



## OHSLA PLAYOFF EDITION

The first rounds of the 2026 playoffs officially begin on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> (Cascade Cup) and Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. (Championship)

*Lake Oswego High School* will be hosting the 2026 championship activities.

### Wednesday, May 27th

6:00 p.m. | State Championship Semifinal

8:00 p.m. | State Championship Semifinal

### Saturday, May 30th

1:00 p.m. | Cascade Cup Championship

3:15 p.m. | All-Star Game

6:00 p.m. | State Championship

**OLOA End-of-Season Gathering:** *Immediately following the conclusion of the State Championship game. Watch for emails updating location details for that evening celebration. (short distance from Lake Oswego HS) All OLOA members are welcome!*

**Submit for Payment:** Officials Submit Payment Period Opens **5/31/2026** (be sure that your mailing address is accurate in your profile prior to submitting for payment)

### **Oregon Tournaments: Mark Your Calendars!**

***Now is the time to sign up for the off-season tournaments***

#### **2026 Off-Season Tournaments**

- Hot Shots: June 12-14: Bend, OR
- Northwest Summer Open: June 20-21; Tacoma, WA
- Rogue Rising Lax Tournament: June 27-28; Medford, OR
- Oregon Lacrosse Classic: July 18-19; Bend, OR
- The Gathering: July 24-26; Whitefish, MT
- Cascade Summer Shootout: July 25-26; Bend, OR

*(Sign-up Link and Tournament details on the OLOA website home page)*

### **Road Closure Effective May 1, 2026**

- STAFFORD ROAD: From I-205 North (toward Lakeridge HS) will be closed beginning May 1, 2026, for a major road project. The closure begins at the first roundabout (Borland Rd). For officials who utilize this route to go to games at Lake Oswego or Lakeridge, please plan ahead, and find an alternate route.

## Off Season Official's Jersey



### ***Need a "summer" jersey for Oregon tournaments?***

Contact Tom Carney ([tomcarneyathome@comcast.net](mailto:tomcarneyathome@comcast.net)) You can plan for ordering your shirt and payment through email communication. Delivery of shirt(s) will be coordinated individually, but final pick-up days will be the Championship Saturday OLOA "after party" at the conclusion of the season.

Current Inventory Available: (shirts run small; order one size "up" from your normal shirt size). M: 1 XL: 2 XXL: 11 3XL: 9 4XL: 8

Sell Price: \$55.00 (Check to OLOA or Venmo option available) No \$ = No Shirt

*Please do not wait for the last moment to order your shirt! 😊*

**See the next page for OLOA member profiles!**

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:

## **Shane Fookes**

### **How did you get involved with officiating lacrosse?**

*It resulted from an interweaving of several life strands. First, I got the officiating bug back in my college years when I officiated basketball, football and volleyball and loved it. Since then, off-and-on I had an inkling to get back into it, but other things took priority. Second, I discovered a love for the game when one of my sons decided to play in 2nd grade and played all the way through high school. Third, I had my friend and long-time lax official Patrick Brittenham annually chirping in my ear trying to rope me in. And, lastly, I needed something to do with myself after my 4 kids graduated and I became an empty nester.*

### **What are some of your favorite memories or stories as an official?**

*I’ll never forget feeling so disoriented the first time running the field in stripes at the Liberty scrimmage in 2022, but having Patrick next to me calmly and graciously helping me through it (special things also to all the veteran officials who kindly and patiently got me up and running that first year). I cherish the memory of taking the field for the 2024 All-Star game with legends John Chessar and Nic Herriges. And it seems every year at SALI has something memorable - like waking up on Sunday a couple years back with snow on the ground and temps in the high 20’s.*

### **Outside of officiating lacrosse, what are some of your hobbies, occupation, passions?**

*My wife of 36 years, Aimee, is my best friend and faithful traveling companion. Together, we’re annually knocking off bucket-list destinations. As an avid reader and history buff, especially military history, I was thrilled last year to fulfill a lifelong dream of standing on the Normandy beaches and walking the hallowed ground at the Colleville-sur-Mer Cemetery in France to honor those who fought on D-Day. Making it extra special: I got to be there on June 6, not only the 81st anniversary of D-Day but also my 58th birthday! 😊*

### **What is something we don’t know about you?**

*I grew up in the upper Midwest on farms and ranches. My mom was a multi-faceted horse woman who raised my older two sisters to follow in her footsteps. As for me, I was mostly just a tag-along with only passing interest in horses. As a teenager, my next older sister discovered high school rodeo and developed into someone who regularly competed for all-around champion status, something that included learning to rope. One day, out of sheer boredom, I picked up her rope and discovered I was naturally good at it. So, I started competing in calf roping and team roping (she was the header and I was the heeler). During my Junior year of high school, I finished fifth in the state in calf roping and third in team roping. Since the top 4 in every category qualify for the national finals, I had the privilege of competing on the national stage the summer of 1984. This picture is me calf roping at the 1984 state finals.*



