

Board Vote Scheduled: January 28, 2025

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| Chair | Jessica Lowrance |
| Vice Chair | John Hansen |
| Past Chair | Vacant |
| Secretary | Ron Fowler |
| Treasurer | Pat Dillon |
| At Large Member | Vacant |
| At Large Member | Amy Stevens |
| Ex Officio NYYLL Coordinator | Jen Roane |
| Ex Officio HS Assignor | Margaret Kondracki |

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| Development | Emily Falk |
| Youth Training | Emily Falk/Kim Edmonson |
| Rating Coordinator | Mary Ann Wagner |
| Finance | Pat Dillon/John Hansen |
| Ethics & Professional Conduct | Pat Dillon/John Hansen/Ron Fowler |
| Assignors | Margaret Kondracki (HS) Jen Roane (Youth) Jessica Lowrance (St. James) |

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| Rules Interpreter | Jessica Lowrance |
| Recruiting Coordinator | Vacant |

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| • Pay local dues | End of season via Arbiter Pay |
| • Renew USA Lacrosse membership | Annual |
| • Attend annual rules interpretation meeting | January/February each year |
| • Pass the written test at the appropriate level | Date to be announced |
| • Compliance with the "NFHS Officials Code of Ethics" contained in the NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rules Book, including working with other officials in a constructive and cooperative manner, and ensuring that interactions with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues, and the public are conducted in a positive manner. All matters concerning officials' compliance with the NFHS Code of Ethics will be referred to the Ethics & Professional Conduct Committee for consideration and action, as appropriate. | |

The consequence for failing to renew USA Lacrosse or failing to take and pass the written test is the removal from assigned games until the requirements are met.

All WLUA members are expected to attend the annual rules interpretation meeting. A member may miss the annual rule interpretation meeting with no consequence if they have communicated with the Chair prior to the meeting and been excused and if they attend another board's rule interpretation meeting. If the member attends another board's annual interpretation meeting as their make-up session, they must provide proof of attendance to the Chair prior to the beginning of the season.

Any member who misses the annual rule interpretation meeting and is not excused, or who is excused but fails to fulfill the other meeting attendance requirements outlined above, will be suspended from WLUA membership and will not be assigned games. Any member has the right to appeal this suspension to the Executive Committee, if special circumstances have precluded their fulfilling the meeting requirements. This appeal must be made in writing to the Chair and list specific reasons for the appeal.

Officials Certification:

New adult umpire certification will be through USA Lacrosse Officials Certification Program. Certification is rolling through the standardized online training with USA Lacrosse and an on-field evaluation. On-field evaluations are offered 3 times a year, early September (fall ball), early December (winter league) and early March (spring season). The four steps to get certified are:

1. Become a USA Lacrosse member
2. Complete the Apprentice Module and Girls Officials Annual Certification Module
3. Register with WLUA
4. Sign up for an onboarding webinar and on-field evaluation

Sabbatical from Umpiring:

Any member that takes one (1) season off for personal reasons or due to an injury will be required to retake the Girls Officials Annual Certification Module through USA Lacrosse. Any member that takes two (2) or more seasons off will be required to complete the online Girls Officials Annual Certification Module and 3 Advanced online Courses AND have an on-field evaluation. This can be done through the standardized online certification with USA Lacrosse and any of the 3 offered on-field evaluations.

Membership Transfer Requirements:

- A WLUA Transfer form must be completed to transfer as a certified/rated umpire. If a form is not completed than they transfer in as a new umpire.
- A transfer/secondary member with the rating of Apprentice, Local 1, Local 2, and Local 3 will be evaluated on the field by a member of the Training/Rating committee or a member appointed by the Executive Committee and have a letter of recommendation sent by their primary board.

Junior Umpire Transition:

- Must be a member in good standing with WLUA/NVYLL or other local board
- Must be out of high school and at least 18 years of age
- Must be recommended by the NVYLL Program Coordinator or NVYLL Assigner
- Must complete an on-field evaluation by a member of the Training/Rating committee or a member appointed by the Executive Committee on a high school game during in season scrimmages or out of season tournament or leagues, and complete specified online USA Lacrosse courses.
- First year of transition will receive Middle School games ONLY, unless approved by EC and Rating Committee.

Rating:

Effective August 1, 2024, any member will now be charged a rating fee. The fee for each rating is \$75 and will be deducted at the end of the season from your game fee check. If for some reason a current member has not ever been rated, WLUA will grandfather them in and cover the cost of their first rating.

Any member that receives an Apprentice or L1 rating must have a pre-season on field evaluation prior to receiving game assignments.

The timing of all ratings will be contingent on rater availability.

Assigning Policies:

Each assignor will post officials schedules on Arbiter. It is the responsibility of each official to ensure that their personal contact information is complete and up to date on Arbiter. In addition, each official must:

- Check email often for board and assignor updates.
- Respond to Arbiter game assignments and accept or decline them in a timely fashion.
- Notify the assignor immediately about any schedule changes on game day, including such things as issues with weather that cause game cancellation after you have arrived on site, no partner, or any other special situations.
- If possible, notify your partner and/or the assignor immediately if you are going to be late or miss a game due to unforeseen circumstances (unusual traffic issue, issues with your car, sudden illness, etc.). Lateness is defined in the US Lacrosse Women's Rule Book, rule 3, section 9 as 30 minutes prior to game time.

Consequences for failure to appear *or repeated lateness* for a game assignment:

- 1st offense: written warning
- 2nd offense: fined 1/2 full Varsity game fee
- 3rd offense: fined full Varsity game fee
- Subsequent offense: removal from remaining scheduled games

- If your performance fails to improve to a satisfactory status, your service as an independent contracting umpire for WLUA will be terminated.

Awards and Recognition:

The WLUA will name two winners of the Madelaine Kirlin Award. The award will be presented each year at the Hall of Fame Ceremony hosted by the Potomac Chapter of USA Lacrosse. One award will be presented to an adult umpire, and one award will be presented to an umpire or individual who has given service at the youth lacrosse level.