

The following are the necessary procedures for becoming a PIAA certified boys' lacrosse official...

1. You must successfully complete the NFHS exam administered by the PIAA. Information about this is located on the PIAA website and is accessible through the following link...

<http://www.piaa.org/officials/become/default.aspx>

2. After passing the exam, you must join a Lacrosse Officials Association (LOA). Our LOA is the CPLOA-LL and we cover boys' youth and high school contests in the Lancaster/Lebanon as well as the Berks County leagues. The following link is to the home page of our website, which you may want to bookmark on your computer and other devices...

<http://www.cploall.org>

3. You will have to obtain clearances from the FBI, PA State Police, PA Human Services (PA Child Abuse clearance). The following link provides additional information...

<http://www.piaa.org/officials/become/clearances.aspx>

4. As a PIAA certified lacrosse official, you are required to attend a mandatory rules interpretation meeting in addition to a minimum of six regular association meetings.

5. Our regular meetings commence in February, run through April, and consist of classroom as well as field time. Training will also take place during pre-season scrimmages. Here is the link to our **TENTATIVE** meeting schedule...

<http://cploall.org/meetings.html>

6. We run a new officials school from early December through late January to help prepare candidates. The various dates for this season's classes can be found on the "Training" page of our website and is accessible through the following link...

<http://cploall.org/training.html>

Several months ago, the PIAA began offering the test continuously online, to create greater flexibility. Attending the school is not mandatory for taking the exam but it will increase the potential for a successful outcome as well as foster better understanding for the new official.

7. Once onboard with an LOA, further information pertaining to game assignments, protocols, uniforms, etc. will be addressed.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact...

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