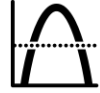


## BEST PRACTICE #2

*I understand the competency of my officials.*



Officials need to stay current so they can apply the correct rules with the appropriate mechanics. You must know that your officials are qualified for their assignments.

- USA Lacrosse encourages use of their certification level (1, 2, or 3) as a starting point.
- Use observation results, evaluations, and even factor in coach evaluations if appropriate.
- Ask officials at what level they wish to officiate.
- Challenge an official when he or she appears ready to move up to the next level.

US Lacrosse certification levels are a short-hand way for assigners across the country to know what level of game an official can competently officiate. While not an exact measure in every area, here is how the levels are generally used:

1. **New official** – Youth games (8U-14U), middle school, JV, low-level high school.
2. **Intermediate official** – Most high school games, potential for early post-season play.
3. **Advanced official** – Any high school game as the Head Official (Referee) and playoffs.

<b>ArbiterSports</b>	There is an auto assign function that allows you to rank officials based on skill level, with their preferred ranking system. In the example system below, the rankings go from 100 (can do any game) to 400 (needs support)			
Corsetti, Gordon	gordoncorsetti@	Lacrosse	Field Judge	100
		Lacrosse	Referee	150
		Lacrosse	Umpire	100

<b>ArbiterSports</b>	There is an “Evaluation” tab feature which can be set to allow partner officials and coaches the opportunity to evaluate officials. Having this in place allows you to have additional real-time feedback regarding performance.					
Official Name	Position Worked	Official Rank	Evaluation Criteria Name	Criteria Value	Criteria Comments	Summary Comments