This is the second of a series of bulletins that you will receive throughout the 2017 lacrosse season. Bulletins will contain mechanics, new AR’s and game situations. Please use this information to improve your game. These Rulings supersede any previous ones issued.

**SUBSTITUTION AREA MECHANICS – 3-MAN**
- TRAIL - to near cone & hold – let subs exit and enter – stay if there are contested subs.
- Player coming off has right of way – INTERFERENCE.
- Clean-up benches & substitution/penalty area – DON’T RUSH TO GET UP FIELD – THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO REMIND COACHES TO STAY IN COACHES AREA.
- Jog to far cone
- Jog to TRAIL position.
- Once in position observe only contested subs at substitution/penalty area & midfield.
- Wheel – once initial subs are gone, ignore unless contested.

**CHANGE OF POSSESSION SIGNAL**
- On each change of possession all officials are to mirror the change of possession signal.
- The correct signal is to extend your arm straight up and make a circular motion with your hand.

**CENTER LINE – RULE 1-2-1 NOTE**
- The center line must be visible through any logo on the field.
- The line through the logo can either be a solid line of a contrasting color or a shadow line of a contrasting color that designates the continuation of the center line by use of a border or outline lines at least ¼-inch wide.
- The penalty for not having a clearly marked center line is illegal procedure and results in the visiting team being awarded possession for the first faceoff only.

**ADVANCING THE BALL INTO THE GOAL AREA – RULE 4-14-1**
Team A clears the defensive half of the field by throwing the ball over the center line ending the 20-second clearing count. The ball is not caught by a Team A player and falls to the ground. Should the officials start a 10-second count on Team A to advance the ball into the goal area?
**Ruling:** No, the ball is loose. A count is not initiated until Team A has possession in the offensive half of the field.

**INTERRUPTED GAMES - OHSAA BOYS LACROSSE 2016-2017 SPORTS REGULATIONS**

1.8) Interrupted Games
   1.81) Any OHSAA tournament game interrupted due to events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption.
   1.82) A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined or any game called at any time for mechanical failure (artificial lights, water systems, etc.) will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension subject to the rules of the game. Such game will be completed unless both coaches agree not to complete the game.
   1.83) If a game is interrupted in the fourth quarter with 80% or more of the game completed (or nine minutes or less remaining to play in a Varsity contest); and due to events beyond the control of responsible administrative authority (e.g. lightning); the team in the lead shall be declared the winner with the score as it stands when the game was suspended.
   1.84) Varsity games cannot end in a tie. Games are won, lost or suspended.
   1.85) All suspended games count toward the teams’ maximum allowed. All quarters or parts of quarters played in a suspended game count toward the players’ maximum allowed.
OVERTIME - OHSAA BOYS LACROSSE 2016-2017 SPORTS REGULATIONS
1.9) Overtime - Only high school Varsity games will play overtime. All other levels of competition can end in a tie and no overtime will be played.

MAN-DOWN STALLING WARNING
6-10, Situation A, page 73) Team A is playing man-down and appears to be trying to keep the ball from play. Can Team A be warned for stalling? Ruling: Yes, Team A shall try to create a scoring opportunity even when man-down.

This also applies to the final two-minutes of the game if a team is man-down and ahead by 4 goals or less.

STALLING WARNING – PENALTY BY THE DEFENSE
Team A in possession of the ball has been given a stalling warning (Get It In). B1 then slashes A1 causing the ball to dislodge and drop to the ground ending the play. When play restarts is Team A required to Get It In? Ruling: Yes, the stalling warning is for the entire possession. Since Team A retained possession of the ball the stalling warning remains in effect.

