



Welcome to *The Draw*!

The NCAA women's lacrosse central hub provides a common national platform where we can gather for mutual growth and improvement, as we strive to improve the great game of college women's lacrosse. Below you will find eligibility requirements and important information for the 2026-27 season.

If you received this letter via email, you have successfully been added to the NCAA The Draw central hub. If you are viewing this letter on refquest.com and have not registered yet, you can do so by clicking Register in the top right corner. Click [here](#) for information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program.

Officials who have registered with CWLOA:

In July 2024, CWLOA and RQ+ entered into a three-year agreement. As part of this agreement, CWLOA-registered officials do not need to go through the NCAA The Draw central hub registration process on refquest.com. The Draw access is now an inclusion of CWLOA registration. When The Draw registration opens on August 13, 2026, RQ+ will add all 2026-27 CWLOA-registered officials to The Draw. Officials will receive an email letting them know they have been added. CWLOA-registered officials will receive a welcome letter from NCAA women's lacrosse leadership and instructions on how to consent to the background check and designate the conferences in which they work. Registration with the NCAA will allow you to consent to share results of a background check with specific conferences that you plan to work for. It is recommended that you identify at least one conference in each division when completing your background check consent information.

Visit The Draw central hub frequently to stay current on the latest women's lacrosse officiating news and information. On the central hub, you'll be able to read the latest rules interpretations from the secretary-rules editor and bulletins from the national officiating coordinator, complete your requirements to be considered for a postseason assignment, and review videos of recurring plays and how they are to be officiated. We will also use the video function to reinforce new rules and points of emphasis.

Thank you for choosing to register with the NCAA and for being a critical part of the women's lacrosse officiating community. When the officiating community is on the same page, it is good for the game!

Have a great season!

Mara Banfield

NCAA National Coordinator of Women's Lacrosse Officials



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It's back to school time, as well as time to get back on the field. In addition to purchasing new books and clothes I hope you leave lots of time for lacrosse - time for registration with the NCAA and CWLOA, rules review and relish at returning to the field.

I'm very excited to rejoin the Women's Lacrosse community as the Secretary Rules Editor (SRE) beginning in September 2026. I know that there will be a learning curve...following Stefanie Smith's outstanding service as the SRE for the last 12 years, I will lean on her (and the overall lacrosse community) to help build upon my knowledge and understanding of the rules and their interpretations. I know you join me in wishing Stefanie well, and in hoping she remains an active part of this sport.

As Mara Banfield (National Coordinator for Officials) already said: "Thank you for choosing to register with the NCAA and for being a critical part of the women's lacrosse officiating community. When the officiating community is on the same page, it is good for the game!"

Laura Hebert

NCAA (Incoming) Women's Lacrosse Secretary-Rules Editor

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to be considered for NCAA postseason assignment, officials must complete the following criteria:

- Register on The Draw (refquest.com)
- Consent to and pass a background check
- View the Eligibility: 2026-27 SportRadar Referee Education Video
- Complete the Conflict of Interest Form
- View the Rules Changes and Rules Revisited Educational Video
- Pass the annual 50-question rules test with a passing score of 90% or higher.
- View all Preseason and In-season Training Videos (Biweekly, Topics TBD, posted as "Eligibility Requirements")

NCAA women's lacrosse leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items.

Welcome Packet

To reduce the cost of registration, officials may "opt out" of receiving hard copies of the rules book. CWLOA-registered officials receive rules books only the first year the book is printed. A digital copy of the rules book is available on The Draw.



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General Liability, Professional Liability, and Accident/Medical Insurance

RQ+ has developed an insurance program for the benefit of officials in all sports at all collegiate levels. This insurance is intended to meet the known insurance requirements of certain governing bodies, conferences, and individual institutions.

The program provides the following limits of insurance for contests officiated from August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027. All returning officials must register by July 31, 2026 or within two weeks of their sport's registration open date to keep continuous coverage.

- *General Liability: \$6,000,000 per occurrence (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess Liability per occurrence)*
 - Program has total aggregate limit per official of \$14,000,000.
 - Coverage intended to protect an official against claims of damages or injury caused to a third party while officiating a contest. Coverage includes personal/ advertising injury, damage to a third party's premises, abuse, and molestation.
 - Coverage extends to international contests if suit is brought in the US.

Professional Liability: \$1,000,000

- Professional Liability claims are generally rooted in allegations of an act, error, or omission in executing an official's professional work that cause financial loss to a third party.

There are options to extend the GL coverage to non-intercollegiate contests, such as High School and other sanctioned events, as well as to increase the Accident Indemnity.

Accident/Medical: \$15,000

- Pays for out-of-pockets expenses for injuries sustained by an official during an intercollegiate contest.

Weekly Accident Indemnity (Game Fee Replacement)

- This insurance is intended to cover instances where an injury or other medical event sustained from a covered accident, renders you totally disabled and unable to work intercollegiate contests you had been assigned. The coverage can pay fees for missed intercollegiate contests. Officials have four options for game fee replacement insurance.



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Max Weekly Benefit	Max Coverage Duration	Plan Cost
\$250	52 weeks	\$49
\$500	52 weeks	\$59
\$2,500	52 weeks	\$129
\$4,700	16 weeks	\$139

Registration Fee

\$100

NCAA Background Check and Conference Selection Information

If you need assistance consenting to the background check or selecting your conferences, please reach out to RQ+ Support at support@refquest.com

Background Check Consent

Only those officials who consent to and satisfy the background check requirement will be considered for selection to work an NCAA championship. Information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program is available [here](#). Your background check will be conducted by Sterling Volunteers, the official background check provider for the NCAA. Per the NCAA, RQ+ does not display the result of your background check. If you have questions regarding the result of your background check, please reach out to Sterling Volunteers at ncaasupport@sterlingvolunteers.com. The cost of this background check is included in your registration with the NCAA Women's Lacrosse The Draw central hub.

To consent to your background check, please follow the steps below:

1. On your RQ+ **Home** page, click **Background Check**.
2. Toggle on **I agree to begin the background check process** and click **Submit**.

This will automatically take you to the consent screen where you will supply your legal name, date of birth, and social security number.

Once you complete the background check consent process, you will be able to track the status of your consent by choosing **Background Check** on the left-hand side of your RQ+ **Home** screen.



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Conference Selection

As an official, you can manage your conferences in RQ+ by choosing which conference(s) you work in. Please note when selecting conferences in RQ+, you are granting those conferences access to view your background check report in Sterling Volunteers. To add/remove conferences, please follow the steps below:

1. On your RQ+ **Home** page, click **Conferences** on the left-hand side.
2. Choose the correct **Consortium** in the top-left corner (e.g., NCAA Women's Lacrosse).
3. Click **Manage Conferences**.
4. Add a conference by clicking the "+" sign next to the conference you'd like to add in the left column. This will move the conference to the right column.
5. You can remove a conference by clicking the "-" sign next to the conference in the right column.
6. Click **Save Conferences**.