

Women's Field Lacrosse Rule Change Proposal for 2018 General Assembly

Rule Change Proposal #10		2018 W Field - 10	Descriptor
Edit	13.A	Start and restart the game	Team must be ready to re-start play within 30 seconds of a goal being scored
Clarification	20.A.20	Minor foul rules & penalties	
Correction	23.C.2	Delay of Game & other Persistent Minor Fouls	

Present Rule:

Start and restart the game

13.A Each half of the game and overtime period, and after each goal, the game is started with a Draw except when a free position or throw is awarded at the center line. During the draw, five players maximum from each team may be between the restraining lines, the centers and four other players from each team. All other players must be below either restraining line. Players must not step on or over the center circle line or the restraining lines until the whistle sounds to start play. Both goalkeepers must remain below/goal side of their team's defensive restraining line for the draw. (Rule 20.A.10)

Guidance: When the game starts or restarts with a free position or a throw at the center line rather than with a draw, any players within 4 m of the free position / throw must move 4 m away. All other players must stand until the whistle sounds.

1. To draw, two opponents stand with one foot 'toeing the center line'. Their crosses are held in the air above hip level, parallel to and above the center line. Both the head and shaft must lie along the vertical plane of the center line. The hand at the bottom of the player's shaft cannot be higher than the hand at the top of the shaft. The butt end of the shaft cannot be lower than 30° from being parallel with the ground. The crosses will be held back to back, the right sidewall is down, so that each player's crosse is between the ball and the goal she is defending. A player's top hand may not contact the throat, the pocket or the sidewall of her crosse. (Rule 20.A.1)

Guidance: The right sidewall of a molded head crosse refers to the right side of the crosse when a player holds the crosse vertically with the open pocket facing her. The right sidewall of a wooden crosse is the wooden side.

When setting the draw, umpires must be aware of height differences between centers and position the height of the crosses so that neither player gains an advantage.

2. The umpire places the ball between the crosses in the upper one half of the head near the widest part of the heads. Once the crosses are set, the umpire says, "ready" before moving backwards out of the center circle. At the word "ready", players taking the draw must remain motionless (except for moving their heads) until the whistle sounds. At the whistle, both players must immediately draw their crosses up and away from one another. The flight of the ball must go higher than the heads of both players taking the draw.

Guidance: Umpires should vary the time interval between the word 'Ready' and their whistle. The umpire administering the draw should plan a route out of the center circle so that she does not interfere with players moving in to play the ball.

a. When an illegal draw occurs, the opponent will be awarded a minor foul free position at the center line. (Rules 20.A.8.d.1)

b. If both players draw illegally, or it cannot be determined why the draw was illegal, or an umpire determines that the draw was unsuccessful because it was not set correctly, the umpire



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will call time out to reset the draw. Exception: When agreed prior to the game/event, the clock will continue

Minor foul rules & penalties

20.A.20. Restart Play: promptly return to the field for the center draw, following half time, team time outs and goals.

a. The free position will be awarded at the center line. Both teams will take their legal positions for a draw before the umpire awards the ball to the team that was ready to play.

Delay of Game and other Persistent Minor Fouls

23.C

1. Delay of game fouls include:

- a. Failure to 'stand' when the whistle is blown to stop play; creeping,
- b. Failure to move 4 m away for a free position,
- c. Failure to follow an umpire's directions,
- d. Any other type of behavior which, in the umpire's opinion, amounts to delay.

2. Persistent minor fouls include:

- a. Repeated false start violations (Rule 20.A.20)
- b. Repeated restraining line violations (Rule 19)
- c. Teams that repeatedly waste time returning to center draw following a goal (Rule 20.A.12)
- d. Any other minor fouls that in an umpire's opinion occur repeatedly due to lack of skill or to gain an unfair advantage.

Proposed Change:

Start and restart the game

13.A Each half of the game and overtime period, and after each goal, the game is started with a Draw except when a free position or throw is awarded at the center line. **Players must be ready to start the game Thirty (30) seconds after a goal has been scored.**

During the draw, five players maximum from each team may be between the restraining lines, the centers and four other players from each team. All other players must be below either restraining line. Players must not step on or over the center circle line or the restraining lines until the whistle sounds to start play. Both goalkeepers must remain below/goal side of their team's defensive restraining line for the draw. (Rule 20.A.10)

The rest of the rule is unchanged.

Minor foul rules & penalties

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Problem(s) Posed by the Present Position:

There is no definition of how "promptly" a team is expected to be ready to re-start play after a goal has been scored, leading to potential inconsistent application of the rule.

Justification:

Defining the maximum permitted period of time between a goal being scored and teams being ready to re-start play at the center.

Unifying the rules between men's and women's field rules.

Support FIL's work within the Technical sector to simplify and unify rules
