



The High School Season Begins March 16, 2026

High School Season Information for 2026

Game Schedules and Scheduling Blocks:

- Assignors have your initial weeks of games out for approval. Make it a “daily” practice to review your game schedule for new assignments, game changes and crew updates.
- Schedule Blocks: Now is the time to ensure your availability beginning March 16th.
 - Sign-In and block any dates you are not available to work games. Early season availability should be completed now, and future availability should be updated regularly. Please make this a priority throughout the season.

Preseason Checklist

- Wash Uniforms, Jackets, Hats, Shorts/Pants
- Inspect gear/order replacement items now before the rush of the season
- Waterproof Jackets, Hats (Need a new jacket? Contact Don Huber: email: don11660@gmail.com)
- New Batteries for Timers
- Continue your Fitness Training: Stretch, Walk-Jog-Run

Officials who are assigned as “R” (head official) should begin communicating via email to your crews for the initial game nights beginning March 16th. (*Goal: 48 hours prior to game for communications to the crew and crew confirmation*)

Oregon Tournaments: Mark Your Calendars!

2026 Spring/Summer Tournaments (Plan Ahead Now to Support Lacrosse in the Northwest)

- SALI: May 2-3: Sisters, OR
 - Hot Shots: June 12-14: Bend, OR
 - Northwest Summer Open: June 20-21; Tacoma, WA
 - Rogue Rising Lax Tournament: June 27-28; Medford, OR
 - Oregon Lacrosse Classic: July 18-19; Bend, OR
 - The Gathering: July 24-26; Whitefish, MT
 - Cascade Summer Shootout: July 25-26; Bend, OR
- (Sign-up Link and Tournament details on the OLOA website home page)*

Additional Tournaments in the greater Pacific Northwest. (thru 2026)

Summer Solstice Shootout by WaLax: June 5 -7, Seattle WA

The Brawl in McCall by Treasure State: August 1 & 2, McCall ID

Inland Cup hosted by Treasure State: Oct 10 & 11, Spokane WA

Space Needle Shootout by WaLax: December 4 - 6, Tukwilla WA

Oregon Fall Classic by Team Oregon: November 16-17, Delta Park, OR

“Sixes” Winter Tournament by Team Oregon: Dec 12 & 13, Delta Park OR

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:

John Chessar

How did you get involved with officiating lacrosse?

Jill Josselyn, once one of the best of us, approached me with "we are desperate for officials, would you consider giving it a try"? I was thirty pounds overweight and got out of breath going up a flight of stairs. Desperate indeed! First scrimmage, I ruptured my Achilles. Surgery and a blood clot. Not a good start, not a good year. Don Huber drove me to St. V's and Jill tried to convince me I wouldn't die. That was 18 years ago and what a ride it has been!

Favorite memories as an official?

The memories are wonderful and many. The road trips to tournaments and weekends with the kids and "Da Boys". Whitefish, Sisters, Bend and the river trips. Las Vegas! Officiating a game my Grandson was playing in was a great joy. What we do is physically, mentally and emotionally challenging. The pride I felt walking out on the field with each and every one of you. Most of all, sitting across from Don discussing family, friends, God and Country.

Tell us something about yourself outside of lacrosse.

I am a lifelong certified scuba diver and cave diver. As often as I can, I kayak the Siletz Bay and River with my dog Coco, crabbing and fishing. I am a terrible golfer and getting worse. In my 40's, I took a horseback riding lesson offered by a patient. I showed up in cowboy boots, jeans and a John Wayne *swagger* and ended up in jodhpurs on a flat saddle. I spent a dozen years on the competitive Equestrian Circuit. Horse named Oly. Near the end, over a couple beers and a watermelon in his stall, my partner and I decided to give it up before one of us broke something that couldn't be fixed. He spent the last days of his life out to pasture with 3 mares and all the apples and watermelon he could eat. Loved that horse!

Love you Boys! John



Robert Auerbach

How did you get involved with lacrosse?

Lacrosse has been a big part of my life since growing up on Long Island in the 1960's. My first sticks were made of wood, and I recall the excitement when we transitioned to plastic heads in high school, no longer schlepping a hunk of lumber around the field; and yes, some might describe me as a FLID.

After decades away from the game, I was part of a group starting a youth program in Redding, CA, in 2006, which was then the northern frontier of NorCal lacrosse. I stepped in to fill the need for local officials, and thus began my officiating journey, like now, in an area growing the game with limited officiating resources to support its growth.

Favorite memories as a lacrosse official:

For my very first game in Oregon, I was assigned with Brian Platz to work St Mary's High School's inaugural game in Medford. Any nervousness about being a relatively new official was dispelled within minutes, and I felt welcomed into the OLOA brotherhood. The idea of the officials' crew as the 3rd team on the field was real, not just a slogan, and for me, an important reason that I will continue to officiate for as long as these old legs allow.

Tell us something about you outside of lacrosse:

My wife Esther and I are avid hikers, and we try to incorporate it into our love of travel. Our two favorite treks have been traversing England from west to east along its Coast-to-Coast National Trail and the historic 500-mile pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago through Northern Spain. When not hiking or imbibing Oregon's world-class wines, I volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, helping to build low-income housing in the Rogue Valley.



Next OLOA Newsletter Addition...Early/Mid-April

- Training Insights/Videos
- Summer Official's Jersey (how to order)
- ...and much, much more!