



PWLUA NEWSLETTER 2024

Happy New Year!! We hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. It is time to start thinking about lacrosse. Please review and print out this newsletter.

Important websites for your lacrosse resources:

www.pwlua.com

www.usalacrosse.com

www.piaa.org

PIAA dues are payable directly to PIAA. If you are planning to go inactive, contact Melissa Maiolino at pwluasecretary@gmail.com.

PIAA clearances. Background (3) clearances are required of all officials. Check the PIAA website for information. Do this ASAP. <http://www.piaa.org/officials/become/clearances.aspx>

USA Lacrosse membership renewal is due. Go to the website to confirm your membership status, if you have not done so already.

PWLUA dues. Dues can be paid via our VENMO (@Julie-Heller-725). Please make sure to note that the payment is for "PWLUA 2024 dues" and make the payment PRIVATE. **Dues for all members are \$25 until April 1st and after that, they are \$30.** Take care of this to avoid suspension and fines. If you wish to pay by mail, complete the form included on the last page of this newsletter and mail it with your payment to:

Julie Heller
111 Bayberry Dr
Limerick, PA 19468

NEW OFFICIALS WANTED:

The training sessions include:

Handouts, extra rule book, cards, and flag and whistle.

All classroom sessions will be Zoom meetings.

Total of 3. Must attend all

On Field either indoor or outdoor scrimmages



Please contact Bert Butler directly for dates and times for classroom sessions

butlerfhflax@gmail.com 215-570-1390

Put all meeting dates on your calendar now! PIAA requires attendance at four (4) meetings in 2024, plus the PIAA Rules Interpretation meeting. Non-PIAA members must attend four (4) meetings, plus a USA Lacrosse Rules Interpretation meeting (online only). Attendance at the online US Lacrosse Rules Interpretation meeting does **NOT** fulfill the PIAA Rules Interpretation requirement. **NOTE:** You must attend a meeting in April, per PIAA requirements. There is a PIAA test that will be available for credit as a pre-season meeting. The PIAA test will be available online for one month only (February 15th to March 15th) and will be recorded automatically as a meeting in your PIAA account/profile. **This test is on the PIAA website and is the ONLY test that can be used for meeting credit.**

Day	Date	Time	Meeting Description	Location
MON	2/26/24	7:00 PM	Rules Meeting/followed by General Meeting	IN-PERSON (Colonial Elem)
Mon	3/9/24		Play Day Meeting Credit (when you attend a playday, you will receive a PIAA mtg. credit)	IN-PERSON (various locations)
Mon	3/18/24	7:00 PM	General Meeting	Virtual
Mon	4/8/24	7:00 PM	General Meeting	IN-PERSON (Colonial Elem.)
Mon	4/29/24	7:00 PM	General Meeting	Virtual
Mon	5/13/24	7:00 PM	General Meeting (playoff meeting)	IN-PERSON (Colonial Elem.)

PWLUA Executive Board 2023-24:

- Kim Kraemer, President pwlupresident@gmail.com
- Eliza Scott, Vice President pwluavicepresident@gmail.com
- Melissa Maiolino, Secretary/Youth Chair pwlusecretary@gmail.com
- Trish Reidinger, Rules Interpreter pwluainterpreter@gmail.com
- Julie Heller, Treasurer pwlutreasurer@gmail.com
- Johanna Kent, Co-ratings Chair pwluaratingschair@gmail.com
- Christine Egan, Co-ratings Chair pwluaratingschair@gmail.com
- Lisa Kiziuk, Mentor chair pwlumentorchair@gmail.com or lkr@wctrust.org
- Cathy Long, Test Chair pwluatestchair@gmail.com

Play Days: There are 3 HS playdays for service and rating and the youth playday for service only this year and all are on **Saturday, March 9, 2024.**

- **Upper Dublin HS (service and rating)**
- **Upper Dublin Youth (service only)**
- **Haverford HS (service and rating)**
- **Harriton HS (service and rating)**

If you have specific Ratings questions, email **Christine Egan** at pwluaratingschair@gmail.com, and if you have service questions, please email Eliza Scott at pwluavicepresident@gmail.com

If you intend to work college games, and your rating is expiring, you must attend either a Collegiate or Collegiate Select Rating event listed on the [CLWOA page of RefQuest](#). All collegiate ratings expire on December 31st and are 3-year ratings. All questions should go to your Mid-Atlantic Region Coordinator, Patti Cleary at pattilax@aol.com.

