



**Men's Division Officials Council**  
Collegiate Officials Committee  
***Applicant Packet***

Thank you for your interest in US Lacrosse's Men's Division Officials Council-Collegiate Officials Committee. This packet has been designed to aid each candidate in the application process. All forms required for admission are included in this packet.

**Please complete all the requisites listed below, and return this packet and associated documentation to your District Governor.** The District Governor will collate all your information and forward to US Lacrosse and the Collegiate Officials Committee.

Upon successful completion of the requisites listed below, the applicant will be admitted to the Collegiate Officials Committee with Probationary Status.

**Requisites for Admission to Collegiate Officials Committee:**

- 1) Completed Application to COC
- 2) Two letters of Recommendation from current Collegiate Officials Committee Members
- 3) Letter of Recommendation from Local Assigning Authority
- 4) Score better than 80% on the Entrance Exam (Closed Book-Proctored/Administered separately)
- 5) Successful Field Clinic/Review
- 6) Experience Requirements:
  - a. *Districts I, II, III, IV (MD/DE/DC), VI, VIII and IX*
    - i. At least three years high school varsity experience
    - ii. Play-off experience (preferably semi-finals/finals)
    - iii. Three-man mechanics
    - iv. Successful experience at the club level
  - b. *Districts IV (NC/VA), V, VII, X, and XI*
    - i. A significant number of high school games
    - ii. Club or Post-Collegiate Club experience
- 7) Completed US Lacrosse Membership form with a check for \$50 payable to US Lacrosse
- 8) Check for \$135 payable to Collegiate Officials Committee



**Men's Division Officials Council**  
 Collegiate Officials Committee  
**Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Fax: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Work Fax: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Beeper: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**At least one e-mail address is mandatory.**

Home E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Assignor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years officiating Lacrosse: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT CHECKLIST**

*(To be completed by District Governor)*

<b>Requisites:</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
Recommendation Letters (2)	_____/____
Local Assigning Authority	_____
Test Score	_____
Field Clinic/Review	_____
USL Membership Form	_____
\$135 Check payable to COC	_____
\$50 Check payable to USL	_____
USL Membership Number	_____

**NOTES:**



Member ID# (if renewing and known) \_\_\_\_\_ circle one: **Male** **Female**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 1 - Select your membership category (Based on your age)**

- \_\_\_ High School: 18 and under.....\$35
- \_\_\_ Adult: Ages 18+.....\$50

**STEP 2 - Select all categories where you participate:**

(You must identify each category of participation to obtain insurance coverage for that category. There is no additional charge for multiple categories.)

\_\_\_ **OFFICIAL (Select all that apply)**

**Men's Game**

- Youth (YOC)
- High School (SDC)
- College (COC)
- Post Collegiate (PCOC)
- International\*** (IOC) (see fee structure)
- Assignor
- Not a men's game official
- Indoor

Enter your District Number \_\_\_\_\_

(See back for list)

All International men's officials add \$10 to dues (IOC due) \_\_\_\_\_

**Women's Game**

- Youth Adult
- Youth Junior
- Apprentice
- Local
- District
- National
- International
- Assignor
- Not a women's game official

Enter your Local Board \_\_\_\_\_

(See back for list)

\_\_\_ **PLAYER**

\_\_\_ **COACH (Check all that apply)**

Men's

- Youth
- HS Assistant for JV/Varsity
- HS JV Head Coach
- HS Varsity Head Coach
- HS Club
- College Club
- College Assistant
- College Varsity Head
- Post-Collegiate Club

Women's

- Youth
- HS Assistant for JV/Varsity
- HS JV Head Coach
- HS Varsity Head Coach
- HS Club
- College Club (includes WDIA)
- College Assistant
- College Varsity Head
- Post-Collegiate Club

Officials and coaches receive one rulebook complimentary and may purchase additional rulebooks at \$8 each. Please indicate number for each type:

