

CWLOA Update

Summer 2017 Newsletter
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Colorado Women's Lacrosse Officials Association

Summer and the tournaments begin!

Yes, it's summer and as you know Denver is a hot bed of girls lacrosse tournaments in the summer – lots of people want to come here, since it's so beautiful here (don't you know it!) so there is a lot of opportunity for you to continue officiating, even though the college and high school seasons are just about over! So don't hang up your stripes and whistle yet!

This past weekend was

the CGLA tournament, which quite a few of you helped out with.

The tournaments coming up are:

* Jamboree June 3-4

* Vail Lacrosse Tournament (youth) June 19-21

* Mountain West Claxix – July 22-23

* Vail Lacrosse Shootout

Girls U19 June 25-28

Women's Elite – July 1-4

There are often out of state officials who come in to work the tournaments, so please don't wait until the last minute

to let the person who is scheduling officials know you are interested.

Contact Frank Bailey

bailey5280@gmail.com for the Jamboree – June 3-4
Denver Shootout – June 16-18 and the Vail Lacrosse Shootout

Contact Devin Bauman

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Contact Allen Maxwell for Mountain West Claxix July 22-23 director@laxusa.com

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Girls State Final: Congratulations to Colorado Academy who won the Girls State Lacrosse championship against Cherry Creek HS in a good defensive match, 8-5 on Wednesday, May 24th. Congratulations to all our officials who worked the playoff games. It was great to see you on the field and doing a great job representing all of us. Congratulations to all our officials for successfully officiating throughout the high school lacrosse season. We hope you have a great summer, and continue to grow as an official.

Year End Picnic and Meeting

Our year-end meeting will be held **June 17th starting at 6 pm at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, 6000 Victory Way, Commerce City, CO 80222**

We will meet at the CWLOA officials' tent. Look for it near the turf fields across from the stadium. Food & drinks will be provided. (If you did not get the email with the invite, here's the link – <http://evite.me/Ft7rdY3zXW> Please RSVP, by June 10th, so we make sure we have enough food and drink for everyone.) We will elect new board members for those positions that are expiring, and conduct just a little bit of business, and we need your participation for this. The board positions that are expiring are: President, Training & Ratings Coordinator, and Secretary. Each of these positions will run through June 2019.

When the meeting portion of the meeting is over, we will have a picnic and socialize.

Please send in your nominations if you haven't already, to cwloaboard@gmail.com

2017 Colorado Lacrosse Awards Ceremony

Please plan to join the Colorado Chapter of USL to honor the 2017 Hall of Fame Inductees, celebrate the 2017 High School Champions, and recognize USL Youth Awards recipients. If there is enough interest CWLOA will buy a table. Please send your name to cwloaboard@gmail.com ASAP, if you are interested. We need 8 people to fill a table.

The awards ceremony is June 5, 2017 (Monday) starting at 6:00 p.m. It will be held this year at the **Mile High Stadium in the East Club Level**.

2017 Colorado Lacrosse Hall of Fame Inductees: are Matt Brown and Dave Traylor



Summer Programs and Clinics through US Lacrosse

The US Lacrosse Officials Education Program offers different clinics, grants and scholarship opportunities for officials at all levels. Go to www.uslacrosse.org Women's Officials Programs and Clinics to see where and when these opportunities are this summer and fall.



US Lacrosse has established the **LEAD (Local Enrichment And Development)** Clinic Program for officials across the country. Originally established to focus on two-person mechanics for those officials seeking additional professional growth and development opportunities, US Lacrosse has now expanded the program to three different levels. LEAD clinics utilize regional lacrosse tournaments along with summer and fall lacrosse camps as sites for concentrated lacrosse officiating development. The philosophy behind the LEAD program is to make these clinics accessible to all lacrosse officials from around the country. This balanced representation enables officials from developing and established areas to polish their officiating skills under the instruction of a qualified US Lacrosse clinician.

LEAD are designed for both established and developing areas that need help in the basic recruiting, training, retaining, and rating of officials. These clinics focus primarily on the classroom training requirements for certification for both new and returning officials. **There is no application for LEAD 1 clinics as they are open to all interested local officials.**

LEAD Level 2 clinics are designed for 2-person mechanics and are geared toward officials looking to develop their skills and become stronger overall officials. These clinics combine classroom training with a heavy emphasis on repeated on-field observations for immediate, actionable feedback from the clinicians.

LEAD Level 3 clinics are designed for 3-person mechanics and more advanced levels of play. These clinics are for officials who have demonstrated strong ability in 2-person mechanics, and are ready to start officiating higher level games that require three officials and stronger game management skills. LEAD Level 3 clinics combine classroom training and challenging on-field observations that emphasize proper positioning and a focus on key areas of responsibility.

Special Interest: Recruiting

CWLOA is always looking for new officials. Data shows that lacrosse grows at a pace that far outstrips the ability of organizations to cover game assignments, and we see this in Colorado every season. *We need each of you to recruit people to become officials!*

Officials are needed. Those that played or coached the game are at a distinct advantage because they understand the game and how it is supposed to flow. They just need to be taught the rules and how to approach the game from an official's perspective. Those that officiate other sports and want to start officiating lacrosse benefit from knowing how to manage a game, and need to be taught the intricacies of lacrosse.

Those that have never played the game or officiated another sport are also welcome. With persistence and a few good mentors we've had many uncertain officials mature

into strong, capable officials.

The biggest obstacle to those interested in officiating is they have no idea where to start. Below is a short roadmap with the information those you recruit will need to start their officiating journey.

Step 1 - Do you really want to do this?

Whether you are looking to give back to the game, get more exercise, or make a few extra bucks they need to actually want to do this. We need those in for the long haul so evaluating why they want to officiate is a first step.

