



President's Message:

Hello Gentlemen, thank you for a strong start to our OHSLA lacrosse season. We have seen a considerable uptick in having our first-year officials featured on Varsity games – this is necessitated by our game volume. Three-man mechanics are a different art than two-man, so your guidance and mentorship for our first-year officials serving on Varsity contests is appreciated – build the brotherhood! This weekend, we host the Annual Fritz Hayes Classic games at West Linn HS. Should you find yourself free on Saturday, swing by to catch some of the top programs in the state displaying their skills, while also paying homage to one of our most gracious and humble former officials, Mr. Fritz Hayes. Remember to wear a Hawaiian shirt, as Fritz would have adored. As we get into the meat of our season, recognize that we need to migrate away from major corrections at the faceoff dot, instead directing the student athletes at the opening faceoff, then holding them accountable to faceoff mechanics. Too much time is being taken at the faceoff dot in corrections – I'm not suggesting a violation-fest, but also realize when an illegal procedure can serve as a helpful tool in cleaning up play . . . and getting the game moving. Players nor coaches are interested in watching us make ten small corrections on the same player. Lastly, remember to have some fun out there. Take care of your body, drink plenty of water, and wear a smile.

-Hoff

Sisters Annual Lacrosse Invitational powered by Thump Lacrosse May 4 & 5 OFFICIALS NEEDED

Link to register here: https://www.ohsla.net/Officials/SALI_Form.asp

It's time to commit to one of the best weekends in the lacrosse season...Great Venue, Lots of Game Experience & Tons of Laughs!

- Games Saturday AM through Sunday (final games end at approx. 3pm) > Weather: Expect Sun, Rain, Snow...Come Prepared
- Lodging provided (2 houses) for Friday and Saturday night. > Bring a sleeping bag as an option.
- Official's "Feast" Saturday night with card games for those interested. > BYOB
- Be sure to complete Youth Rules Exam (send results to James.Strohecker@gmail.com)
- Games schedules will be sent out Wed/Thur. before the tournament (approx. May 1st)
- Payment of game fees on site or via mail (your choice; let Chris Davis know)
- Questions? Reach out to Chris Davis: 503.507.4033 Email: chris.davis.ref@gmail.com

Valley Region Focus (Chris Davis – Region VP)

- Welcome new officials: **Nic Gemma** (Eugene) and **Maliek Inocencio** (Eugene)

Game Day: Parking at Lincoln High School

- Reserved parking for officials is available. Address: 1226 SW 16th Ave. There is a keypad on the right side of the entry.
- Code: 3-4-5-6. Do not park under the bleachers. Consider carpooling if you live/work near crew member(s).

Game Day: Ejections (Rule 5-12; 7-12)

Follow these steps when addressing a player or coach ejection:

- Player Ejection: 3 Min Non-Releasable (In-Home Serves Penalty Time); Player removed from premises if there is authorized school personnel present to supervise the ejected student. If no supervisor, player remains confined to the bench area.
- Coach Ejection: 1 Min Non-Releasable (In-Home Serves Penalty Time); Coach shall be removed from the premises (bench and field area)
- At end of game photograph home team scorebook or make sure you have the name(s) and #(s) for each ejection.
- Text Tom Hoffert: (503-949-0949) to alert him of the ejection. Game Location/Brief Summary
- Complete Ejection Report (Link on OLOA website – from your official's home page) Complete same day to have the details fresh in your mind at the time of the submission of the report. All officials on the crew complete the Ejection Report.

Game Day: Mouth Pieces (Rule 1-9 Section 9-Player Equipment, letter b)

- Players believe that an Invisalign type (orthodontic device) mouthpiece is sufficient and meets the criteria of a protective mouthpiece. It does not.
- It's an easy explanation as the Invisalign type mouthpiece is clear and that does not meet the requirements of the rule; additionally, it is not designed to provide the player the protection that a standard mouthpiece is manufactured to do when worn properly.

Game Day: 5th Quarter (Mystery Solved!)

In 5th Quarter games, the regulation Varsity Game has officially ended (at the end of the 4th Qtr). New game & score starts 0-0.

- Game Timing: 12 Min. Stop Time; No Running Clock unless there is a score differential of 12 goals in the 5th quarter only (unlikely)
- Approach

- NO COIN TOSS for 5th Quarter; Switch goals to start the 5th Quarter.
- Personal Foul Accumulation from Varsity game carries over to 5th Quarter for any player who played in Varsity game.
- A/P stays the same (carries over from 4th Qtr.)
- 1 Timeout per team in this 5th Quarter

Game Assignor's Corner

From Don Huber: *Gentlemen, we made it through the first sprint with only one casualty. Please take care of your bodies stretch and get some sleep. If you are feeling overworked or too many back-to-back games, please let me know I can try to spread the wealth. You have been terrific at checking your schedule, please keep it up. The only thing constant is a steady rate of change.*

From Tom Hoffert: *Be aware of the improvement in play for our Southern teams. Full credit to the coaching staffs in Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Springfield, and Roseburg. These student athletes are playing a solid game of lacrosse, which makes for a quite enjoyable evening in stripes. We have a number of Roseburg home games upcoming – if you'd like the opportunity to travel out of your normal "neighborhood", please shoot me an email. Lastly, BLOCKS are real easy to deploy in protecting your schedule – please utilize the BLOCKS technology to reduce my need to reassign officials. Stay healthy out there, men.*

From Tom Johnson: *Please stay aware of your schedule and possible changes by checking the site and schedule often. Understand that this is difficult for your assigners getting the GCR's (Game Change Requests), getting you the information in as early time manner as possible.*