



## Rule Change Summary – 2018 – Men’s – Revised May 9 2018

The following rule changes are proposed from the Rules Committee for Men’s Lacrosse

Proposal #	Rule	Rule Change Summary	Proposed Change	Justification for Change
2018M Field-1	29.3	Change Interval lengths between quarters	Rule 29.3 would now read - At the end of each quarter, the teams shall change ends. The interval between the first and second quarters shall be of 2 minutes’ duration. At half-time, the interval shall be 10 minutes long. At three-quarter time, the interval shall be 2 minutes.	The change would eliminate different timing intervals between quarters one and two and quarters three and four. Change would harmonize timing between quarters with the Women’s field game.
2018M Field-2	31.1	Eliminate, non-sudden Victory Overtime and go straight to Sudden Victory Overtime	<p>Rule 31.2 would be deleted in its entirety and would be renumbered to 31.1 and reworded to the following.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The following “sudden victory” procedure will take place:</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Change to faceoff after every overtime period would encourage teams to attempt to score late in period opposed to perhaps stalling to control ball.</p> <p>Change would harmonize timing between quarters with the Women’s field game.</p> <p>Coin toss prior to overtime allows teams an opportunity to access playing conditions and make a decision based on current situations.</p>



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			<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The teams shall change ends between overtime periods.</p>	
2018M Field-33	33.1	Actions Prior to the Game	<p><b>Actions prior to the game</b></p> <p>The game officials shall call together the captains of each team at the center of the field approximately 5 minutes before the start of the game.</p>	<p>Clarification of what choice of goals is. The winner of the coin toss will pick the end they wish to defend.</p> <p>Make wording consistent with rule 33.2</p> <p>Change would harmonize timing between quarters with the Women’s field game</p>



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			The Head referee shall toss a coin to determine choice of goal to defend, the visiting captain shall call the toss. At this time, any special ground rules shall be explained.	
2018M Field-4	37.1	Free Play (Quick Restart)	<p><b>Free play</b></p> <p>Once the referee has signalled 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.</p>	<p>Increase pace of play</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>



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2018M Field-5	44.5	Timeout	<p>A team may request a time-out provided:</p> <p>The ball is dead; or</p> <p>The requesting team has not committed an on field technical turnover: or</p> <p>The team requesting the time-out has player possession of the ball in its attacking half of the field.</p>	<p>Increase pace of play</p> <p>To allow a team that has been disadvantaged by an on field technical turnover to have an opportunity for a quick restart.</p>
2018M Field-6	45.1	Stick Check	<p>A team’s head coach may request the inspection of any crosse of the opposing team that is on the field of play. All aspects of the construction and dimensions of the crosse shall be considered. Neither team may request a stick check when an on field technical turnover was committed.</p>	<p>Increase pace of play</p> <p>To allow a team that has been disadvantaged by an on field technical turnover to have an opportunity for a quick restart.</p>
2018M Field-8	65.1	Offside	<p>A team is considered offside when it has no more than 10 players on the field (including players in the penalty box), AND:</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Eliminate confusion related to the statement of location of ball. The location of the ball shall not matter in the case of offsides</p>



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			<p>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.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	



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2018M Field-9	65.5	Offside	When determining whether a team is offside, a player whose body (including a gloved hand on the crosse but not including the crosse itself) touches or steps on or across the center line is considered to be have entered that half of the field.	Eliminate confusion related to a player falling over midline or touching the midline with any portion of the body to include the gloved hand when on the stick.
2018M Field-10	82.6	Slow Whistle Technique	<p>Where a flag is thrown mistakenly then, when the whistle subsequently blows to stop the play, the ball shall be awarded to the team that has possession.</p> <p>When an official inadvertently blows the whistle, the ball shall be awarded to the team that has possession.</p> <p>If neither team has possession, then the ball shall be faced.</p>	Describes what is to be done in an inadvertent whistle has been blown.
2018M Field-11	New Rule	30 Second Clearing Count	Advancing the Ball into the Goal Area	<p>Increase pace of play.</p> <p>This will eliminate the judgement of whether or not defensive stalling is occurring. Teams will not be able to hold ball in defensive end until a stall warning is applie</p>