- \_\_\_ Men's NCAA
  - \_\_\_ Men's HS/Youth (Federation)
  - \_\_\_ Women's NCAA
  - \_\_\_ Women's HS/Youth (USL)
- Total additional rulebooks purchased \_\_\_ @ \$8 each \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you are a CEP certified coach of any level (this information is printed in the center of your membership card), you MUST renew your membership online. At this time you will be able to renew your membership and your background check in order to maintain your certification. The re-certification fee is \$30 for residents of most states. For more information about re-certification visit [www.uslacrosse.org/cep](http://www.uslacrosse.org/cep)

**Chapter Information:** A portion of your dues will be paid to the local Chapter covering your zip code, unless you indicate a different Chapter here (see website for listing):

**Charitable Gift:** In addition to your renewal, please make your gift today!

US Lacrosse Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your total Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 3 - Complete your payment information**

**Payment Information:**

- Check Enclosed (payable to US Lacrosse)
- Credit Card Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
- Name on Card (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_
- Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 4 - Please sign waiver to the right**

**ENROLLMENT FORM AND MEMBER AGREEMENT**

**Insurance Information**

All categories except "Fan" include comprehensive secondary lacrosse insurance and must sign below. Insurance information, including claim forms, can be found on our website: [www.uslacrosse.org](http://www.uslacrosse.org).

**Signature Required for Acceptance of Membership**

In consideration of my membership in US Lacrosse, and my participation in US Lacrosse sanctioned, recognized or sponsored events ("Covered Events"), I agree to the following:

- 1. Waiver and Release:** I am fully aware of and appreciate the risks, including the risks of catastrophic injury, paralysis and even death, as well as other damages and losses, associated with participation in a lacrosse event. I agree on behalf of myself, my heirs and personal representatives, that US Lacrosse, the host organization and the sponsor or sponsors with respect to a Covered Event, together with coaches, officials, volunteers, employees, agents, officers and directors of the host organization and any such sponsors shall not be held liable for any injury, loss of life or other loss or damage as a result of my participation in a Covered Event. This Waiver & Release shall also be for the benefit of and run in favor of any youth organization that requires participants to become members of US Lacrosse as a condition to their participation in such organization's youth lacrosse events, which shall constitute Covered Events for purposes of this Waiver & Release, and any such youth lacrosse league shall constitute the host organization for such Covered Events.
- 2. Medical Attention:** I hereby give my consent to US Lacrosse and the host organization of any Covered Event to provide, through a medical staff of its choice, customary medical/athletic training attention, transportation and emergency services as warranted in the course of my participation in Covered Events.
- 3. Readiness to Compete:** I will only participate in those Covered Events in which I believe I am physically and psychologically prepared to compete.
- 4. Information Certification:** I certify that all information provided by me in this application, including without limitation my membership category, is true, accurate and complete and I understand that any untrue, inaccurate or incomplete statement or information will automatically invalidate my membership and all of the benefits of membership in US Lacrosse.
- 5. Code of Conduct:** I agree to all terms on the reverse side of this form (refers to accepted US Lacrosse/Positive Coaching Alliance Code of Conduct).

**Participant Primary Medical Insurance Carrier is:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Every member must sign below:**

If participant is under 18, then a parent or legal guardian of this participant must sign.

As member, or as parent or legal guardian of a member under 18, I hereby verify by my signature below that I fully understand and accept each of the above conditions.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name of signor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership is annual and non-refundable**  
You can also renew online: [www.uslacrosse.org](http://www.uslacrosse.org)

All official category memberships expire 9/30, regardless of date joined.

See and verify your membership information at [www.uslacrosse.org/membership](http://www.uslacrosse.org/membership)

# US LACROSSE

## Code of Conduct

### US LACROSSE AND THE POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE

Lacrosse is the oldest American sport. Native Americans played lacrosse centuries ago, long before our colonies were settled. Through lacrosse, Native Americans celebrated and emphasized their spiritual and cultural values.

In an effort to promote appropriate values in the modern game, US Lacrosse has partnered with the Positive Coaching Alliance to promote positive coaching and good sportsmanship for all levels of lacrosse. US Lacrosse has included the following "Lacrosse Code of Conduct" as part of its membership application to encourage and foster appropriate values in players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators. US Lacrosse believes that it should be a priority of every lacrosse player, team, program and league to "Honor the Game."

