

**2010 NJILOA
New Jersey Interscholastic Lacrosse Officials Association
Cadet Training**

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the NJILOA. In 2009, members of the NJILOA officiated over 3,000 NJ High School boy's lacrosse games (Varsity, JV, Freshman, Tournaments and State Playoffs). As lacrosse has become one of New Jersey's fastest growing high school sports, new high school officials are always needed.

This letter is intended to outline who is eligible to become a candidate for our cadet training program, how the cadet system works and what the NJILOA expects from its candidates.

Eligibility requirements and NJILOA expectations:

- Must be at least 18 years of age and currently out of high school.
- Must attend (2) years of instructional training and pass a written exam.
- Must show (mile run) and provide verification (doctor's verification) of fitness to officiate boys lacrosse.
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- Cadet training is intended to train adults interested in officiating HS boys lacrosse.
- Cadets must be available during the Spring HS season to officiate HS boy's lacrosse games.
- All cadets must attend an NJILOA administered cadet class and pass a written exam.
- Cadet training is NOT intended to train high school and or junior lacrosse coaches interested in officiating junior and club lacrosse games.

If you meet the criteria above and meet NJILOA expectations, please complete the attached Application form and mail it to our Cadet Chairperson along with a (non-refundable) fee of \$175.00. The fee covers your 2010 NJILOA Dues (\$125.00) plus cadets materials and two-years of instructional training (\$50.00).

Upon successful completion of the NJILOA Cadet training class and after passing a written exam, each cadet's name will be added to the active NJILOA roster. This will make you eligible for lacrosse assignments throughout the state of New Jersey. Lacrosse assignments are made only through the NJILOA (high school and junior league) assignors and re-assignors. Our advice is to and work as many JV, freshman and junior league games as you can during your first year. Use your first year to your advantage by working sub-varsity and junior lacrosse games to learn the sport, the rules and the officiating mechanics.

As you probably already know, lacrosse is played in New Jersey all year round. It is during the spring months that the demand for officials is at its peak (March-May). Your availability to officiate games during this time of year is very important to our organization and critical to the success of lacrosse throughout the state. All cadets who qualify will be given assignments based on his or her availability.

The NJILOA highly recommends that each official join US Lacrosse and or NASO (National Organization of Sporting Officials) since these organizations provide officials with supplemental liability insurance.

It is the responsibility of each official to make sure that they are adequately covered with liability insurance before stepping on the field to officiate any lacrosse game.

In order to keep your certification up to date and remain an active NJILOA member in good standing, on an annual basis, NJILOA officials must: attend three meetings (including an annual rule interpretation meeting) and one clinic, pass a written exam, pay annual dues, provide availability to the NJILOA assignor and officiate a minimum of five games assigned by the NJILOA.

Good Luck to all of you. We hope you enjoy the great game of Lacrosse as much as we have.

NJILOA Executive Board

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Cadet Application
(Please Print)**

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____
High School: _____

Lacrosse experience: (please circle all that apply)

Player *Coach* *Parent* *Fan* *Other:* _____

Do you officiate any other sports? If so, please list: _____

Why are you interested in becoming a HS boys' lacrosse official?

What is your availability to officiate high school games in the spring? (*March-May* -Weekdays after school (4:00pm) and /or weekends): _____

Cadet Classes will be offered in the following locations. Please circle the location you are MOST likely to attend:

Hun School (Princeton) Moorestown HS St. Joseph's (Metuchen) Newton HS

Fees, Assignments & Liability Coverage:

You are required to remit a check or money order in the amount of \$175.00 (non-refundable), payable to NJILOA along with this application to: **NJLOA, 421 Bloomfield Avenue, Newark, NJ 07107.**

Upon successful completion of our cadet training, you will be a registered through the NJILOA with the NJSIAA. As a certified lacrosse official, you will be eligible for game assignment as well as liability insurance for high school assignment. Cadets are required to work sub-varsity games for at least one year before receiving varsity assignments. All NJILOA officials are required to work at least 5 high school assignments in order to remain as and active official in good standing within the organization.

If you have any questions please contact Charles Talley at (908) 753-1926.

Health and Eligibility Statement:

By way of signature, I affirm the following:

- My physical health will allow me to officiate lacrosse games requiring strenuous activity.
- I am at least 18 years of age and currently out of high school.
- I am interested in officiating HS boys lacrosse.
- I will be available during the Spring HS season to officiate HS boy's lacrosse games.
- I am NOT a high school or junior lacrosse coach only interested in officiating junior and club lacrosse games.

Signature: _____

Date: _____