



## EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS LACROSSE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

The information on the EMLOA training classes for the 2015 season is as follows:

1. EMLOA is one of the premier officiating organizations in the United States. We have several top level college officials on our board and these officials have helped design a training paradigm that will introduce you to the sport of lacrosse from an officials' view. This training will give you a working knowledge of the rules and mechanics that will help you become a high school lacrosse official.
2. Each candidate **must** attend all four weeks of training classes. The first 3 weeks cover the rules of lacrosse and the mechanics that officials use. Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes, you take an online test from home. We then review the test in the 4<sup>th</sup> week. The classes run from 6:30 to approximately 9PM. The training classes are all classroom sessions and we hope to have some field training at the clinic as well as jamborees that occur in the pre-season.
3. The classes will be held at the following sites on the following dates in 2015:
  - St. John's Shrewsbury: Monday nights. Jan 26; Feb 2, 9, 23
  - Dedham Legion Post: Tuesday nights. Jan 27; Feb 3, 10, 24
  - Upper Cape Cod Tech School: Wednesday nights. Jan 28; Feb 4, 11, 25
  - Woburn High School: Thursday nights. Jan 30; Feb 5, 12, 26
4. If you have a conflict and cannot attend a training session one week at your normal site, you can attend another site that same week and sit in on that training session as all sites follow an agenda and the same curriculum is taught at each site. If you miss multiple training classes, you will not be able to complete the program. **You are responsible for attending all training classes. We cannot accommodate those who miss classes!** Due to liability issues, we need to make sure that all officials attend the full training so it will be incumbent on you to clear your schedules and attend the classes.
5. There is a mandatory clinic for all EMLOA members on Sunday, March 8th. All new candidates must attend this as well. The site for this clinic is TBD. The clinic runs from 8:30AM to approximately 1:30PM.
6. All new members are subject to a CORI criminal record check. This is mandatory.
7. Cost for first year officials is \$175. This includes dues (\$85 – required of all EMLOA members) and the training class fee (\$90). Payments can be made the first week of class. We have had an agreement in the past with The Officials Corner ([www.theofficialscorner.com](http://www.theofficialscorner.com)) where you can purchase lacrosse gear for a discounted

price. I hope to be able to get you this discount again this season. You will be responsible for ordering your gear and wearing the appropriate uniform during games. EMLOA recently went to a specific hat and will have these available for purchase.

8. Anyone interested in officiating youth lacrosse only, please contact Darrell Benson at [dbenson1@comcast.net](mailto:dbenson1@comcast.net). There is no need to send me an e-mail if you only want to officiate youth lacrosse. This includes interested parties who are still in high school and want to become associate officials.

9. If you are interested in becoming a certified **high school** lacrosse official, please send me an **e-mail with your name, address, phone number and tell me where your primary class location will be**. Please be reminded that all candidates must be over 18 and out of high school to officiate high school lacrosse. If you are under 18 and still in school, you should contact Darrell Benson (see last paragraph).

10. Please note that I send out numerous e-mails regarding training. Please set your computer to receive these. If you don't want to officiate and don't want the e-mails, just tell me and I'll remove your name.

11. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at any time.

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