### US LACROSSE CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and fans. In becoming a member of the lacrosse community an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse and its participants. The essential elements in this "Code of Conduct" are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to amateur sports in the United States and around the world. US Lacrosse supports the following behaviors for those who participate in the sport or are involved in any way with US Lacrosse. The following essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be followed:

- + Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- + The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
- + The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- + Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as adults.
- + Coaches should always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, officials and spectators alike. Players should be specifically encouraged and positively reinforced by coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, officials and spectators.
- + Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
- + Coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect to players/teammates. Coaches are also expected to educate their players as to the important role of lacrosse officials and reinforce the ideal of respect for the official to players/teammates.
- + Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.
- + Officials are professionals and are therefore expected to conduct themselves as such and in a manner that demonstrates total impartiality, courtesy and fairness to all parties.
- + Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.
- + Coaches must be able to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the rules of lacrosse, and should adhere to the rules in both the letter and the spirit of the game.
- + Coaches should provide a basic knowledge of the rules to both players and spectators within his/her program. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
- + Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, team transfers, etc, have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.

**For more information call: 410.235.6882 x102**

#### To renew, choose one of the following:

Mail to: 113 West University Pkwy • Baltimore, MD 21210-3300

Fax to: 410.843.0390

Log on to: [www.uslacrosse.org](http://www.uslacrosse.org)



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – regarding new officials**

### **Q. Can a new COC official join directly through the US Lacrosse membership department?**

A. No – the only way a COC application will be processed is by the District Governor submitting the application. This is the only way to insure all necessary requirements have been met. Applications sent directly to US Lacrosse will be returned.

### **Q. Can a new COC official join through the US Lacrosse website?**

A. No – a new COC official cannot join through the web because there is no way to know if he/she has met all the requirements. A new person could join US Lacrosse on-line, but they would not be considered a COC member only an MDOC official.

### **Q. What do the fees cover?**

A. \$50 is for a US Lacrosse membership (standard membership benefits plus the following year's rulebook and directory); \$100 is a one-time application fee (offsets duplicate membership benefits, training and administration) and \$35 for yearly dues (covers assigners and expenses).

### **Q. When will a new applicant receive their fulfillment packet?**

A. Applications received in the fall will receive the appropriate packet at the same time COC officials receive their packets. Applicants joining after the bulk mailing will be sent a packet once their completed application is processed.

### **Q. Can a new applicant be processed if only the payment is sent?**

A. No – the US Lacrosse membership application must be included with the payment in order to be processed.



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – regarding benefits**

### **Q. How can a COC member obtain additional collegiate certified or American Flag patches?**

A. Each fulfillment packet includes an additional patch order form. COC members may also call the membership department at 410-235-6882 x114 or e-mail the membership department at [membership@uslacrosse.org](mailto:membership@uslacrosse.org).

### **Q. Why can't patches be purchased on-line?**

A. The reason patches are not available on-line because the fulfillment house system can not identify who is a COC member and therefore allowed to purchase patches.

### **Q. Can an active COC member use old COC patches on their uniform?**

A. No.

### **Q. Can a COC member purchase an additional COC directory?**

A. No. The amount of directories printed equal to the amount of COC members with a small additional quantity ordered to meet the needs of new COC members.

### **Q. Can a patch order request be rushed?**

A. Patches are mailed out at least twice a week and sent First Class mail. If a COC member would like them faster, they should first call to see when the next time patches are mailed. If they would still like them mailed by a faster means the additional cost is the actual cost to ship them faster (on top of the \$5 shipping and handling fee).

### **Q. What is in a fulfillment packet?**

A. Each COC official will receive a rulebook, 15 game cards, a COC directory and a patch order form. New COC members will also receive two collegiate certified patches and two American Flag patches.

### **Q. Who is the best person to answer membership and status questions?**

A. Your District Governor is the best person to talk to during the process. Contacting anyone else will result in a longer response time, as any message will be directed to the District Governor for response.