



Off Season Update

Mark Your Calendars!

2026 Season Training Dates and Required Meetings

(TBD LOCATIONS WILL BE UPDATED NEXT NEWSLETTER AND ON OLOA WEBPAGE)

ANNUAL MEETINGS: REQUIRED

PORTLAND Saturday, January 24, 8:00am - 12:00noon TBD
EUGENE Saturday, January 31, 8:00am - 11:00am TBD
BEND Sunday, February 1, 8:00am - 11:00am TBD

PORTLAND Veterans Training:

Tuesday, February 17, 7:00pm - 9:00pm TBD
Tuesday, February 24, 7:00pm - 9:00pm TBD
Tuesday, March 3, 7:00pm - 9:00pm TBD

EUGENE Veterans Training:

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00pm - 9:00pm TBD
Wednesday, February 25, 7:00pm - 9:00pm TBD
Wednesday, March 4, 7:00pm - 9:00pm TBD

SALEM Veterans Training:

Thursday, February 19, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Salem Chamber
Thursday, February 26, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Salem Chamber
Thursday, March 5, 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Salem Chamber

BEND Veterans Training:

Monday, February 23, 5:30pm - 8:30pm TBD
Tuesday, February 24, 5:30pm - 8:30pm TBD

PORTLAND Rookie Training: 7:00PM – 9:00PM Location TBD

Thursday, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, & March 5

EUGENE Rookie Training: 5:30pm – 9:00pm

Wednesday, February 18, 25 & March 4

BEND Rookie Training: Feb 16-19 time/location TBD

SALEM Rookie Training: TBD

Fall Season Oregon Tournaments: Mark Your Calendars!

Fall Invitational Classic (Portland-Delta Park)	November 14-16	(Don Huber, Assignor)
Sixes Showdown (Portland-Delta Park)	December 13-14	(Don Huber, Assignor)

Next Spring:

SALI (Sisters Annual Lacrosse Invitational)	May 2-3, 2026	(Chris Davis, Assignor)
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OLOA Website Link for Sign-up for these tournaments is ready!

[LAX Tournament Sign-Up](#) NEW

High School Season Information for 2026

OHSLA Calendar: <https://www.ohsla.net/Info/calendar.asp>

- The calendar on OHSLA Website is updated for 2026. Season Kicks off on March 16th
- Other Highlights for 2026 season:
 - Possible JV Jamborees in development
 - Season one-week shorter with finals the last weekend of May
 - Fritz Hays Classic: April 14th at Lakeridge High School

Board Activities/Updates

- The Board is working with OHSLA on the following. (Further details will be shared in future newsletters, emails and at the Annual Meeting as details are finalized)
 - Game Fees for 2026
 - Travel Reimbursement for 2026
 - Game Scheduling
- Review and Revamping of Training (highlights to what is being developed below)
 - New Training approach and database of topics.
 - PowerPoints
 - Videos
 - Other materials
 - 8v8 and 6v6 mechanics
 - Will also put all Training Materials into a Google Drive for easy access and downloading.
 - How to best provide pre-season training uniformly for all members throughout the state
- Creation & Purchase of Custom Canopy Cover for Tournament Use
 - OLOA Logo & "Become an Official" Customization
 - QR Code for those interested in becoming an official
- Official Recruitment
 - Looking for OLOA members to continue to speak to individuals they believe might be a great fit to join the OLOA. Officials in other sports, college players, interested parents.
 - A more "formalized" approach is in development for new official awareness, recruiting & retention
- Next Newsletter will be send out prior to Thanksgiving week.

The OLOA Newsletter will highlight a few of our officiating “brothers” each edition. A great way to get to know each other on and off the field. This Month’s Edition:

Name: *Todd Marshall*

Years Officiating: *2026 will mark my 7th season of officiating lacrosse. I decided to get involved in basketball officiating in December of 2018 when I was between jobs and wanted something to do to keep me active and make a little money. My son was playing lacrosse in the Sunset program, so I decided to try lacrosse officiating after basketball season ended. Truly enjoyed the group of officials I work with and can't imagine doing anything else in the spring/summer.*

What’s your favorite way to spend a weekend?

I am a big fan of snow skiing in the winter, and I enjoy golfing on most Friday afternoons and in the late spring/summer you might find me out on a boat salmon fishing.

What’s something we don’t know about you?

I have two adopted children and both were open adoptions which mean we know and have relationships with their birth families. They both were adopted at birth and are now students at Montana State University. Go Bobcats!!





Name: *Paul Stephens*

Years Officiating? *5 years. I started in 2020. I got involved with Lacrosse when my son started playing in the 3rd grade. Showed up at the first practice and was asked to be a coach. I instantly fell in love with the game. I coached my sons all the way through High School. Put on the stripes a year later. I started playing in 2014 at the age of 47.*

What you love to do when you are not officiating or your favorite weekend activity: *Time with my family always comes first. We love the outdoors hiking and exploring Oregon and Washington or wherever we are. Hunting and fishing with youngest son. Now that he is not playing Lacrosse every weekend, I have new Hunting and fishing partner. Getting a date night with just my wife is something I cherish. Thursday nights I play Lacrosse with the OMLL. Since Zach has been playing with us since he was in the 8th grade he plays with us as well. Being able to play with him is something very special to me. I will play until I cannot play.*

What is something about you that many may not know: *We have a doctor in the family my oldest son Collin just become a dentist. Many may not know this, I played with the Israeli Master in team in the World games in San Diego. The world games is an experience every lover of Lacrosse should go to. This October I am heading to Hawaii to play in a Lacrosse tournament with the Good Old Dingo's from Australia.*

Favorite Lacrosse Memory: *This year was full of great moments. First, I did 38 HS games not counting tournaments. Doing a game at West Linn and watching two Bald Eagles fly low over the field during the national anthem!*

My top memory *was doing a Hood River home game vs. Grant with a 5th qtr. Before the game started, I talked to the Grant coach, Henry Ling, and told him about Rocko from HR (Special Needs player). I just wanted him to be aware so his kids would not blow him up. The 5th qtr. starts. Rocko comes out to take the FO. The Grant FO lets Rocko win faceoff & then lets him go straight to the goal to shoot. He misses & ball goes OB. HR closest to endline, so the HR player gives the ball to Rocko. Rocko comes around the cage and scores. The stadium goes wild! The last minute or so left in the qtr. Grant up 2 to 1. Who comes out to take the FO, Rocko! Something happens. Rocko win the FO and goes straight to the goal and this time he scores. Rocko is going crazy, the stadium goes crazy & the Grant kids are cheering. Game over 2 to 2.*