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			<p>Upon gaining possession of the ball, a team must advance the ball into its goal area within 30 seconds. Failure to do so will result in a turnover, and the ball will be awarded to the opposing team at the spot of the violation. Once started, the 30-second count will continue until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The opposing team gains possession.</li><li>b. A clearing team player in possession of the ball touches the goal-area line or is inside the goal area.</li><li>c. A loose ball touches the goal-area line or the ground inside the goal area.</li><li>d. A loose ball touches anything in contact with the ground inside the planes of the goal-area lines (such as a player, the crosse of a player who is touching the ground, an airborne player who was last in contact with the ground inside the goal area, an official, the goal or the net).</li><li>e. If there is a loose ball and a play-on situation for a foul by the opposing team, and the clearing team regains possession (thus starting a new 30-second clearing count).</li></ul>	



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			<p>f. The officials sound the whistle to stop play for any reason.</p> <p>A.R. May a player throw the ball into the goal area, creating a loose ball, in order to stop the 30-second count?</p> <p>RULING: Yes.</p> <p>A.R. B1, while clearing, has the ball checked out of his crosse by A1, creating a loose ball. Is a new 30-second count started with the loose ball?</p> <p>RULING: No.</p>	
2018M Field-12	New	Over & Back	<p><b>Rules Once the Attack Area is Gained/Over and Back</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>If the ball does not touch or go over the midline, no infraction has occurred.</p>	<p>Increase pace of play.</p> <p>The attacking team will be unable to slow the game down by returning to their defensive half until a stall warning is accessed</p>





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			<p>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.</p> <p>An over and back violation does not occur in the following situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A shot that leaves the offensive half of the field.</li><li>2. A loose ball that leaves the offensive half of the field and was last touched by the defensive team.</li><li>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.</li></ol> <p>In all of the above situations, a new clearing clock will be initiated when possession is gained.</p>	



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			<p>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 sideline. A3, who is standing on his defensive half, bats the ball preventing it from crossing the sideline without gaining possession. A2 picks up the ball, which never crosses the sideline line.</p> <p>RULING: Play continues.</p> <p>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 sideline line. A2 picks up the ball.</p> <p>RULING: Team A has a new 30-second count to advance the ball into the attack area.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>RULING: Team A</p>	



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			has a new 30-second count to advance into the attack area.	
2018M Field-13	New	61.8 Penalty for Failure to Advance	<p>Failure to Advance the ball to the attack goal area within the prescribed time is a technical foul</p> <p>61.18 will read - Failure to advance the ball into the attack area in 30 seconds.</p>	Defining penalty for not advancing the ball into the attack goal area within prior to the expiration of 30 second timeframe
2018M Field-14	New	61.19 Penalty for Over and Back	<p><b>Over and back is a technical foul</b></p> <p>61.19 will read – If an over and back violation occurs. The result is an immediate turnover and a quick restart for the offended team.</p>	Defining penalty for over and back violation at midfield.
2018M Field-15	29.1	Change the quarter times for the game	The game shall be divided into 4 periods of 15 minutes duration each	Player’s safety – in events such as world competitions and other tournament formatted events player safety is a concern due to multiple games in successive days. Players are forced to play multiple days in a row. The shorten game length will allow for proper rest and recovery.



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2018M Field-16	29.2	Change the stop time in Q4 from last three minutes to, the last two minutes.	<p>During the last 30 seconds of the first, second and third quarters, the last 2 minutes of the fourth quarter, and during any overtime period, the game-clock and, if applicable, the penalty clock(s) shall stop whenever the ball becomes dead, and then shall restart whenever play is restarted.</p> <p>This shall apply for all stoppages, including the scoring of a goal.</p> <p>Such a stoppage of play shall not be considered to be an official time-out for the purpose of illegal substitution, the gate or the coaches’ area, unless an official time-out is specifically requested by a referee or by the CBO</p>	Harmonize with the Women’s game