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Article: Lacrosse Officials Needed in York and Adams Counties PA
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To All Lacrosse Enthusiasts in York and Adams Counties in Pennsylvania:

As a result of an extraordinary grassroots campaign by lacrosse enthusiasts in the area, we are pleased to announce Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) boy's lacrosse will be played in the York Adams Interscholastic Athletic Association (YAIAA) league in 2009. The wheels were set in motion when Dan Wilmot wrote an open letter to lacrosse enthusiasts in the area in the fall of 2007 in which he stressed the need to form an official's organization that was willing to work with the local leagues.

As a result of this open letter, individuals from the surrounding areas banded together, attended officiating training sessions, then passed the PIAA exam on 01/31/2008. On 07/01/2008, the South Penn Lacrosse Officials Association (SPLOA) was formed when the PIAA officially recognized those individuals as an official's chapter – to operate under the name "South Penn Chapter of PIAA Boys Lacrosse Officials".

In 2009, the SPLOA will cover all PIAA games in the YAIAA. Additionally, the SPLOA will be the only officiating body covering York County Lacrosse Association (YCLA) youth lacrosse games in York and Adams counties.

As SPLOA members will officiate hundreds of games in the spring of 2009, a large recruiting effort is now under way. The SPLOA is offering its members the opportunity to work with a new association of officials that is committed to the growth of the sport of lacrosse. Never before in history has lacrosse been played as a PIAA sanctioned sport. Our members have the unique opportunity to not only officiate PIAA lacrosse, but to help facilitate the growth of the sport at the youth level.

The SPLOA has scheduled three separate National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) exam prep sessions this year in York, and has scheduled two outdoor training sessions at Central York High School to provide on-field training for all officials.

Please see the next page for the complete 2008-2009 SPLOA Training Schedule.

Please pass this letter on to anyone you may know who would be interested in helping grow lacrosse in the area. More information including registration information, schedules, game fees and frequently asked questions can be found online at www.sploa.com.

Our purpose is to advance lacrosse in the area and we can only do so with your help. Thank you in advance for any assistance you may be able to provide.



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2008-2009 SPLOA Training Schedule

The following exam prep and outdoor training sessions have been scheduled for the 2008-2009 season.

Exam Prep Session 1	CLASS 1: Wed. 09/17/2008 @ 7:00 PM CLASS 2: Wed. 09/24/2008 @ 7:00 PM EXAM: Wed. 10/01/2008 @ 7:00 PM	Penn-Air & Hydraulics 1750 Industrial Hwy. York, PA 17402
Exam Prep Session 2	CLASS 1: Wed. 11/19/2008 @ 7:00 PM CLASS 2: Wed. 12/03/2008 @ 7:00 PM EXAM: Wed. 12/10/2008 @ 7:00 PM	Penn-Air & Hydraulics 1750 Industrial Hwy. York, PA 17402
Outdoor Training Session 1	CLASS 1: Thur. 12/04/2008 @ 7:00 PM CLASS 2: Thur. 12/11/2008 @ 7:00 PM CLASS 3: Thur. 12/18/2008 @ 7:00 PM	Central York High School 601 Mundis Mill Road York, PA 17406
Outdoor Training Session 2	CLASS 1: Thur. 01/08/2009 @ 7:00 PM CLASS 2: Thur. 01/15/2009 @ 7:00 PM CLASS 3: Thur. 01/22/2009 @ 7:00 PM	Central York High School 601 Mundis Mill Road York, PA 17406
Exam Prep Session 3	CLASS 1: Wed. 01/14/2009 @ 7:00 PM CLASS 2: Wed. 01/21/2009 @ 7:00 PM EXAM: Wed. 01/28/2009 @ 7:00 PM	Penn-Air & Hydraulics 1750 Industrial Hwy. York, PA 17402