

Dear Official:

As a supplement to this year's 2022 Rule clinic, I would like to add the following clarifications:

1. Required equipment: Rule 1-9f All players are required to wear either a cup or some pelvic protection. As part of his pre-game coach certification, simply ask the head coach, if all his players are properly equipped as per rule?
2. Timekeeper: Rule 2-8-2E Timekeeper's responsibilities have now been restricted to a.) any player's early entry into the game and b.) The coach's request to count the crosses. In both cases, the timekeeper will simply sound the horn at the next dead ball. You should incorporate this change in your pre-game table talk.
3. Pre-Game Faceoff: With the new face off mechanic, I would bring the face off men together prior t the game at the center of the field and speak about coming down together, with gloves wrapped around the cross, with hand closet to throat in a palm up position. Remind them they MUST play the ball first.
4. 12 GOAL DIFFERENTIAL – Rule 3-1-2 If at any point in the 2nd half, there should be a 12-goal differential, upon the next faceoff, the clock will continue to run an shall only stop for a team timeout, injury, or officials' timeout. Under what we have come to know as the "mercy rule, penalty time is to run commensurate with the game time and does not start and stop.
5. Stalling Clarification: Rule 6.10.3 SITUATION A: IN the last two minutes f the game, with the team ahead by 4 goals or less, a ball thrown from their DEFENSIVE end through their attack goal area, without either team having gained possession, this will not be called stalling. If the offense should regain possession outside the attack box, promptly give the 10=second warning to "Get it in" and "Keep it in."

Should there be any further clarification which come from Federation, I will update using this forum.

Thanks,

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