

2017 MPSSAA BOYS LACROSSE QUIZ #3 – Play situations you would never expect to see, but might have to rule on

1. After satisfying their initial offensive count, the Team A midfielder throws an errant pass which is retrieved by a team mate as a ground ball just inside his offensive side of the field. Since he is being closely played by the Team B midfielder, he draws his stick back over the plane of the mid-line, and is suddenly checked by Team B's attackman. What is the correct ruling?

RULE 1-6-2: Out of Bounds, Player in possession -- When a player with the ball in his possession touches the ground on or beyond the boundary line, the ball is out of bounds, and the player shall lose possession.

2. Two lefties come down together on the face-off, both with sticks in their left hands. The left handed face-off official puts the ball down between the reverse side of the sticks and as he backs out, (to his left of course), he calls one player for a movement violation. Just after his quick re-start, the opposing face-off man scores a goal on a fast break. A.) Coach brings it to your attention before the next faceoff. B.) Your fellow official brings it to your attention before the next face-off. What is the correct ruling?

RULE 7-13, Art. 1: A.) If the head coach thinks you have misapplied a rule, he must bring it to your attention before the next live ball. In this case, that live ball occurred when the official re-started play and it is now too late.

RULE 7-13 Art. 2, b: B.) If the officials do have sufficient time to call attention to the mistake prior to resuming play (e.g., when the mistake itself is an improper re-start), the correction must be made before the 2nd live ball. In this case, the official would actually have the opportunity to correct his own mistake, disallow the goal and reface with both face-off men in a right handed position.

3. For the 2018 season, all sticks must conform to the current NCAA specifications. The NCAA has also approved the use of a pole plug insert for 2017. This insert goes into the bottom of the stick and is designed to extend the stick's length. What is the ruling if you see one of these plug inserts in 2017 season?

RULE 1-8, (p.15): Adjustable-length sticks are illegal.

4. Team A has a number 0 and a number 00 on the field at the same time and one of them scores. What is the correct ruling?

RULE 1-9, (pg. 6): Defines that duplicate numbers shall not be permitted.

RULE 9-1-g, 6, Note: Beginning in the 2017-18 season 00, 01, 02, 03, etc. are illegal.

RULE 1-9-1, Situation G: Defines no penalty, only remove one of the players with the duplicate number from the field and warn the Head Coach about duplicate numbers and that any future number violation will be treated as a conduct foul (p. 19).

5. Team A substitutes on the fly and the substitute player scores a goal. Before the next face-off, the opposing coach notifies the official that the scoring player is not on the team roster as recorded in the scorebook.

RULE 2-1-4, Situation: Illegal. Team A will be assessed a technical foul once the first player enters the game (p. 22). No goal, ball awarded to opponent.

6. Player #8 for both the Blue and White teams is in the penalty box. Blue with 30 seconds and White with 1 minute. After 30 seconds, the official scorer says, "Number 8, you are released." White #8 comes onto the field, just as his team scores.

RULE 7-2, Situation A: Legal goal unless the official was notified prior to next face-off. Otherwise, rule as follows as found in Rule 7-2, Situation B - No goal, award ball to Blue team and place White player back in penalty box to serve balance of time. No additional time added because his team had the ball and you MAY consider the scorer's mistake for not calling out the color when releasing the penalized player (pp 76-77). Remember, you cannot have a legal goal scored with an illegal player on the field, if noted.

7. When NO movement has occurred on a face-off, Team A player breaks the wing line. What is the correct ruling?

Although not clearly defined, a similar situation is addressed in Rule 4-4-2, Situation C: On a face-off and before possession has been declared, B1 touches or crosses the defensive area line. RULING: Play-on (p.35).

8. Both teams have an in-home in the starting line-up at the center of the field before the game. As players take their positions, Team A's in-home is substituted for and he is not on the field at the opening face-off. The scorer blows a double horn at next dead ball and notifies the official of this infraction. What is the correct ruling?

RULE 6-5-1: Illegal procedure. Any action on the part of players or substitutes of a technical nature that is not in conformity with the rules and regulations governing the play of the game shall be determined to be illegal procedure (p. 67).

RULE 6-5-2 j. also states illegal procedure for any violation of the rules for substituting players. Always check for an in-home at the starting line-up.

9. In a desperate attempt to save an almost sure goal, Team A goalie leaves the crease and proceeds to tackle the opposing Team B attackman, who is about to scoop a loose ball and have an uncontested shot on an open net. What is the correct ruling?

RULE 4-19-3, Situation C: The goalkeeper sees A1 wide open coming toward goal with ball in his possession. To avoid a potential goal, B1 succeeds in pulling the goal over his head or swings the goal around, thus preventing a potential goal. Ruling:

Unsportsmanlike conduct foul (A three minute non-releasable penalty is recommended.).

10. In attempting to make a save, Team A goalie inadvertently knocks the goal slightly offline about 30 degrees to the left. B1 takes a shot which enters through what is now the front of the goal, but would have normally been the side of the net.

RULE 4-8: Definition of a goal scored is when a loose ball passes from the front completely through the imaginary plan formed by the rear edges of the goal line. While the goal might move, the line never does – actually happened in a college game.