

Refresher Quiz #2

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What is the mechanic and the ruling?

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RULING: A coin shall be tossed by the referee to determine choice of goals. Note*. The team winning the toss is awarded the first alternate possession.

Timekeeper

2. What are the four (4) duties of the official timekeeper?

RULING:

a) Keep the time of each period;

b) Keep an accurate account of penalty time and inform the penalized player(s) when the penalty time has expired.

c) Sound the horn at the end of each period .

d) Notify the nearest official 20 seconds before the end of all periods and sound an air horn at the end of each period. For the fourth period, the timekeeper shall notify the nearest official two minutes and 10 seconds before the end of the period and follow the same procedure.

The Sounding of the Horn

3. When shall the horn be sounded?

RULING: The timekeeper will sound the horn once when a horn is requested by either team’s coach for a regular substitution. A horn may be sounded during a dead-ball situation or stoppage of play only.

4. Review the situation where a timekeeper in high school lacrosse should sound her horn.

RULING: The timekeeper will sound the horn twice at the next dead ball when:

a) A player enters the field of play from the penalty area before being permitted by

the rules.

b) A coach requests a count of crosses.

c) A coach requests a conference with the referees.

Note* The majority of our timekeepers are high school students. They should not determine the outcome of a game. Illegal substitutions, the illegal exchange of a crosse, the delayed substitution, these should be called by the crew. And, the coaches should not seek to exploit this situation. It is bad for the game. If they have a problem with that, please ask them to call me at school. I would be happy to discuss ethics and sportsmanship with them. (Tim Cullen 201-461-7441 x 240)

Scorer

5. Who is the official book for the game?

RULING: the home-team scorer shall be the official scorer. The scorer will assume the following duties:

6. What are the four (4) duties of the scorekeeper?

RULING:

a) Keep a record of the number of goals scored and assists made by each team, the name and number of the player making the score or the assist, and check the score with the referee at the end of each period.

b). Keep an accurate record of the number of time-outs taken by each team and notify the nearest official immediately if either team exceeds the number allowed during each half or during a sudden-victory period.

c) Keep a record of the name and number of each player to whom a penalty is assessed, the type of the violation, the time of the period when the foul occurred and the duration of the penalty.

d) Notify the nearest official immediately should any player accumulate five personal fouls.

Ball Retrieval

7. May the home team opt not to use ball retrievers?

What is the ruling? Yes. They can provide a supply of balls along the end line instead.

8. If the home team chooses to provide ball retrievers on the end line, the ball retrievers shall:

RULING:

- 1) wear a lacrosse helmet,
- 2) be dressed so their uniform colors do not blend with those of participating teams and
- 3) not be permitted to stand directly behind the goal. In addition, the home school is required to train, protect, and provide for the safety of the ball retrievers.

9. May the referees prohibit individual youngsters from acting as ball boys?

RULING: Yes. The primary purpose of the referees is to maintain safety. If you determine that the ball retrievers are too young, too distracted, or simply create problems which in any way jeopardize their health and safety, or the health and safety of the participants, banish them and have balls placed along the end line. I would rather listen to an irate parent on the telephone than visit a kid in the hospital and see his father's lawyer in court.

The Final Two Minutes of Play

10. Review the situations where a team can lose the ball.

RULING: The team will lose the ball if they:

- a) Run out of the box with the attack-goal area.
- b) Make a pass, either complete or incomplete, where the ball leaves the box
- c) The player is legally checked out of the area with possession of the ball.

11. When can the offensive team lose the ball outside the attack-goal area and retain possession?

RULING: The offensive team will retain possession of the ball if:

- a) they shoot the ball and it leaves the attack-goal area as a result.
 - b) Their pass is deflected by the defensive team.
 - c) A loose ball results and the ball is directed out of the box by the defensive team.
- (Note* Basketball referees should use the basic guidelines for back court violations.)

12. SITUATION: Team A is leading by one goal and has a player serving a non-releasable foul during the last two minutes of the game. Is A required to "keep it in" the goal area?

RULING: Yes.

Facing Off

13. Play shall be started at the beginning of each period and after each goal by facing the ball at the center of the field. Outline the basic guidelines for this mechanic:

- a) The position of the crosse.
- b) The player's hands.

- c) The face off man's feet.
- d) The handle of the crosse.
- e) The player's body.

RULING: The official shall make certain that the reverse surfaces of the crosses match evenly, and each player shall have both hands on the handle of his own crosse, touching the ground but not touching any strings of the crosse. The player's feet may not touch his crosse. Both hands and both feet of each player shall be to the left of the throat of his crosse. The handle may touch the center line but not cross it completely. The feet shall be behind the line and not touching it. No portion of either crosse may touch, and each player shall be positioned so that his entire body is to the left of the throat of his crosse. It is legal to lean over the center line.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

14. A1 baits or taunts his opponent. What is the proper foul?

- a) Warning,
- b) Technical foul for the first infraction,
- c) a personal foul.

RULING: You may choose to warn the player if you believe that circumstances warrant such game management technique. However, if the player baits or taunts, the Federation wants a penalty assessed for Unsportsmanlike Conduct. We do not use a thirty second technical foul any longer.