## **George Spicer**

### **How did you get involved with officiating lacrosse?**

*After a combination of playing and coaching since the 7th grade, officiating was a great opportunity for me to stay involved in the competitiveness of the sport and continue to spread the life skills that helped make me into the man I am today.*

### **What are some of your favorite memories or stories as an official?**

*I try to treat every game as if it were the Super Bowl. However, I always remember the big games where the crew made a call that changed the dynamics of the game. Whether it was an Interference call that led to a fast break game winning goal the other way in the Semi-Finals. Or the head coming off on a disallowed goal in the Cascade Cup Championship. Learning experiences that have given me the confidence to make those calls, but also to empower the crew to be able to do the right thing when that situation happens again.*

### **Tell us something about yourself that many may not know about you.**

*I was born without tear ducts, so I have never cried in my life. Whether it's a sappy movie, a funeral or a coach complaining about a call I have never cried a cry.*





## **Derik Scoggin**

### **How did you get involved with officiating lacrosse?**

*I played college lacrosse at Linfield. I have officiated football for over 20 years with Neal Reinan, Chris Davis and others and they finally convinced me to add another sport. I knew other officials from football in Portland and Eugene who also officiated lacrosse, so it was great being able to draw on other's experience as I started on my own lacrosse journey. The lacrosse officiating family is very small, but very wide reaching and inclusive and welcoming. You could not ask for a better group of people to be associated with.*

### **Do you have any favorite stories about officiating?**

*I have two memorable stories from my first year. My first varsity game was at South Salem. I am brand new! I have done one JV game and now I am doing a 3-man varsity game. A very veteran official, who shall remain nameless, assures me everything will be all right. All I have to do is show up and call out of bounds; he and the other guy will get everything. If it gets ugly will just put you on single side. Feeling better gameday arrives. The well-respected veteran, never before and not since that day, forgets to set an alarm and oversleeps and misses gametime! What are we going to do? We start the game and, needless to say, it was rough! Luckily, he showed up sometime during the 2nd quarter, but that 1st quarter and half were a tough start to my lacrosse career.*

*Second memorable story is similar with my first summer tournament of the year...Valhalla. 8:00 Saturday morning: first game two young officials not from Portland, don't know the coaches & just following the rules and what Tom and Don tell us to follow for the tournament. Turns out it is Josh Peck's team. I don't who Josh is, I only officiated maybe 7 or 8 varsity games my first year and they were all in Salem. Everyone knows... no timeouts on Saturday and Don & Tom had just told us the table knows this, but for some reason Josh told the other coach, "Hey lets each take one timeout." Well, the other coach said "okay" I guess, but not knowing who he was I dug in and said NO. No timeouts on Saturday. I showed him the rules, Josh did not take that very well and he said it was his tournament and he could do what he wanted. I stood my ground and said Don & Tom are my boss not you! He said I was FIRED... it was quite a scene.*

*The other coach came to my rescue and said "let's just play no timeouts like we are supposed to and move on." I am editing the intensity of the scene. After the game Don, Tom, Josh and I worked it all out. I was introduced to Josh and learned who he was and Josh learned from Tom & Don not to put officials in that position especially young officials or if is going to change something go about it in a different manner. Looking back at that situation now it is kind of funny, but it shows how situations need to be communicated and handled and how we need to have each other's backs. Thanks Don & Tom!*

**Tell us something about yourself that many of may not know.**

*I like to play golf and travel with my wife; we are currently working on visiting all the Major League Baseball stadiums; we have five left. Then we will move on the NBA and NHL arenas. We have 20 NBA and 23 NHL stadiums left to visit. We both love sports so planning trips is easy.*

*I like music, but I have never been to a concert, and I have never owned an 8-track, cassette, record, or CD. I don't eat vegetables or salads and have great cholesterol. I love working games, hanging out at tournaments. It is the membership of the OLOA that makes officiating fun. Everyone has a story, and journey and it is the blending of those stories and the interactions and the unknown that keeps us going. What is going to happen next? That is what I am excited for. Waiting to catch-up, to hear from others about a game, a trip, a wedding, graduation, their job, whatever it may be; our own ecosystem and no matter how long it has been when we see each other, we just pick up where we left off. I can't wait to pick up with everyone!!!!*

## **Next OLOA Newsletter Addition...Late Summer/Early Fall**

- **Fall Tournaments**
- **2" Stripe Shirt Conversion for 2027 & Ordering Process**
  - **2027 Annual Meeting & Training Dates**
    - **And much more!**