



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

| Rule Change Proposal # | 2018 M Field - 4 | Descriptor |
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| Edit | Rule 37.1 | Free Play – (quick restart) |

Present Rule:

Free play

When a player has been awarded the ball for any reason, no opposing player or teammate may take a position closer to him than 5 yards. The Referee shall clearly indicate the player who is going to re-start to the opposing goalkeeper.

Proposed Change:

Free play

Once the referee has signaled that the ball is ready for play, the restart shall occur in the same relative position where the ball was when play was stopped. The official shall resume play as quickly as possible. If an opposing player is within five yards of the player that has been awarded the ball, and the official blows the whistle to restart play, the opposing player is not allowed to defend the ball until he reaches a distance of five yards from the opponent. A violation will be a flag down (slow whistle) for delay of game. On any restart, no offensive player may be within 5 yards of the player with the ball. The Referee shall clearly indicate the player who is going to re-start to the opposing goalkeeper on a dead ball (non-quick restart situations) restart that is below the restraining lines in the awarded team's offensive end.

Justification:

Increase pace of play

Eliminates instruction of players regarding five yards which slows pace. Many times officials are slowing game to ensure there is five yards of separation of all players.

Clarifies that a referee will not notify the goalkeeper when awarded ball in the team's defensive end and on any only dead ball non quick restart situations. This will increase pace of play.