



ALRA Rules and Regulations (2023)

1. Alberta Lacrosse Association (ALA) Regulations

1.01. The ALA regulations govern the ALRA and should be referred to regarding:

- Referee Fees
- Mileage Rates
- Periderm
- Game Times
- Alberta Specific Rules
- Portions of the Nationals Selection Policy
- Referee-in-Chief fees for tournaments

2. Registration Fees

2.01. The registration fee for all box lacrosse referees shall be as per Schedule 1.

2.02. The registration fee for all field lacrosse referees and umpires shall be as per Schedule 1.

2.03. All referees will register and pay their registration fees using the approved online registration system.

2.04. All referees must register and complete an approved clinic (including testing) prior to officiating any game within the province.

3. Referee Code of Ethics

- I will faithfully enforce the rules of lacrosse in a just, impartial, and reasonable way.
- I will adhere to all the policies and rules of The Alberta Lacrosse Referee's Association.
- I will follow the dress code of The Alberta Lacrosse Referee's Association.
- I will conduct myself in a manner that exemplifies sportsmanship and fairness whether as a referee or any other position in the sport.
- I will promote the sport of lacrosse by being an example for others to follow.
- I will honor the obligations of my position and strive to attain excellence in the performance of my duties.

4. Responsibilities of the Referee-in-Chiefs

- The LGB RIC's are responsible to the ALRA VP of Member Services.
- The LGB RIC's are responsible for assigning referees within their LGB, and may delegate the task of assigning to approved Assignors.
- The LGB RIC's are responsible for working with the ALRA VP of Member Services on referee discipline issues.
- The LGB RIC's are responsible for mentorship of referees and evaluations within their LGB, working with the VP of Member Services and VP of Development.
- The LGB RIC's are responsible for dealing with referee complaints within their LGB.
- The LGB RIC's are responsible for representing the ALRA at LGB meetings.
- The LGB RIC's are responsible for working with the ALRA VP Finance to create budget requests of the LGB's prior to the season.



5. Referee Dress Code

5.01. The Uniform

- Well-groomed and professional in appearance
- ALRA referee's shirt with crest (tucked in).
- Approved black pants. (track suit pants are not acceptable for Major Lacrosse).
- A black belt may be worn without a belt buckle.
- Black crew socks.
- No jewelry, i.e., necklaces, watches, etc. (Medical Alert bracelets are acceptable).
- Black runners are preferred at the minor level.
- Black runners are mandatory at the major level.
- Come with all equipment required to perform duties as a referee.

5.02. Pre and Post Game Attire

- No team logoed apparel.
- Major lacrosse - minimum standard is business casual (no athletic wear).

5.03. The Use of Helmets by ALRA Officials

- The ALRA has approved the use of a CSA/NOCSAE approved helmets and have made it compulsory for all officials and that the ALRA highly recommends the use of a proper visor, the same for all ALRA officials (New 2015).

6. Provincial Selection Policy

6.01. **The Process** – The ALRA VP Development will send notice to all registered officials on or before April 15 of each year calling for applications for provincials and informing officials of the application procedure. The application deadline is May 30. The ALRA's selections for provincials will be decided on or before June 15.

6.02. **Applications** – A referee must apply during the application period, to be considered for provincials.

6.03. **The Selection Committee** – The ALRA Executive will appoint a provincials selection committee to evaluate all provincial applications and communicate with LGB RIC's and Assignors.

6.04. **Provincials Considerations** – If more than the minimum number of applications are received the Provincial Selection Committee may reject applications based on any or all of the following criteria:

- Performance on floor, selecting our strongest at each level.
- Review of formal evaluations.
- Declined, turned back, or missed games in comparison to the applicant group.
- Preference will be given to referees that provide service to their LGB or the ALRA.

7. Nationals Selection Policy

7.01. **The Process** – The ALRA VP Development will send notice to all registered officials on or before April 15 of each year calling for applications for nationals and informing officials of the application procedure. The application deadline is April 30. The ALRA's selection(s) for nationals will be forwarded to the ALA on or before June 22.

7.02. **Applications** – A referee may apply for only one box national championship each year.

7.03. **The Selection Committee** – The ALRA Executive will appoint a nationals selection committee to evaluate all successful nationals' applications. The committee will make recommendations that will go forward to the ALA who ultimately make the decision.



7.04. **Nationals Considerations** – If more than the minimum number of applications are received the ALRA Executive may reject applications based on any or all of the following criteria:

- The Referee must have refereed a minimum of 20 games in Alberta the previous season.
- The Referee must have refereed a minimum of 5 games at the level of Nationals they applied for during the previous season.
- The Referee must have refereed a minimum of 30% of their previous season's games at the minor level (Midget and below)
- The referee must have declined fewer than 20% of the games assigned to them through the season measured using the online assigning system.
- Preference will be given to referees that provide service to their LGB or the ALRA.
- Preference will be given to referees that have not participated in national championships in the previous year.

8. Use of Online Assigning Software (Arbiter)

8.01. All Games (including tournaments) must be entered into the approved ALRA online assigning system prior to the games occurring. All registered referees must be entered into the online assigning system prior to the season (or after the referee has completed their clinic). All game assignments must be entered into the approved online assigning system no later than one week after the game has been completed, however it is preferred that assignments are completed prior to the game occurring.

9. Referee Competency Scale and Evaluation

- 9.01. All referees will be assigned three rankings, each based on the referee competency scale below. A referee will have a Crew Chief ranking, an Assistant Referee Ranking, and a Shot Clock Ranking. The Crew Chief ranking should reflect the level of game that the referee is capable of doing with a weak partner. The Assistant Referee ranking should reflect the level of game that the referee is capable of refereeing with a strong partner. The Shot Clock ranking is generally equal to the Assistant Referee Ranking. For most referees the Crew Chief ranking and the Assistant Referee Ranking should NOT be the same.
- 9.02. Referee Competency Scale – See Schedule 2

10. Referee Ranking

- 10.01. All new referees will be ranked 900 initially. Referees may move between ranks 900 – 500 at the discretion of their LGB RIC. For refs to progress above the rank of 500 they will require written evaluations from ALRA approved evaluators, and agreement by the ranking committee.
- 10.02. If a referee's performance becomes an issue a referee may be downgraded in the same way that they are upgraded.

11. Assigning

- 11.01. All assignors will be paid a rate as of Schedule 1.

12. Referee Discipline

- 12.01. Referees may receive fines or suspension due to violations of the ALRA Bylaws, Regulations or other.



Schedule 1 – Fees

1. Registration Fees

- a. Level 1 \$75.00
- b. Level 2 - 5 \$125.00

2. Assigning Fees

- a. \$3.00

Schedule 2 – Competency Rankings

Level	2023 Ranking
U9	900
U11 Female	900
U11	900
U13 Female	900
U13 C	900
U13 B	800
U13 A	800
U15 Female	750
U15 C	700
U15 B	700
U17 Female	600
U15 A	600
Junior Ladies	550
Senior Ladies	550
U17 C	500
U17 B	400
Junior B Tier 3	400
Junior B Tier 2	300
U17 A	300
Junior B Tier 1	200
Senior C	200
Senior B	100
Junior A	100