USA Lacrosse Speaker Series and Test: The test is available online now on the USA Lacrosse website. The website is completely redesigned. You should spend some time navigating it and familiarizing yourself with its features. Please **forward** your results to our Test Chair, **Cathy Long** (pwluatestchair@gmail.com). You need your test completed **prior** to a rating session. You also need to complete this test to maintain your certification.

- **Girls' Lacrosse Annual Professional Development** - All officials (Level 1, 2, 3) are required to complete this new module annually
- **Girls' Lacrosse Rules Online Course** - All officials (Level 1, 2, 3) are required to complete the Online Rules and Penalty Course one time during their career
- www.usalacrosse.com. Go into Profile and update your information as part of your professional responsibility. Make sure you affiliate with our PWLUA Local Board to ensure that your Official Certification is maintained. If any of your information is incorrect, please notify Kim Kraemer (pwlupresident@gmail.com)
- **USAL Interp Webinars** - these are free and a great resource for our members, however, **they will NOT replace the PIAA rules interpretation meeting**. The link to register for these Interpretation meetings is, <https://www.usalacrosse.com/webinar>
- **Official Education Virtual Speaker** series that looks to offer some valuable information for our members. We encourage members to attend the offered webinars to increase your lacrosse knowledge for educational purposes, but again **no PIAA credit will be given**. Link for the information and registration is: <http://uslacrosse.nonprofitsoapbox.com/component/events/event/908>
- **Mentor Program** - We continue to improve our mentoring program. Please contact Mentor Chair **Lisa Kiziuk** (pwlumentor@gmail.com) if you would like a mentor or if you are interested in becoming a mentor. This is a great way to ask questions and to grow as an official. Please look for more information as the season gets closer.
- **Inter-Ac Rules Modifications:** Inter-Ac League (Penn Charter, SCH, Germantown Academy, Episcopal, Agnes Irwin, Notre Dame Academy, and Baldwin) have decided to modify their rules to include a 60/90 second possession clock. In addition, these modifications will allow defenders to run through the goal circle. All Inter-Ac games will be 3 person games. Officials with college experience, as well as those with 3 person experience, will be called on to officiate these games. Please contact Bert Butler for more details.

Our theme this year is **Strive for More in '24**.

Strive for teamwork

Strive for excellence

Strive for kindness

Strive for fairness

Strive for positivity

Strive to improve

Strive for dependability (on and off the field)



Throughout the season, we encourage you to nominate a fellow official who has exemplified this season's theme. Let us know how she/he exemplifies "Striving for More in '24" throughout the season. We want to reward positive energy, share it with our membership, and continue the excellence of PWLUA. Nominations should be emailed to **Kim Kraemer** (pwlupresident@gmail.com) with a brief description.

Here's to a GREAT 2024 Lacrosse Season!!

With passion and in partnership,

The PWLUA Executive Board

Consider paying via VENMO (@Julie-Heller-725) as your first choice. If you pay by VENMO, you DO NOT need to fill out this form. **If paying by mail, COMPLETE THIS FORM and send it with your check (payable to PWLUA) to Julie Heller 111 Bayberry Dr, Limerick, PA 19468 (or bring with you to the Interp Meeting)**

Name: (maiden name if recently married)

Current Rating: _____

USA Lacrosse Membership #

Expiration Date: _____

PIAA Member?

YES: _____ NO: _____

Please list your Mentor/Mentee Names Below: If you don't have one, or don't want one, write "NONE". If you would like one, please write "NEED". _____

Mentor Name:

Mentee Name:

I would like to nominate the following person to serve on the PWLUA Board:

If you are interested in serving on the board or know of someone who you think would be an asset, please submit a name for nomination to Melissa Maiolino ([mmaiolino13@gmail](mailto:mmaiolino13@gmail.com)) by APRIL 1st. Each candidate will have the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination.

ACTIVE ADULT OFFICIAL (\$25/\$30 LATE)

Home Phone:

INACTIVE OFFICIAL (\$10). If you are planning to go inactive, contact Melissa Maiolino at pwlusecretary@gmail.com.

Cell:

IF YOU ARE INACTIVE, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN BEING A MENTOR OR RATER THIS YEAR?

Work:

Address:

Email:

I have reviewed and agreed to the PWLUA policies and procedures, code of conduct, and ethics and grievance procedures.

Signature:

Date: