



# 2017 NFHS BOYS LACROSSE RULES INTERPRETATIONS

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**SITUATION 1:** B1 is not wearing shoulder pads, arm pads or other mandatory protective equipment. A1, while driving to the goal, has no mouthpiece, the mouthpiece is hanging from his face mask or it is in his mouth but not worn properly. **RULING:** Stop play, technical violation and award ball to Team B unless the official knows the mouthpiece came out as a result of play. (1-9-1)

**SITUATION 2:** During the final two minutes of regulation play, stalling rules will be in effect. A team that is ahead by four goals or less will be warned to "keep it in" once the ball has been brought into its respective goal area. (3-3)

**SITUATION 3:** Neither situation applies to a designated goalkeeper if he is within his goal crease area at the time the ball becomes stuck. In this case, a defensive player shall be awarded the ball in the crease. (4-7-2 NOTE)

**SITUATION 4:** B1 (not the goalkeeper) picks up a loose ball or catches a pass while in the crease. As he is coming out of the crease, A1 checks B1's crosse, causing the ball to enter the goal. **RULING:** Legal goal. Interference may be called only when the designated goalkeeper is involved. (4-18-2)

**SITUATION 5:** A1 takes a shot while B1 goalkeeper is away from the crease area. While the shot is in flight, the B2 non-goalkeeper-defender steps in the crease to block the shot. **RULING:**

Play-on until the shot comes to its normal conclusion. If it is B2's first violation of this type, (a) if the ball did not enter the goal, stop play and award ball to Team A. B2 does not serve penalty time. (b) If the ball entered the goal as a result of the shot, B2's violation is wiped out by the goal. In either case, B2 would serve a one-minute releasable unsportsmanlike conduct foul for each subsequent violation. If it is B2's second or any subsequent violation of this type, (a) if the ball did not enter the goal, stop play. B2 will serve a one-minute releasable unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Award the ball to Team A laterally outside of the goal area. (b) If the ball entered the goal as a result of the shot, B2 will serve a one-minute releasable unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Resume play with a faceoff. (4-18-4)

**SITUATION 6:** "Get It In/Keep It In" situations are: 1. Under two minutes remaining in the game when a team is ahead by four goals or less. (4-31c)

**SITUATION 7:** During the faceoff, but before possession is gained, A1 pushes B1 who is attempting to secure the ground ball in B's defensive side of the field. The official awards the ball to B at the spot of the infraction. **RULING:** Correct procedure. The ball is moved to the offended team's offensive side of the field only on a pre-whistle violation. (6-5-2)

**SITUATION 8:** During the last two minutes of regulation play, stalling

rules are in effect for the team that is ahead by four goals or less. When the score is tied, or the score differential is five goals or more, neither team is forced to keep the ball in the goal area. (6-10-3)

**SITUATION 9:** 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 20 yards laterally outside the goal area. If the ball had crossed the end line prior to the penalty occurring, play shall be restarted at that spot. (7-3)

**SITUATION 10:** After a faceoff and before possession has been declared or the ball crosses the defensive-area line, B4, who was behind the defensive-area line at the beginning of the faceoff, comes across the defensive-area line to play the loose ball. **RULING:** Technical foul against B. Ball awarded to Team A at the spot where the ball was when play was suspended. (7-3)

**SITUATION 11:** While the ball is loose in the crease, A1 interferes with goalkeeper B1. **RULING:** Play-on situation. If B1 fails to gain possession of the ball, the ball is awarded to Team B at the spot where the ball was at the time of the violation. (7-11-2)