Step 2 - Find your Local Board Chair or Sub-District Coordinator

CWLOA current Board Chair is Cyndy Schlaepfer-Youker (cwloaboard@gmail.com). Most training classes are conducted in January and February, for new officials, but we also have some fall training for officials to take advantage of available fall ball games for training purposes.

Step 3 - Prepare for class

There is a stunning amount of information to absorb and comprehend, and you're not going to get everything down pat after your first class. You can cut the learning curve down a great deal by reading a rule a night, watching the current season's rule interpretation videos, and reading officiating articles on the [US Lacrosse Central Hub](#).

Step 4 - Get game reps!

No amount of training can replace game experience. You need game repetitions; preferably at the youth level under the guidance of a more experienced official to help you.



Upcoming Calendar Events

June: Tournaments, Youth, HS and college

July: More tournaments!

August: Time to take a break and enjoy your summer before the fall ball and training sessions begin!

We wanted to give you a heads up on some lacrosse events that are coming up so you can put these on your calendar if you are interested in participating as an official or attending as a spectator! [We also have the calendar on our website cwloa.com so please refer to that throughout the month as that is where we have updates posted.](#)

Contact cwloaboard@gmail.com if you have something to be added to our calendar

June 15th –Monthly CWLOA Social will be at Spanky's Roadhouse, 1800 East Evans Avenue, Denver, CO 80210 starting at 6:30 pm

June 3rd & 4th - Rocky Mountain Jamboree, Easton Park

June 16th - 18th - Denver Shootout Tournament, Dicks Sporting Goods Park

June 17th – CWLOA Year-end Picnic & Meeting

June 19th – 21st – Vail Lacrosse Tournament

June/July: Vail Lacrosse Shootout

Girls U19 June 25th - June 28th

Women's Elite July 1st - July 4th

There will not be a Women's Masters tournament this year.

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Promoting the ideals of sportsmanship, personal responsibility and team work in the sport of lacrosse

CWLOA is a nonprofit organization focused on recruiting training and rating new officials, developing and supporting higher-rated officials and promoting a safe and positive environment for women's lacrosse throughout Colorado.

The association seeks to provide safe, fair, and impartial officiating for women's lacrosse games while promoting the ideals of sportsmanship, personal responsibility, and team work in the sport of lacrosse.

CWLOA board president – Cyndy Schlaepfer-Youker cwloaboard@gmail.com

Have an idea for an article or a question you want answered?

Submit to: cwloaboard@gmail.com

Want to become more involved? These are the areas we need ideas and help with:
Recruiting / Training / Rating / Mentoring / Web site – updating/design / Recognition

Please send an email to cwloaboard@gmail.com and include your name, email, phone number. Let us know how you would like to be involved, and list special skills you would be able to provide, if any.

Spotlight – Christine Hatton – Official / Player / Coach

Tell us about how you became involved with women's lacrosse? My family is from Connecticut originally, so lacrosse was a major sport in the area. My brothers played growing up. We moved to Georgia when I was in elementary school, so lacrosse wasn't an option for me. I played soccer until high school. My freshman year, I attended a boarding school that had lacrosse. My older brother bought me my first stick and taught me how to catch and throw before tryouts. I was the only freshman that made varsity! I was so excited. After a rough year at boarding school, I decided to go back to public school and luckily, they had just started a program. Unfortunately, they weren't nearly as good. I still ended up playing in college and then was given the opportunity to coach, and so the journey began.... I started a program at Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska in 2011, 4 months after graduating from college. I was a 21-year-old Head Coach and was completely clueless! After 2 years in the plains, I moved back to Atlanta and started coaching at a school there- Reinhardt University. I began officiating then as well for some extra money. Two years later, I moved to Colorado to start the program at UCCS. I continued officiating because I really enjoy it.

How old were you when you first played lacrosse and where have you played? I was 14, a freshman in high school. I played at The Darlington School, Rockdale County High School, and Tennessee Wesleyan College. Last year, I joined the CO Women's Lacrosse Club and will be playing in the Vail Shootout for the first time this summer!

When did you first become an official, and expound on your involvement and move to Colorado? I became an official in 2012. My former high school coach encouraged me to try it out. I didn't like it at first... I mean, who likes getting yelled at?! After a few games, I became more confident and learned to ignore the stands. I officiated for 3 years in Georgia and moved to Colorado in the fall of 2015. I have now been an official for 5 years and it has been very rewarding. I have been given a lot of opportunity to work high level games in Colorado and it has been a lot of fun. I've really enjoyed meeting everyone here!

What is your favorite lacrosse memory? Well, I have a few...

Playing wise: I broke my high school's record for most goals in a game.

Coaching: My team at Midland was playing in the post-season tournament and we were tied and went into overtime. The other team scored... My goalie immediately asked the official to check the girl's stick (which was a rule at the time...) and it was illegal! The goal didn't count. We got the ball and went down and scored!

Officiating: Officiating my FIRST GAME EVER with Rena Whitehouse, a Nationally rated official, and her telling me I had a great game and she wouldn't have known it was my first game. Little did she know, on the way to the game I was so nervous I was getting nauseous.

What do you like to do in your free time and for entertainment? You can always find me enjoying the sunshine. I really enjoy hiking, camping, skiing, and going to the dog park with my fur babies.

From last month's spotlight official (Bobbie Sagan) What is the weirdest job you've ever had?

During the summer, right after graduating college and before I moved to Nebraska to start my coaching career, I learned to drive a tractor and mowed a 90 acre horse pasture for several hours a day. I found a new appreciation for farmers.

Lastly, ask a question for our next month's spotlight:

What is your spirit animal and why?