

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1. What clinic do I sign up for?

A: Sign up for Entry Level if:

- ✓ You are a brand new referee and are 17* or younger.

A: Sign up for Level 1 if:

- ✓ You are a returning EL referee from the previous season
- ✓ You are a new referee that is 18* or older.
- ✓ You are an experienced official from another sport but are new to lacrosse, and are 16 or older..

A: Sign up for Level 2 if:

- ✓ You are at least 16 (as of Dec 31) and have been a full level 1 referee for at least 2 full seasons.

2. I have been a level 2 for 2 years, why can't I register for a level 3?

A: Level 3 is for officials working in Junior and above and is offered to referees by invitation only.

3. How many years do I have to do level 1?

A: At least 1, possibly 2 or 3 years. 16(as of Dec 31) is the minimum age for Level 2 and you must have at least 2 full years as a L1 referee before you can advance to level 2.

4. Is the on-floor clinic mandatory?

A: Yes it is.

5. If I can't attend the scheduled on-floor time, can I still referee?

A: Yes, only if you register and successfully attend a different on-floor session.

6. Will we get paid for attending the on-floor training?

A: No

7. I am an experienced referee. Do I have to do this every year?

A: Yes, all referees must recertify each year. If you are experienced, give other referees the benefit of your experience by participating in these clinics and helping your peers. Learning never stops, you may find yourself learning something new and or it is possible you will help someone else learn something new. Your role in the clinics will change as you gain experience.



8. I have a game scheduled prior to the clinic. Am I allowed to ref?

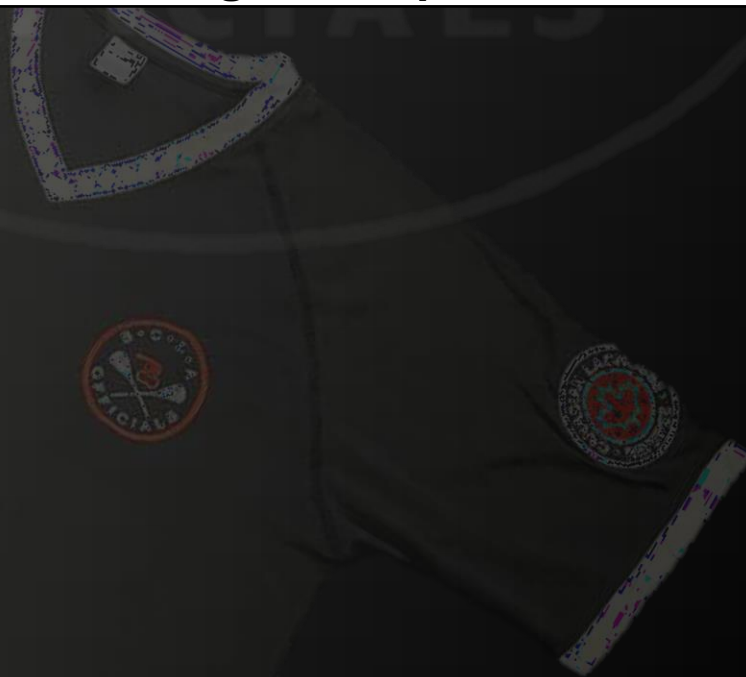
A: If you were a certified referee last season, then Yes. Referees with a valid certification card from the previous season may continue to referee until the final regular scheduled referee clinic for the current season. For eg: If the last regular scheduled minor referee clinic is set for April 2nd, a returning official from last year may referee up to Apr 2. After April 2 they may no longer referee without a current certification card.

9. What if I cannot make the clinic that I registered for?

A: Please contact your head referee ASAP and inform them you can not attend the clinic you were previously registered for and arrange with them to re-register for a different clinic.

10. Can I just walk into a clinic?

A: No. You must have registered prior to attending a clinic.



11. Do I need to bring referee gear to my clinic?

A: No. All referees will need to bring a pen/pencil and paper, a mobile device (tablet, smart phone, laptop etc).

The uniform is:

- ✓ BCLA Jersey (new officials need to purchase one through X-Treme Threads <https://bit.ly/3OGmrcM>)
- ✓ Black Helmet (do not use your player helmet, as the face mask needs to come off)
- ✓ Black Pants - not sweatpants
- ✓ Fox 40 Whistle (can be purchased at Sport Chek)
- ✓ Black Socks
- ✓ Black Undershirt (if required)

12. Where can I get a referee jersey?

A: Referee jersey's can be purchased at X-Treme Threads online at <https://bit.ly/3OGmrcM>

13. Where can I get the Fox 40 (pealess whistle)

A: Most sporting goods retailers offer them or can obtain them. Sport Chek etc...
Amazon and other online retailers also sell them.