NFHS BOYS LACROSSE Q & A
1. Q: B1 is closely guarding ball carrier A1 when the official becomes aware that B1 is not wearing his mouthpiece. Is this a flag down or immediate whistle?
A: Unless A1 is in the act of shooting, this is an immediate whistle. B1 serves 30 seconds. Award the ball to Team A. (Rule 4-24-1)

2. The ball is loose and a player’s mouthpiece is dangling from his facemask. Is this a play-on or an immediate whistle?
A: This is an immediate whistle. Award the ball to the other team. (Rule 4-24-1)

3. Between quarters, an equipment check shows that A1 does not have a mouthpiece and B1 has a deep pocket. Are these simultaneous fouls? Do both players serve penalty time? How do we start the next quarter?
A: Simultaneous fouls. A1 serves 30 seconds. B1 serves one minute. (Both fouls are non-releasable.) The next period begins with a face-off. (Rules 4-3-1, 6-5-2-x)

4. Q: A1 has possession behind the goal, and B1 (non-goalie defender) is guarding him from the crease in front of the goal. Is this a violation on B1?
A: No. B1 is permitted in the crease to cover his opponent. A violation has only occurred when a non-goalie defender enters the crease with the intent to act as goalkeeper. (Rule 4-18-4)

5. Q: B1 (non-goalie defender) slides through the crease while covering A1. A2 shoots the ball from in front of the goal and the shot strikes B1 while he is in the crease. Is this a violation on B1?
A: No. B1 is permitted in the crease to cover his opponent. The fact that he was struck with a shot does not, in and of itself, indicate that he entered the crease with the intent to act as goalie. (Rule 4-18-4)

6. Q: The ball is loose in front of the crease and B1 goaliekeeper has left his crease in an attempt to play the loose ball. A scrum develops around the ball and B2 (non-goalie defender) steps in the crease placing him between the scrum and the open goal. Is this a violation on B2? If so, is this a play-on or an immediate whistle?
A: Yes. B2 is shielding the goal and acting as goalie. This should be an immediate whistle. Award the ball to Team A if this is B2’s first violation; for a second or subsequent violation, B2 serves one releasable minute. (Rule 4-18-4)
7. Q: On a face-off, a loose ball goes into and out of Team A’s offensive box without either team having gained possession. The ball is now pushed back over the midfield line, still without either team having gained possession. Is this an over-and-back violation?
A: No. No team has gained possession of the ball, so there is no over-and-back violation at this point. (Rule 4-14-1 & 3)

8. Q: On a face-off, a loose ball goes into Team A’s offensive box without either team having gained possession. A1 now gains possession of the ball in the box and carries it out of the box. Is a 10-second count started? If A1 were to pass or run the ball back over the midline, would this be an over-and-back violation?
A: A count does not begin since A1 established possession inside his attack box. If A1 were to subsequently pass or run the ball back over the midline, this would be an over-and-back violation. (Rule 4-14-1 & 3)

9. Q: On a face-off, a loose ball goes into and out of Team A’s offensive box without either team having gained possession. A1 now gains possession of the ball outside of the box. Is a 10-second count begun? If A1 were to pass or run the ball back over the midline, would this be an over-and-back violation?
A: A 10-second count begins when A1 gains possession of the ball outside of the box. If A1 were to subsequently pass or run the ball back over the midline, this would not be an over-and-back violation. The 10-second count would continue. (Rule 4-14-1 & 3)

10. Q: Team A has established possession in its attack area. A1 pass from behind the goal is deflected by B1 and crosses back over the midline. The ball is now pushed back into Team A’s offensive half where A2 gains possession of the ball. Is a 10-second count started? If Team A were to pass or run the ball back over the midline, would this be an over-and-back violation?
A: A count does not begin since there was no change of possession. If Team A were to subsequently pass or run the ball back over the midline, this would be an over-and-back violation. NOTE: Per 4-14-1 SITUATION C, if Team A had gained possession in its defensive half, a 20-second count would begin. (Rule 4-14-1 SITUATIONS C & D)

11. Q. A1 face-off player has added a covering to the top 6” of the shaft that meets contrasting color requirements but is made of a rubber-like or other material that improves the grip. Is this allowed?
A: Yes. As long as the covering does not increase the circumference of the handle beyond 3.5” (per Rule 1-6-1), such a covering is expressly allowed by Rule 1-8, which states: “Handles that have been altered in any fashion other than taping or adding another covering designed to improve the grip are illegal.” Taping or adding another covering designed to improve the grip is therefore legal.