

# Ontario Field Lacrosse Officials Association

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## **Communication and details required for: Officials refereeing outside of the Province or Country, and Officials visiting from out of Country, or Province.**

This document is intended simply to ensure that all bases are covered with regards to Referees traveling into or out of Ontario.

### **Officials refereeing outside of the Province or Country:**

The OFLOA, the OLRA the RDC and the OLA need to be notified when any Ontario official is planning to travel out of the Province to referee Lacrosse. If you are planning on leaving the County then you will also need approval from the CLA. By the relevant constitutions the official requires approval from all four (five) of these bodies before they can represent Ontario or Canada abroad.

Each applicant will be considered fairly and their abilities assessed based on their experience and the anticipated level of competition. There is a personality component to this as well there are conduct policies that you will be required to adhere to.

The individual official can accomplish this by contacting the OFLOA R.I.C, Deputy R.I.C. or the Secretary Treasurer. They will begin the process of gathering approvals.

Before the OFLOA Executive can forward the officials information on to the rest of the governing bodies we need to know the name, location, dates, and level of the event. We need to know which sanctioning body the event is run under (ie. NCAA, ILF). Please provide the Event RIC's name is and their contact information as well. (Preferably their email address)

The traveling official must be made aware that their OLA sponsored Liability Insurance coverage is only valid in the province of Ontario. It is advisable for the official to purchase liability insurance from a reputable provider (NASO for example, <http://www.naso.org>) to ensure that they are covered and protected in the event an incident occurs. Without purchasing some form of supplemental sports liability insurance the traveling official will be working with no coverage for injury or liability.

The traveling official should be aware that the OLRA has an Official Conduct Policy. The OLRA expects the official to abide by these policies even though they are outside Ontario. The traveling official should make themselves aware if there are any other conduct policies that will apply while participating in the event. The OFLOA Executive and the OLRA expect to be notified by the Event RIC in the event that the official's behavior breaches any applied conduct policy. Should this happen the official may be subjected to disciplinary actions as laid out in the OLRA policies when they return to Ontario.



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## Officials visiting from out of Country, or Province:

The OFLOA, the OLRA, and the RDC need to be informed when any visiting official will be working games in Ontario. By the relevant constitutions the official requires approval from all three of these bodies before they can participate.

The individual official can accomplish this by contacting the OFLOA R.I.C, Deputy R.I.C. or the Secretary Treasurer. They will forward the information to the OLRA and the RDC with the support of the OFLOA Executive.

The OFLOA would like to see some documentation from the official's local or national RIC that details their experience and qualifications so we can properly demonstrate the visiting official's experience to the governing bodies. We also require your local or national RIC's contact information. (Preferably their email address)

The traveling official must investigate their sponsored Liability Insurance coverage. They should discover if their insurance will protect them once they are outside their local league or country. If they are not already properly covered for National or International competition it is advisable for the official to purchase liability insurance from a reputable provider ( NASO for example, <http://www.naso.org> ) to ensure that they are covered and protected in the event that an incident occurs. They will not be covered by the OLA Liability Insurance policy as they are not regular active members in the OLA.

The traveling official must be made aware that the OLRA has an Official Conduct Policy. The OFLOA and the OLRA expect every referee in Ontario to abide by these conduct policies. The traveling official needs to be aware that their local or national RIC will be notified of any breach of our conduct policies by the traveling official. They may be subjected to disciplinary actions when they return home by their local or national association based on their behavior in Ontario.

For information purposes, under current policies these are the conditions when either the OLA or the CLA insurances policies apply to referees

Referee's Home Center	Competition		
	OLA	National	International
Ontario	OLA	CLA	N/A
Other Province	RDC Approval	CLA	N/A
International	N/A	N/A	N/A

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OFLOA – Ontario Field Lacrosse Officials Association  
OLRA – Ontario Lacrosse Referees Association  
RDC – Referee Development Committee (Ontario)  
OLA – Ontario Lacrosse Association  
CLA – Canadian Lacrosse Association

