

PROPOSED *RULES* REVISIONS
2003 BOYS LACROSSE RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

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⌘ Rule 1-The Game, Field, and Equipment ⌘

1.	1-9-1d	13 Beginning in 2007 all gloves of a particular team shall be the same color. Questionnaire Item #13: Yes No	NFHS	
2.	1-9-1g4	14 Add: Jerseys of the opposing team shall be <u>single</u> contrasting color. <u>Trim not to exceed three inch width</u> . Rationale: Recent trends in jerseys have been to create a two color jersey making it difficult to distinguish teams.	Ned Sparks, MD	
3.	1-10-12	16 Add: <u>Players on the field may not exchange equipment</u> . Rationale: While it is a given that players may not exchange sticks on the field, the rule book makes no mention of this practice. The NCAA book spells it out as illegal.	Ned Sparks, MD	

⌘ Rule 2—Game Personnel ⌘

4.	2-10	21 Delete the use of ball retrievers by placing balls at least 5 yards beyond the end lines. Questionnaire Item #12: Yes No	NFHS	
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⌘ Rule 3-Time Factors ⌘

5.	3-1-2	10 After the fourth quarter, any time the score differential reaches 10 goals... Rationale: Several states (NY, Ohio, Oregon, Michigan and PA) suggested that a developing team (as many are in the sport of lacrosse) is being deprived of valuable learning and teaching time when a game is ‘ put into running time mode’ at the start of the third quarter with a 10 goal deficit. While admitting that many coaches cannot be self restraining from a lopsided score, it was clearly felt that the differential was applied too early in the game ,especially, if the developing team has traveled a considerable distance to engage in the competition. The request was generated by programs from developing areas as well as officials in attendance at the US Lacrosse Rules Committee Meeting.	John Kenney, MI	
6.	3-5	22 Rewrite: If a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, it shall be considered a complete game once the teams have finished the first half of play. Should the contest be terminated prior to that point, it shall be replayed in its entirety. Both teams are permitted to make roster changes. This rule may be superseded by conference, league, or state association rules. Rationale: As presently written, both teams would have to agree to terminate the game. This creates difficulties for the administrators when coaches cannot concur. To rectify this situation, the state association in New Jersey accepted the following proposal a few years ago and it has been successful. Games which are terminated after the first half has been completed are now considered to be in the books.	Tim Cullen, NJ	

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⚡ Rule 4-Play of the Game ⚡					
7.	4-6-d	25	Add: <u>The goalkeeper shall be given up to five seconds to re-enter the goal crease area on any restart.</u> Rationale: Puts language to common practice of officials and agrees with language in NCAA AR.	Ned Sparks, MD	
8.	4-12-4 New	27	The ball will be awarded, at midfield, when the team in possession of the ball is offsides. Questionnaire Item #11: Yes No	NFHS	
⚡ Rule 5-Personal and Expulsion Fouls ⚡					
9.	5-11-3	36	Add: second unsportsmanlike foul. Rationale: In keeping with NFHS philosophical approach in other rules codes.	Ned Sparks, MD	
⚡ Rule 7-Penalty Enforcement ⚡					
10.	7-8-11	44	Further clarification as to the bounce pass and the potential ambiguity of the slow whistle (7-8-11) and Play of the ball (4-5-6ff). Rationale: Clarification only.	John Kenney, MI	