MECHANICS

Coin Toss

A. Review the coin toss and choices available to the winning team.

MECHANIC: The home team captains should face the benches.

Lineup

B. Conduct a line up before the game begins. Which direction should the team face?

MECHANIC: Before the opening face-off, the referee shall draw up the players, in lines facing each other at the center of the field, with their left shoulders toward the goal they are defending, and explain any special ground rules.

The Table Area

C. Should the timekeeper come on the field at the end of the period?

MECHANIC: No. Never. She should stand in the penalty area, unless play is close to her in which case she should retreat behind the scorers' table, and sound a horn at the end of the period.

D. How should the timekeeper handle a violation in the substitution area?

MECHANIC: When alleged violations occur, the timekeeper shall wait to sound the horn until play is suspended by the game officials. When alleged violations occur, the timer and scorer shall confirm the status of the ball when the alleged violation took place.

The Final Two Minutes of Play

E. Review the situations where a team should not be warned to "keep the ball in."

MECHANIC: You warn the team which is ahead in the final two minutes of a game. You warn a team which you believe is stalling at any time.

The mechanic is important. When coming up on the final two minutes of the game, make eye contact with your partner and be prepared for the situation. Have the time keeper come to the midfield cone and tell the nearest official and both benches. Then lift one arm up and point the other hand to the area. Verbally signal by saying "Keep the ball in!" It is best to repeat this a few times.

For a delay of game situation, alert your partner that you are going to put the stall on. The signal is arms crossed in front of your body. Then wait for the team to move the ball away from one of the lines. The optimum position is behind the goal. Both referees signal, visually and verbally.

F. What is the proper mechanic for suspending play on this kind of situation?

MECHANIC: Do not penalize the defensive team. If the ball comes loose, look at the play and ask if there is an opportunity for the defense to gain an advantage in a transition setting. Note* Allow the defense a chance to pick the ball up. If the defender does not get it clean, kill the play and award possession. If the defense is going to pick the ball up, and there is a player waiting to check the ball out of his stick, kill the play and award the ball. However, in some cases, the defensive player picks up the loose ball and carries it for a few steps. Then he is checked and the drops free. This is a loose ball.

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- d) The handle of the crosse.
- e) The player's body.

MECHANIC: Once the players facing have assumed their positions, the official shall say "set." Once this signal is given, both players shall remain motionless until the official sounds the whistle to start play. The official will sound the whistle promptly after readying the ball for play and stating the word "set." At the sound of the whistle, each player may attempt to direct the course of the ball by the movement of his crosse in any manner he desires. It is illegal to kick or step on the opponent's crosse. (Note* It is suggested that you wear a "Smitty" on your jersey, and use it for the face off. You won't lose your finger whistle as often, you will have a more fluid face off mechanic, and the extra whistle means that you will have a back up should your game whistle break during play.)

H. What's the proper mechanic for the face off?

MECHANIC: Get the ball into play quickly. The longer they are down there, the worse it will be. Note* You can protect yourself from injury by keeping your hands close to your chest. Watch the players and rotate away from their move. However, there are wing middies coming in toward you. Should a player bump into you, simply drop and roll.

I. Who should take the count for on a face off?

MECHANIC: Simplify the mechanic. My suggestion is that you have the off official to take this count. It allows the crew to better focus their attention on the face off and possible transition than to worry about "bookkeeping" and hesitation.

J. A1 and B1 are facing off. Before possession is called, A1 is pushed. He is standing in his defensive zone. What is the proper mechanic?

MECHANIC: Move the ball to the offensive half of the field and start the 10 second count on the whistle. The attackmen and defensive players should remain in their respective areas until, the whistle sounds.

Refereeing the Dead Ball

K. A1 shoots and scores. What are the responsibilities of each official?

- a) Lead - Determine if this is a goal. Then referee the defensive team.
- b) Trail - Stay with the shooter and look for the late hit.

L. After a goal, the two teams are changing players. What are the responsibilities of each official?

a) Goal line official - Be sure there aren't any problems, then get the ball, and toss it to your partner. Finally, referee the benches until the face off is set to go.

b) Trail Official - Watch for late hits, keep your head up until your partner has retrieved the ball, and then back up watching the players. Do not start the face off until your partner signals that all is well.

M. On a side line substitution, what are the responsibilities of each official?

a) Lead - Turn to the benches and monitor the flow of players

b) Trail - Watch the players 'off the ball.'

N. On a time out, what are the responsibilities of each official?

Each official should monitor one of the two teams. (Use the basketball mechanic.)

Reporting a Penalty

O. When the official nearest the bench calls a foul, what are the responsibilities of each official?

a) Bench side - make the call to the table area.

b) Far side - Watch the players 'off the ball.'

P. When the foul is being called by the far side referee, what are the responsibilities of each official?

a) Bench side - Get the call from your partner and relay it to the table area.

b) Far side - Make the call. Then watch the players 'off the ball' as your partner relays the call.

Coaches Conference

Q. When coach A requests a conference (7-13 Correction of Errors), what is the proper mechanic?

a) Referee - The "R" comes to the bench and brings both coaches into the table area. He then adjudicates the situation

b) Umpire - Unless the "R" calls you into the discussion, stand away and watch the players 'off the ball.'

