



Summary of 2018 Approved Men's Lacrosse Rule Changes

The following rules were approved by vote of the membership at the General Assembly held in Netanya Israel, July 2018. The rules will take effect for all FIL international play October 1st, 2018 and will be used at the 2020 U19 Men's World Lacrosse Championship. Member nations are free to implement at timeline that best suits their individual needs.

Rule #	Rule Wording
29.1	The game shall be divided into 4 periods of 15 minutes duration each
29.2	<p>During the last 30 seconds of the first, second and third quarters, the last 2 minutes of the fourth quarter, and during any overtime period, the game-clock and, if applicable, the penalty clock(s) shall stop whenever the ball becomes dead, and then shall restart whenever play is restarted.</p> <p>This shall apply for all stoppages, including the scoring of a goal.</p> <p>Such a stoppage of play shall not be considered to be an official time-out for the purpose of illegal substitution, the gate or the coaches' area, unless an official time-out is specifically requested by a referee or by the CBO</p>
29.3	At the end of each quarter, the teams shall change ends. The interval between the first and second quarters shall be of 2 minutes' duration. At half-time, the interval shall be 10 minutes long. At three-quarter time, the interval shall be 2 minutes.
31.2	<p>In the event of the score being tied at the end regulation playing time, play shall be continued, after a two minute intermission, with sudden victory overtime. In sudden victory overtime teams shall play periods of 4 minutes each until a goal is scored, thus deciding a winner. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a two minute intermission between sudden victory periods.</p> <p>The following "sudden victory" procedure will take place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="347 1297 1485 1394">i) The referees shall call together the captains of each team at the center of the field at the end of regulation play and during the 2- minute intermission. The head referee shall toss a coin to determine choice of goal to defend, the visiting captain shall call.<li data-bbox="347 1436 1485 1499">ii) All periods of overtime shall start with a face-off as at the start of each quarter, subject to the provisions of Rule 34.1 being followed. <p>The teams shall change ends between overtime periods.</p>
33.1	<p>The game officials shall call together the captains of each team at the center of the field approximately 5 minutes before the start of the game.</p> <p>The Head referee shall toss a coin to determine choice of goal to defend, the visiting captain shall call the toss.</p> <p>At this time, any special ground rules shall be explained.</p>



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37.1	<p>Once the referee has signalled that the ball is ready for play, the restart shall occur in the same relative position where the ball was when play was stopped. The official shall resume play as quickly as possible. If an opposing player is within five yards of the player that has been awarded the ball, and the official blows the whistle to restart play, the opposing player is not allowed to defend the ball until he reaches a distance of five yards from the opponent. A violation will be a flag down (slow whistle) for delay of game. On any restart, no offensive player may be within 5 yards of the player with the ball. The Referee shall clearly indicate the player who is going to re-start to the opposing goalkeeper on a dead ball (non-quick restart situations) restart that is below the restraining lines in the awarded team's offensive end.</p>
61.18	<p>Over and Back</p> <p>Once the ball has been cleared into the goal area, the ball shall not return to the defensive half of the field through actions of the offensive team. If this occurs, it is an over and back violation. The result is an immediate turnover and a quick restart for the offended team.</p> <p>If the ball does not touch or go over the midline, no infraction has occurred.</p> <p>Defensive players may legally bat the ball to keep it in the offensive half of the field, but if it is possessed and their feet are in the defensive half, it shall be a turnover.</p> <p>An over and back violation does not occur in the following situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A shot that leaves the offensive half of the field. 2. A loose ball that leaves the offensive half of the field and was last touched by the defensive team. 3. A loose ball that is leaving the offensive half of the field and the defense is called for a loose ball violation (or play-on) or caused the ball to go out of bounds in the defensive end. <p>In all of the above situations, a new clearing clock will be initiated when possession is gained.</p> <p>A.R. 61.2 Red 1 steps into the goal area with possession of the ball. Red 1 attempts a pass to Red 2 that is not caught, and the ball rolls toward the midline. Red 3, who is standing on his defensive half, bats the ball preventing it from crossing the midline without gaining possession. Red 2 picks up the ball, which never crosses the midfield line.</p> <p>RULING: Play continues.</p>
65.1	<p>A team is considered offside when it has no more than 10 players on the field (including players in the penalty box), AND:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. It has more than six men in its attack half of the field (between the centerline and the end line) including men in the penalty box, OR b. It has more than seven men in its defensive half of the field (between the centerline and the end line) including men in the penalty box. <p><i>Note 1: If a player, seeing that he is going to be offside before he can stop, instead runs out of bounds, no penalty shall result from the failure of that player's team to have the required number of men in either end of the field, as long as the player returns immediately to field on the appropriate half of field.</i></p>



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65.5	When determining whether a team is offside, a player whose body (including a gloved hand on the crosse but not including the crosse itself) touches or steps on or across the center line is considered to be have entered that half of the field.
82.6	<p>Where a flag is thrown mistakenly then, when the whistle subsequently blows to stop the play, the ball shall be awarded to the team that has possession.</p> <p>When an official inadvertently blows the whistle, the ball shall be awarded to the team that has possession.</p> <p>If neither team has possession, then the ball shall be faced.</p>