



2015 CANADIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION BOX LACROSSE FOCUS CALLS

RULE 28 - ABUSE OF OFFICIALS AND MISCONDUCT

(a) A minor penalty/ten minute misconduct for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be assessed to any player/goalkeeper who shows disrespect for a referee's ruling or uses obscene, profane or abusive language directed toward any person in the arena. A ten minute misconduct for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be assessed to any player/goalkeeper who shows disrespect for a referee's ruling or uses obscene, profane or abusive language directed toward any person in the arena. (Modified 2015)

(b) In cases involving non-playing bench personnel, or an unidentified player/goalkeeper on the players' bench, a bench minor penalty shall be assessed to the offending team. If any non-playing bench personnel continue their actions after having been assessed a bench minor penalty they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty and be reported to the appropriate governing body. Bench minor penalties require the removal of any player on the offending team (other than the designated goalkeepers) without substitute for two minutes, unless terminated early by a goal.

(c) A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be assessed to a player/goalkeeper who attempts to incite, through gestures or verbalization, an opponent into incurring a penalty or an additional penalty. A ten-minute misconduct penalty shall be assessed to a player/goalkeeper who continues the incitement after being assessed the minor penalty.

(d) A bench minor penalty shall be assessed to the offending team if any player/goalkeeper or non-playing personnel, in the vicinity of the players' bench, throws anything on the playing floor during the progress of the game, or during a stoppage in play. Bench minor penalties require the removal of any player on the offending team (other than the designated goalkeepers) without substitute for two minutes, unless terminated early by a goal.

(e) A ten-minute misconduct penalty shall be assessed to a player/goalkeeper who intentionally knocks or shoots the ball out of reach of a Referee who is retrieving it.

(f) A ten-minute misconduct penalty shall be assessed to any player(s) who except for the purpose of taking their position on the penalty bench, enter or remain in the referees' crease (located in front of the timekeeper's bench) while the Referee is reporting to or consulting with any Off-floor Official.

RULE 40 - CROSS-CHECKING

A minor or major penalty shall be assessed to a player/goalkeeper who illegally cross-checks an opponent, whether or not the opponent is in possession of the ball. A goalkeeper penalty shall be served by a player who was on the floor at the time of the infraction. (Modified 2013)

NOTE: A LEGAL CROSS-CHECK SHALL BE DEFINED AS A CHECK APPLIED WITH THE PORTION OF THE STICK HELD BETWEEN THE HANDS, ON AN OPPONENT:

* FROM THE FRONT OR SIDE;



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- * BELOW THE SHOULDERS;
- * ABOVE THE WAIST;
- * THE EXTENSION OF THE ARMS WHILE THE CHECK IS BEING DELIVERED IS PERMISSIBLE.

NOTE: AN ILLEGAL CROSS-CHECK SHALL BE DEFINED AS:

- * APPLIED BELOW THE WAIST;
- * APPLIED ON TOP OF THE SHOULDER ;
- * APPLIED WHEN AN OPPONENT IS NOT ON HIS/HER FEET;
- * APPLIED ON A NON-BALL-CARRIER OUTSIDE THE DOTTED LINE.

NOTE: The dotted line will apply in Pee Wee and all lower divisions. In Bantam and all higher divisions, the reference to the dotted line will be replaced by the defensive zone.

RULE 50 – HIGH STICKING

(a) A minor or major penalty shall be assessed to a player/goalkeeper who checks an opponent in such a way that contact is made between his/her stick and the opponent's neck, face or helmet. (Modified 2013)

(b) If a player/goalkeeper while being legally checked deliberately ducks, so as to cause the stick of an opponent to strike him/her on the head or neck, no penalty shall be assessed.

NOTE: Incidental contact with the helmet should be disregarded.

MINOR PENALTY – The Referee, at his discretion shall assess a minor penalty, based on the degree of violence of the check, to a player/goalkeeper who high sticks an opponent.

MAJOR PENALTY – The Referee, at his discretion shall assess a major penalty, when moderate contact is made with the stick on helmet/neck, or on top of shoulder/ collar bone. A check that initially hits the shoulder pad and makes moderate contact or significant deceleration prior to contact on head/neck area should be assessed as a major penalty.

GAME MISCONDUCT – The Referee, at his discretion shall assess a major penalty and game misconduct, when excessive and partial to full extension of arms and/or solid contact with stick above shoulder on neck/ head. A check that glances off the shoulder pad with minimal deceleration should be assessed as a major penalty and a game misconduct.



MATCH PENALTY – The Referee, at his discretion, shall assess a match penalty if, in his judgment, the player or goalkeeper was reckless or endangering his opponent by high sticking.

RULE 64 - SLASHING

(a) A minor, major or match penalty at the discretion of the Referee shall be assessed to any player/goalkeeper who slashes an opponent with the stick. (Modified 2013)

NOTE: If a player is assessed a major or match penalty under this rule, time must be served by any player (other than the designated goalkeepers). If a goalkeeper is assessed a minor, major or match penalty under this rule, time must be served by a player who was on the floor at the time of the infraction.

NOTE: Any player/goalkeeper who swings the stick at an opponent (whether in or out of range) shall be penalized for slashing.

NOTE: A player/goalkeeper may not strike an opponent with that portion of the stick not held between the hands. Stick-to-stick contact is allowed but hands (gloves) are considered part of the body and may not be touched.

(b) In addition to any penalties assessed, any player/goalkeeper who swings the stick at another player/goalkeeper during an altercation shall be reported to the appropriate governing body.

(c) A minor or major penalty shall be assessed to a player/goalkeeper who while in the process of shooting or passing, follows through with the stick and slashes an opponent. Should a goal be scored on the shot, the goal shall be awarded and the penalty assessed.

NOTE: If a player is assessed a major penalty under this rule, time must be served by any player (other than the designated goalkeepers). If a goalkeeper is assessed a minor or major penalty under this rule, time must be served by a player who was on the floor at the time of the infraction.

NOTE: Unintentionally striking an opponent who is moving into the range of the follow through of a shot or pass should not be penalized.