

CWLOA Update

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Colorado Women's Lacrosse Officials Association

Classroom Training

Classroom training options are down to one or possibly 2 options. If you don't have 6 hours of classroom or didn't attend the Annual Rules Interpretation you need to get to the Comprehensive Session on **February 2nd**. It is **from 11 am to 4 pm at Phillip Miller Library in Castle Rock**

March 2nd before on-field (if needed) time and place to be determined.

Western slope will be in Grand Junction on March 2. Will be at CMU Mav center Room 160 from 8 to noon. On field will start at 12:30 at Longs Park which is adjacent to Central High in Grand Junction

Mid-mountain training will be February 6th at Battle Mountain High School. 4 pm to 7 pm.

Fort Collins training will be February 16th at CSU campus in Clark C, Room 144 from 10 am to 4 pm. Mitch Sellers is leading this training. His phone number is 832-368-9435 in case you have need.

For officials working NCAA games there will be a mandatory **NCAA rules session** February 10th at Regis U, Loyola Hall, Room 33 from 8 am to noon. If you have any questions concerning this, please Contact Frank Bailey bailey5280@gmail.com

Reminder NFHS Rules Exam. You need to take the test and score at least an 80%. When you have completed your exam send the confirmation to cwloaonboard.com

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Arbiter Blocks for 2019 Season

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Attention:

The Draw (scheduling of HS games) begins on **February 9th** and is a multi day process.

Anyone who has not completed training (unless you are going to the make-ups) and/or have not paid dues and fees will NOT be included in the draw.

BLOCKS: If you don't have your blocks in

before February 9th you may get scheduled for games you cannot do. This is a problem for everyone, as games that are turned back by officials end up with the inappropriate officials on those games. So please block your calendar in Arbiter for times you are Not Available to do games. In addition to days, dates & times. You need to also manage: **Distance** (you are willing to drive to officiate a game), **Sites**

(you don't want to go to), and **Teams** (you don't want to officiate).

Once you have completed that, put a partial block on March 3rd from 5 am to 6 am; and a partial block on April 14th from 8 am to 9 am. That way Frank will know you have completed your Blocks.

In order to have the best possible result for the initial draw, all officials need to manage each of these elements as they apply to you.

Also: If you haven't sent an

email to Frank Bailey with the number of days per week you want to work and the number of games per day you are willing to work, please email him with this information as soon as possible:
bailey5280@gmail.com

As the season progresses, make sure you keep your blocks updated as things in your life change.

Service Hours and Mentoring Program

by Michelle Gazarik

Service Hours- What are these?

So you like the opportunity to officiate lacrosse. It's an admirable job, keeping the game safe and fair for all players. AND you earn a paycheck while staying fit. But did you ever think about all the volunteer effort that goes on behind the scenes to operate our officials' organization? Do you know how many volunteers put in time to meet, write, schedule, create, evaluate, update, train, communicate, guide, and repeat? MANY (check out our board members and volunteer committees on our website). BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH! WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE!

And that is where service hours come in. Aim for 4 hours of service to our organization annually. A few officials give much more than that.

[US Lacrosse](#) recognizes this and so does the [Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Officiating Association](#). Each of these organizations governs a portion of the how officials are registered, trained, certified, and assigned: US Lacrosse covers youth,

HS, and college club lacrosse, while the COA covers NCAA officials. And each organization asks that officials (that's you) give back to their associations in the form of service hours.

How can you help, particularly if you are new?

First, be ATTENTIVE and TAKE ACTION when asked. That means read this newsletter and your emails. Take your online rules exam(s). Enter dates in your calendar, reply when a response is requested, and sign up to attend or help when asked. A special "THANKS!" to Tia Krats who volunteered to attend a Parent/Youth event for Coyotes Club to discuss rules, answer questions, and describe good sideline behavior for fans.

Second, join the [MENTOR PROGRAM](#). We would love to see EACH and EVERY one of

you SIGN UP TO either be a MENTOR or a MENTEE.

Third, consider BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER or VOLUNTEERING ON A COMMITTEE. We need experienced officials to HELP WITH FIELD TRAINING & RATINGS on Mar 2 (HIGH SCHOOL PLAY DAY), Mar 3 (YOUTH PLAY DAY called Spring Fling), Mar 16 possible youth pre-season mini tournament. We will send emails in the near future with links to sign up to assist with these and others.

