



MPSSAA RULES CLINIC 2014

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Dates & Test

- ▶ March 21 First Play date
- ▶ Regionals, May 7, 9, 12, 14
- ▶ State Semis, May 16 and 17
- ▶ State Finals, May 20& 21 at UMBC

Test

The test is taken on Arbiter, US Lacrosse Central Hub,
Testing

75% to pass

85% to state games

Test to be completed by April 15.

Social Media

- ▶ Do not make any comments on social media about:
- ▶ TEAMS
- ▶ PLAYERS
- ▶ COACHES
- ▶ OFFICIALS
- ▶ YOUR GAME

AFTER A GOAL

- ▶ Do not use hand signals or gestures after a goal.
- ▶ If you have “no goal” approach the other official

Concerns

- ▶ Flags are **not** to be seen.
- ▶ Cards are to be separated.
- ▶ Goggles are not an officials concern, that is the coaches concern
- ▶ Jewelry is the officials concern

VERBALIZE

- ▶ It is OK to be verbal during a game
- ▶ Use the language of the rules
- ▶ Say “play on” don’t just give the signal.
- ▶ Use your inside voice!
- ▶ You are allowed to smile
- ▶ Do NOT engage fans, get the home team administration to do that.

Appearance

- ▶ Everything is black
- ▶ Shirts are to be tucked in.
- ▶ Men, shorts are to be thigh length. Not running short length
- ▶ Women, some kilts need to be longer!

Game Time

- ▶ Arrive 30 mins. prior to the game. Dressed
- ▶ Walk the field together.
- ▶ If you are running late let the other ref know
- ▶ Introduce yourself to both coaches
- ▶ Captains meeting 10 mins. before game time, game clock set to 10 of.
- ▶ Captains meeting. No speaking captain.
- ▶ Head Coach should be there for the whole meeting

Timer and Scorer

- ▶ Go over things with the timer and scorer.
- ▶ Running time?? Half time?? Dead Ball possession horn
- ▶ Timer comes onto the field at 30 and counts down the last 10 loud enough for you to hear.
- ▶ Scorer needs to record cards with the time of the foul.
- ▶ Table side ref needs to insure that.

Half Time

- ▶ Stay at the center to discuss any situations. Don't do that in front of the table or benches.
- ▶ Go to the table and check the book to make sure the score and cards agrees.
- ▶ If one coach has a question or comment make sure the other coach is there.

End of the Game

- ▶ Gather your things and leave together.
- ▶ Do not linger and do not talk to the coaches.
- ▶ If a coach has a basic question answer it with the other official there, but keep walking.
- ▶ If you are coming back to watch a game or observe an official do so out of uniform.

Positioning

- ▶ Get ahead before you start play
- ▶ No need to approach when setting up play
- ▶ Know your tangent, Generally, come up on a far side roll, drop down on a near side
- ▶ Don't call the other refs crease.
- ▶ Bending is not getting in position
- ▶ Stick check is yours alone

Positioning II

- ▶ Move towards center as trail and then move out on transition.
- ▶ Trust your partner to bring it up
- ▶ Anticipate, get ahead sooner

Things

- ▶ Never refer to kids by name and ask them to call you ref.
- ▶ Refer to the coach as coach.
- ▶ Give direction first
- ▶ Say one color only, "Blue ball", "dangerous".
- ▶ Don't confuse college and USL rules.
- ▶ Make sure everyone understands your signal so they know what the foul was.

More Things

- ▶ Hair bands are not jewelry.
- ▶ No band aids on jewelry
- ▶ Uniforms, Varsity must comply. JV does not.
- ▶ Stadium clock is the official clock.
- ▶ Strings must not be overly long.
- ▶ "In the sphere" is a USL rule
- ▶ "Team" cards is a USL rule
- ▶ Don't penalize 3 seconds when the attack is in a stall.

And More

- ▶ CARD ! Use your cards to control behavior.
- ▶ New officials should not take the table side
- ▶ Learn to look away
- ▶ Get the number of the player that fouled
- ▶ Sell the call
- ▶ Vary the tone of your whistle
- ▶ Don't call across the field
- ▶ Don't discuss teams or players with friends

ENJOY

- ▶ It is a great fellowship
- ▶ If you are not enjoying what you are doing you need to re-evaluate why you are doing it.