



# Officiating

## Section Overview:

2021 RTA Officiating Requirements  
Officiating Communications Officer







# OFFICIATING CLINICS

## Registration

- All officials must complete online registration through the SportsEngine registration link
- All officials acknowledge that sanctioned game play occurs under the RTA conditions outlined in this document

## Online Training

- In-person certification clinics will be substituted with virtual learning modules for returning officials
- Virtual learning will include an exam component that references material within this document, as well as concepts that are highlighted in the virtual learning modules
- Entry level (beginner) clinics will not be offered in any sector until it is safe to do so

## Record Checks

- All officials over the age of 18 must submit an updated Criminal Record Check with a Vulnerable Sector Search, or a signed offense declaration form if applicable, under the OLA's Screening Policy
- Sterling Backcheck provides an online resource substitute for officials to obtain their CRC  
[\(Click here to learn more\)](#)
- Screening documentation is submitted to the OLOA at [privacy@ontariolacrosseofficials.com](mailto:privacy@ontariolacrosseofficials.com)

## 2021 Minimum Officiating Requirements

Until further notice, in-person NOCP clinic certification will be suspended, and returning officials will be approved for participation provided they meet the three criteria outlined above. If in-person NOCP clinic certification can be delivered while adhering to both the OLA's Return to Activity Guide and Public Health Authority regulations, these minimum officiating requirements will be updated to include the appropriate NOCP courses in accordance with the OLA's Officiating Pathway, including an opportunity for entry level (beginner) clinics. In all areas of RTA, officials are expected to make participant safety, including their own safety, the top priority.

## officiating COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS

Clear and open communication will be an important part of returning safely to the field / facility so that all officials understand what protocols and guidelines are in place. Each of the four officiating sector Ontario Lacrosse Officials Association (OLOA) representatives are responsible for ensuring all updated and relevant information is communicated to everyone who is returning to activity within a league. The Communications Officers are responsible for:

- ☐ Sharing applicable public health authority advisories and guidelines with officials
- ☐ Explicitly stating that, under the current framework, body-to-body and stick-to-body contact is not permitted in game play scenarios
- ☐ Recommending hygiene kits for officials (small packages of tissues, hand sanitizer, laminated cards with key medical information, non-medical face-mask, sanitizer, etc.)
- ☐ Liaising with the OLA VP Officiating to provide timely feedback of unique circumstances not included within this guide
- ☐ Confirming that OICs/Assignors are receiving and storing pre-event screenings of officials for contact tracing in accordance with the OLA Privacy Policy and OLA Confidentiality Policy
- ☐ Cooperating and releasing information only to the appropriate public health authorities for the purpose of contact tracing when requested to do so
- ☐ Maintaining regular contact with league/event representatives to maintain an open dialogue and to assist in keeping up to date with any changes to the information in this guide

