

NFHS 2018 Boys' Lacrosse Rules Changes

- 1.2 Adopt the 120-yard Unified girls and boys field as an allowed field option.
- 1.7.5 Note: Pockets of nontraditional synthetic material manufactured for lacrosse are permitted. The pocket must meet the specifications of 1-7.
- 4.3.3n n. A contrasting color between the head and the top glove must be visible on the shaft at faceoffs. The circumference of the shaft shall not exceed 3.5 inches.
- Note: This can be accomplished with the original shaft color, paint, a single wrap of tape, or other material.
- 1.9.1g(8) Note: Beginning in 2022, the home team will be required to wear white jerseys, and the away team will be required to wear non-white jerseys.
- 4.3.3d The official shall make certain that the reverse surfaces of the crosses match evenly in that the top of one head lines up with the throat of the other and are perpendicular to the ground.
- 4.9.2o A goal will be allowed if the shot is released prior to the end of the period.
- 4.18.4 PENALTY: Conduct foul on the defensive player. A second violation by the team will be enforced as releasable unsportsmanlike conduct, served by the offending player.
- 6.5.2x x. Failure to wear a required mouthpiece properly (unless it comes out during play).
- 6.10.2 The stall warning remains in effect until a goal is scored, a shot that hits the goal pipes, shot that hits the goalie or hits his equipment, the defensive team gains possession of the ball or the period ends resulting in a faceoff. After the team has been warned, stalling shall be called if the ball leaves the goal area in any manner other than as a result of a shot on goal or a touch by the defensive team.
- 7.4 RESUMING PLAY AFTER PENALTY When a penalty occurs and the ball is in the offended team's offensive half of the field, the ball shall be put in play by the team awarded the ball, at the spot where the ball was when play was suspended. If the ball was in the goal area when play was suspended, it shall be restarted nearest to the spot of the ball at the time of the whistle, 20 yards laterally outside the goal area.
- 7.8.2k A second defensive foul is committed during the final two minutes of regulation play with the team that is ahead possessing the ball unless a scoring play is imminent.
- Signals Stall warning off (fair catch signal from football) signal 40.

Points of Emphasis

1. Shots at the Ends of Periods
2. Slow Whistle
3. Face-offs
4. Mouthpieces
5. New Crosse

Note: Situations and Rulings immediately follow the corresponding rule/section. New or revised Situations and Rulings are indicated by shading.