Fourth, ATTEND THE YEAR-END Picnic and Meeting (Date/Location TBD, sometime beginning in June)

Finally, MAINTAIN A POSITIVE OUTLOOK and PROFESSIONAL MANNER on and off the field. Refrain from talking badly about a fellow official to anyone, we all make mistakes. Be supportive and helpful to each other, to coaches and players. We are here to keep the game safe and fair, thereby making the game a better experience for everyone! Thank you for YOUR SERVICE!

Mentoring Link and More

Mentoring Link: <http://tinyurl.com/cwloa-mentor-link>

We are constantly trying to improve and grow the core of our officials' organization, and we hope that you will join the mentor program either as a mentor or a mentee.

If you haven't signed up to be a mentor yet, please consider doing so at this link (above).

We are also going to be managing the schedule so that newer officials are paired as much as possible with seasoned officials. We are also going to have more experienced officials doing some observations throughout the season to help our newer officials get more comfortable on the field, hopefully sooner than in the past without this guidance. If you have any questions about how this might work for you please contact Frank Bailey or Les Snively. Les@windstream.biz or bailey5280@gmail.com

Training – We support you to grow as an official

CWLOA has developed our budget so that we can help support those officials who are interested in furthering their training outside of Colorado, to grow their skills. We set aside money for improving our current officials by helping them with

costs of travelling to the US Lacrosse convention, and going to training that is offered through US Lacrosse for women's officials. The money would be used to help those that attend clinics, the convention, etc. The amount of people who qualify for the umpire development stipend determines on how much

is paid to each individual. There is \$1,000 in our budget for this stipend with a maximum of \$200 paid per individual. If you are interested in finding out more about this or if training you are planning to go to would be considered for this, please contact Allison Bailey albailey7@gmail.com

Our budget is available for everyone to see on our website:

cwloa.com/About
[CWLOA/CWLOA Info](#)

Our website: Colorado High Schools

Hopefully you are used to going on our website and exploring for information. We provide a lot of information that should be useful to you before and during the season. We would like to highlight two areas of our website.

On the tab **Colorado Info / CO High Schools**, you will find a map of Colorado and where all the schools are located. Christine Wiedinmyer who is our webmaster put this map together. Thanks Christine!

We also have information on assignors. Go to **Colorado Info / High School Assignors** which you may find helpful if you need to contact an assignor during the season.

Your Community of Officials – Facebook Join Us!

FACEBOOK:

We've publicized it but want you all to be sure you know that we have a Facebook page. Please like us. We will be posting rules and other fun informative information that might be of use to you.

Pass it along to your friends who also might be interested in officiating!!





Email: cwloaboard@gmail.com

Web site: CWLOA.com

Facebook: CWLOA
(Please join us!)

**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 and 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 – Devin Bauman – Official

Tell us how you first became involved with officiating women's lacrosse

As a football official I was on DJ Bremser's crew. He came up to me one day and asked if I would like to officiate a game called Lacrosse. I said "Why not! " Here I am.

What other sports do you officiate?

I am a 20-year football official. I have officiated volleyball for 2 years, and when I was in college, in '89 & '90, I officiated intramural sports to pay for room and board.

How do these other sports help you with lacrosse officiating?

Officiating other sports helps with situational interpretation. Real time rules application.

Do you have a favorite lacrosse memory or story from your experiences?

Over the years I have made numerous memories. However, the most amazing thing is getting to see coaches on the sidelines that I had the privilege to officiate during their playing careers.

What is one officiating goal you personally want to achieve this coming season?

I want the opportunity to pass my love and knowledge of the game to the next generation.

What hobbies do you have outside of lacrosse?

Cycling, weight training and Legos.

Overtime: Where are you going on your next vacation?

My wife & I are celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary on an 8 day cruise to the Caribbean in April.

From the last newsletter spotlight official (Christine Weidinmyer:) What is your biggest challenge as a lacrosse official?

Balancing work, family & officiating. Making the most of what you have!

Finally, ask a question for our next spotlight official. What do you feel is the biggest obstacle we face in training our newest officials?