



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

Rule Change Proposal #		2018 M Field - 8	Descriptor
Edit	Rule 65.1		Offside

**Present Rule:**

**Offside**

Provided that the ball is in play, a team is offside when:

- i) The ball is in that team's attack half of the field and they have more than six (6) men including players in the penalty box in their attack half of the field, between the centerline and the end line; or
- ii) The ball is in that team's defensive half of the field and they have more than seven (7) men including players in the penalty box in their defensive half of the field, between the centerline and the end line.

**Proposed Change:**

A team is considered offside when it has no more than 10 players on the field (including players in the penalty box), AND:

- a. It has more than six men in its attack half of the field (between the centerline and the end line) including men in the penalty box, OR
- b. It has more than seven men in its defensive half of the field (between the centerline and the end line) including men in the penalty box.

*Note 1: If a player, seeing that he is going to be offside before he can stop, instead runs out of bounds, no penalty shall result from the failure of that player's team to have the required number of men in either end of the field, as long as the player returns immediately to the field.*

*Note 2: If a team momentarily has fewer than the required number of men on either end of the field while players are exiting and entering the field through the substitution area, this is not considered to be an offside violation. However, if a team delays its substitution and that causes it to have too few players on either half of the field, it may be called for offside.*

**Justification:**

Eliminate confusion related to the statement of location of ball. The location of the ball shall not matter in the case of offsides