



**Men's Field Lacrosse
Rule Change Proposal
for 2018 General Assembly**

Rule Change Proposal #	2018 M Field - 11	Descriptor
Edit	New	30 Second Clearing Count

Present Rule:

No current rule

Proposed Change:

Advancing the Ball into the Goal Area

Upon gaining possession of the ball, a team must advance the ball into its goal area within 30 seconds. Failure to do so will result in a turnover, and the ball will be awarded to the opposing team at the spot of the violation. Once started, the 30-second count will continue until:

- a. The opposing team gains possession.
- b. A clearing team player in possession of the ball touches the goal-area line or is inside the goal area.
- c. A loose ball touches the goal-area line or the ground inside the goal area.
- d. A loose ball touches anything in contact with the ground inside the planes of the goal-area lines (such as a player, the crosse of a player who is touching the ground, an airborne player who was last in contact with the ground inside the goal area, an official, the goal or the net).
- e. If there is a loose ball and a play-on situation for a foul by the opposing team, and the clearing team regains possession (thus starting a new 30-second clearing count).
- f. The officials sound the whistle to stop play for any reason.

A.R. May a player throw the ball into the goal area, creating a loose ball, in order to stop the 30-second count?

RULING: Yes.

A.R. B1, while clearing, has the ball checked out of his crosse by A1, creating a loose ball. Is a new 30-second count started with the loose ball?

RULING: No.

Justification:

Increase pace of play.

This will eliminate the judgement of whether or not defensive stalling is occurring. Teams will not be able to hold ball in defensive end until a stall warning is applied.