



Certification Protocol – Officials Educators

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1. Overview

Educator candidates will attend the World Lacrosse Educator Academy. This will provide training for all prospective Educators on how to deliver clinics, game education, and how to conduct evaluations for both education and certification purposes. There are two modules, an education module and an evaluation module. Candidates will complete both modules with the evaluator module being completed in their relevant discipline, and either at a domestic or international level. There are competencies that must be met for each module in the Academy. If successful, certified Educators will be able to provide education and evaluation for officials for NGB's, CF's and WL. An Educator is unable to give certifications without approval from the relevant governing body.

Successful candidates will be awarded a certification as follows:

Domestic Educator – Sixes / Box / Women's Field / Men's Field

International Educator – Sixes / Box / Women's Field / Men's Field

2. Educator Academy Entry Criteria

All candidates must be in good standing with their relevant NGB, CF and WL.

Domestic Educator

People may apply who:

- have a high level of lacrosse rules and officiating knowledge.

All World Lacrosse certified officials meet this criterion. Other applicants will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

International Educator

People may apply who:

- have been awarded a WL2 or WL3 officiating certification in the previous 10 years.
- are a domestic level educator with a minimum of 12 months of active experience.
- have international experience of the role of Educator prior to this certification being introduced.

3. Certification Validity and Renewal

All newly certified international educators must work with a minimum of four different international educators within 24 months of gaining their certification.

For an Educators certificate to remain valid, they must complete the following:

- a biannual film game evaluation following the same criteria as the evaluation module film evaluation.
- annual completion of the applicable rules test.
- attend one session delivered by another WL Educator annually.
- attend one professional development opportunity annually.
- complete an annual reflection and action plan for the following year.

If these criteria are not met, the certification will expire on 31 December.

4. Educator Certification Components

To gain certification, Educator candidates are required to pass the following:

- Discipline Specific Rules test.
- English Proficiency test.
- Education Module.
- Domestic or International Discipline Specific Evaluation Module.

Educators must meet the set standard in all areas to gain certification.



4.1. Rules Test

Officials Educators must complete a rules test to gain certification, and annually to retain their certification. This is the same rules test that international officials will take.

- Tests are in Classmarker. Links are shared as required.
- Results are collated by WL staff and the officiating committee.
- Maximum of two attempts and then a stand down period of 3 months. During the stand down period the Educator can not complete evaluations. After 3 months they may attempt the rules test again.

	Criteria	
Domestic Officials Educators	80%	No time limit
International Officials Educators	90%	Time limit

4.2. English Proficiency

All Educators must meet B1 Intermediate level in the Common European Framework of Reference

<https://www.efset.org/cefr/b1/> OR have the equivalent in a recognized qualification.

4.3. Education Module

The education module will focus on the required skills to be able to deliver clinics in a tournament / league setting, online clinics and game education. Educators must demonstrate a level of competency in the strands of:

- Assessing Learner Needs
- Designing a Task / Session
- Facilitating Delivery
- Supporting Learning and Learners
- Evaluating and Reflecting

4.4. Evaluation Module

The evaluation module will outline how to use the evaluation tools appropriately and provide education around what each competency looks like when evaluating officials. Candidates must use the tools to demonstrate competency by evaluating a set game that has been levelled by a committee comprising of coaches, athletes, and certified educators.

- Educators will have an opportunity to evaluate film and be informed about where they sit to allow them to adjust their evaluations if required before completing a final film evaluation.
- Educators must have 90% of their decisions in-line with the set standard.
- All decisions that are marked as high influence must be correct.
- If after feedback and direction, an educator is unable to reach this mark, they may complete an in-person apprenticeship with a certified educator.

Apprenticeship

An educator candidate who requires more training to make consistent evaluation decisions will undergo an apprenticeship. This involves:

- Having one or two certified educators assigned as mentors where in-person evaluations can occur.
- The apprentice shadows the mentors for a minimum of two games, and for as many as the apprentice chooses.
- The apprentice and mentor complete an evaluation of the same game for one official separately. I.e. out of ear shot and without discussing the game with anyone else.
- The evaluation data is sent to WL staff for marking.