



Badgerland Lacrosse Referee Information – 2019



Introduction to Badgerland Lacrosse Association

The primary purpose of Badgerland Lacrosse (BLA) is to promote the game of lacrosse in a safe and sportsmanlike environment. BLA wants kids to grow up playing a game of speed, position, and finesse, rather than physical intimidation. The goal is to conduct all our activities in a manner that will set an example of good sportsmanship and friendly competition for our young players.

Teams:

Youth Teams – 4 divisions – Must be at least a sophomore in high school to officiate and Level 1 certified

U14, U12, U10, U8

Expectations

- Get proper US Lacrosse Membership (\$55, \$35 if you are not an adult. Player membership counts, just need to add the Official category to your membership):
 - All new and returning officials must be members of US Lacrosse with the **“official” membership classification** for insurance and liability purposes. You should receive a 2019 NFHS Rule Book with your membership renewal.
 - If you are a current US Lacrosse member as an official (expiration date 9/30/19), no action is required.
 - If you are a current US Lacrosse member, but not as an official, contact US Lacrosse at **410-235-6882 ext. 102** or at membership@uslacrosse.org to change your status. There is no additional fee for this.
 - If you are not a US Lacrosse member, you must join as an official: go to www.uslacrosse.org/membership.
- Join the Wisconsin Lacrosse Officials Association (WILOA) \$45 is equal to one youth game fee, payment made at the first training class.
- Complete Level 1 and/or Level 2 classroom and on-field training.
- Acquire proper uniform and equipment. Suggested sites:
 - www.theofficialscorner.com
This site has a **"Starter Package"**
 - www.honigs.com
 - www.zebrawear.com
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- Minimum requirements for first year youth officials:
 - Striped, collared shirt (pocket preferable)
 - Whistle (FOX40) finger
 - Black Shorts, no logos
 - Black shoes, low socks
 - Yellow Flag
- Officials in their second year and beyond must also have a black hat with white piping; shorts must have belt loops, belt, a second flag.

The Season

- BLA games scheduled April and into June.
- Youth festivals may be scheduled after Memorial Day.
- We use Arbitersports for officials scheduling. Request invitation to join if needed. Become familiar with it.
- Youth games are scheduled Saturdays and Sundays, typically.
- Advancement to high school games:
 - First year adults with sports officiating experience may receive JV assignments later in the season, depending upon experience and skills advancement. Discuss with trainer/assigner.

Game Fees:

- U14, U12 and U10 2-man \$50
- U12 and U10 1-man \$75
- U8 1-man \$45

Communication

- [Badgerland Lacrosse](#) for BLA information
- www.arbitersports.com for general announcements and game assignments
 - Game Reports, ejections, warnings, comments
 - Scheduled games
 - You will receive email notification when schedules are added, changed or deleted.
Response using the link within the email is required as soon as possible.
- Email communication
 - Email information is available in order to contact a coach or other official
 - More information at US Lacrosse, [OFFICIALS](#).
- If you have anything pertinent to officiating lacrosse or for the league, please present it in electronic form to [Jeremy Sullivan](#) or [Dave Wollin](#)
- Cell phone texting is the number one choice for last minute schedule changes or cancellations. Make sure it is entered into Arbitrator.



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Your Role

- To ensure the safety of all participants (players, coaches, bench personnel, officials, fans)
- To promote fair play and sportsmanship
- To consider the level of play and respond accordingly when officiating
- To encourage the growth of the sport and to honor the game
- To have fun