



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

Rule Change Proposal #		2018 M Field - 2	Descriptor
Edit	Rule 31.1		Enter sudden victory overtime immediately

**Present Rule:**

This wording in Rule 31.1 would be eliminated

~~In the event of the scores being tied at the end of regulation playing time, then two periods of overtime shall be played. The following procedure shall apply: i) There shall be an interval of 5 minutes, during which the teams shall change ends. ii) Both periods of overtime shall start with a face-off as at the start of each quarter, subject to the provisions of Rule 34.1 being followed. iii) The overtime periods shall be of 4 minutes' duration, and there shall be a two-minute interval between them. iv) The teams shall change ends between the 2 overtime periods.~~

**Proposed Change:**

Rule 31.2 would be deleted in it's entirety and would be renumbered to 31.1 and reworded to the following.

In the event of the score being tied at the end regulation playing time, play shall be continued, after a two minute intermission, with sudden victory overtime. In sudden victory overtime teams shall play periods of 4 minutes each until a goal is scored, thus deciding a winner. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a two minute intermission between sudden victory periods.

The following "sudden victory" procedure will take place:

- i) The referees shall call together the captains of each team at the center of the field at the end of regulation play and during the 2- minute intermission. The head referee shall toss a coin to determine choice of goal to defend, the visiting captain shall call.
- ii) All periods of overtime shall start with a face-off as at the start of each quarter, subject to the provisions of Rule 34.1 being followed.
- iii) The teams shall change ends between overtime periods.

**Justification:**

The change would have a potential to shorten the length of a game that enters overtime by eliminating the mandatory two full periods then playing sudden victory if still tied.

Change to faceoff after every overtime period would encourage teams to attempt to score late in period opposed to perhaps stalling to control ball.

Change would harmonize timing between quarters with the Women's field game.

Coin toss prior to overtime allows teams an opportunity to assess playing conditions and make a decision based on current situations.