



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

Rule Change Proposal #	2018 M Field - 12	Descriptor
Edit	New	Over and Back

Present Rule:

No current rule

Proposed Change:

Rules Once the Attack Area is Gained/Over and Back

Once the ball has been cleared into the goal area, the ball shall not return to the defensive half of the field through actions of the offensive team. If this occurs, it is an over and back violation. The result is an immediate turnover and a quick restart for the offended team.

If the ball does not touch or go over the midline, no infraction has occurred.

Defensive players may legally bat the ball to keep it in the offensive half of the field, but if it is possessed and their feet are in the defensive half, it shall be a turnover.

An over and back violation does not occur in the following situations:

1. A shot that leaves the offensive half of the field.
2. A loose ball that leaves the offensive half of the field and was last touched by the defensive team.
3. A loose ball that is leaving the offensive half of the field and the defense is called for a loose ball violation (or play-on) or caused the ball to go out of bounds in the defensive end.

In all of the above situations, a new clearing clock will be initiated when possession is gained.

A.R. With possession of the ball on the offensive half of the field, A1 steps into the goal area. A1 attempts a pass to A2 that is not caught, and the ball rolls toward the midline. A3, who is standing on his defensive half, bats the ball preventing it from crossing the midline without gaining possession. A2 picks up the ball, which never crosses the midfield line.

RULING: Play continues.

A.R. A1 has possession of the ball on his offensive half of the field and has stepped the ball into the attack area. B1 deflects a pass by A1, and the ball crosses the midfield line. A2 picks up the ball.

RULING: Team A has a new 30-second count to advance the ball into the attack area.

A.R. Team A has possession of the ball in its offensive half of the field with 10 seconds remaining in the 30-second clearing count and calls timeout. What count is in effect when play is resumed? RULING: Team A has a new 30-second count to advance the ball into the attack area.

Justification:

Increase pace of play.

The attacking team will be unable to slow the game down by returning to their defensive half until a stall warning is accessed.