That’s when I met Don — and honestly, after that first season, I was hooked. I ditched basketball and found the best lacrosse ref family I could ever ask for.

What keeps me coming back year after year are the summer tournaments. There’s just nothing better — hanging out with you guys, reffing a bunch of games, staying in a big house, and having way too much fun. It’s less formal, more laughs, and just an all-around blast. Some of my favorite memories aren’t even from the games themselves — it’s the late nights in the parking lot around Hoff’s car, the poker games, river floats, BBQs, cornhole battles, and all the ridiculous stories that come with it. Those are the moments I’ll never forget.

Outside of lacrosse, I’m usually out diving for crab, spearfishing, or flying my paraglider — all things that keep life exciting. I also just ran the Portland Half Marathon, which was a great personal accomplishment, and I’ve already signed up for the full marathon next year. Still debating if I should run it in my stripes! I’m also in my second year on the OLOA Board, and it’s been awesome to help grow the game and give back to a community that’s given me so much. I’m really excited about where lacrosse in Oregon is headed, and I’ll keep doing my part to keep our brotherhood strong and growing.

**“Remember: the call is always right... unless you ask the sideline.”**

**<<<<< Devin & John “Enjoying” Seconds at the SALI Bar-B-Que!!!**





**Name:** Craig Lyons

**Years Officiating?** I am in my 18th season, I think.

**What's your favorite way to spend a weekend?**

If not at a lacrosse tournament, then in the winter you'll typically find me hiking a mountain somewhere so I can ski back down it, though that activity has given way to more chairlifts as my body tells me to slow down. Summer, I'm often on the water, fishing and kayaking, and we travel a lot. "Not all who wander are lost."

**What's something we don't know about you?**

I almost never eat fast food. Last time I ate at McDonald's was at least 25 years ago.

I can probably recite the entire movie, "Stripes".

*"Chicks dig me because I rarely wear underwear, and when I do it's usually something unusual."*

**What's your favorite lacrosse memory?**

Bald eagles fighting with crows over fields in Bend.

Getting ready at the table to call my first ejection ever, and Soo Hoo running in front of me to steal the thunder.

Scoring a goal in the Connecticut High School 4A state championship game and seeing my dad celebrating in the stands.

# Portland Area Annual Meeting and Veterans Training Location

Portland Community College: Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland, OR 97219

Weekend: Free Parking

Weekday: Parking Fee Applies. (anticipate approximately \$2-\$3; OLOA will reimburse; details TBA)

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## Sylvania Campus

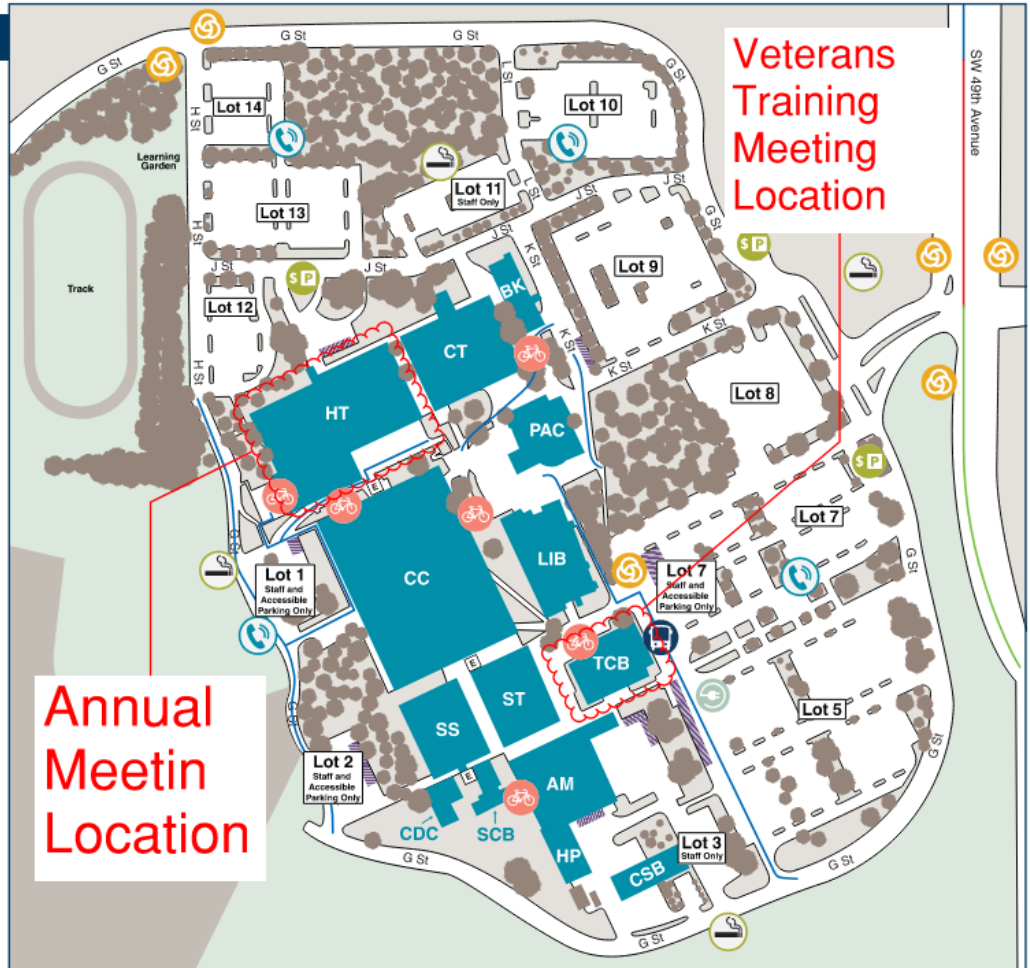
12000 SW 49th Ave  
Portland, OR 97219  
pcc.edu/sylvania

### BUILDINGS

- AM** Automotive & Metals Bldg
- BK** Bookstore
- CC** Amo De Bernardis College Center
- CDC** Child Development Center
- CSB** College Service Building
- CT** Communications Technology Bldg
- HP** Heat Plant
- HT** Health Technology Bldg
- LIB** Library
- PAC** Performing Arts Center
- SCB** South Classroom Bldg
- SS** Social Science Bldg
- ST** Science & Technology Bldg
- TCB** Technology Classroom Bldg

### MAP ICONS

-  TriMet Stop
-  PCC Shuttle Stop
-  Daily Parking Permit Stations
-  Blue Light Emergency Phone
-  Electric Charging Station
-  Bikeway
-  Bike Lane
-  Bike with Caution
-  Bicycle Parking
-  Designated Smoking Area
-  Elevator (Outdoor Access)
-  Accessible Parking



Annual Meeting Location

Veterans Training Meeting Location

For detailed building and parking lot information, visit [pcc.edu/map](http://pcc.edu/map).

Public Safety (CSB, Room 320)  
Emergency 911 or 971-722-4444 | Non-Emergency 971-722-4902

