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PRE-GAME FACEOFF MEETING PROCEDURE

SOLVE PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN

- Immediately after the captains have left
 - Invite all faceoff players to the center
 - Invite the coaches as well
 - Know your message
 - Answer questions
 - Check sticks if asked
- Pregame this with your crew



Class
Discussion
Questions



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DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FACEOFF PLAYERS

- 1 Be ready for "Down" position
- 2 Stick heads: "Top to Stop"
- 3 Out of Neutral Zone
- 4 Parallel but not touching line
- 5 Hands touching ground & wrapped around stick
- 6 No leaning stick head
- 7 No body parts on the ground



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NO PREGAME MEETING

YOUTH & TOURNAMENT GAMES

Let's be honest, sometimes we can't have the pregame conference due to time. With youth and tournament games using running time, starting on the hour and ALWAYS behind schedule, we can't always follow all the steps...so what should we do?

- At the first faceoff, have a quick conversation defining your expectations on how you want to conduct the faceoff.
- What do you want from the players?
- What are the main points you want to address for the faceoff to be conducted smoothly.



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CONDUCTING THE FACEOFF
CONSISTENCY IS KEY

Ball

Down

Set

Whistle

On Possession, ALL Officials Wind!

MAKE CORRECTIONS HERE

ACTIVITY ALERT

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LEGAL FACEOFFS
QUICK VISUAL CHECKS

Hands on shaft not plastic

Helmets out of the neutral zone

Fingers wrapped around shaft & touching the ground

Sticks parallel to line and vertical

Sticks up to, but not touching line

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CONDUCTING THE FACEOFF
2 Person View Faceoff Official

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CONDUCTING THE FACEOFF

3 Person Single Side View



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CONDUCTING THE FACEOFF

3 Person Lead Left View



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WING PLAYERS

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THEM

- Wing players can only check the faceoff players stick until the faceoff has ended
- If a wing player body checks his opponent while on the ground or while crouched for a face off it's an Illegal Body Check.



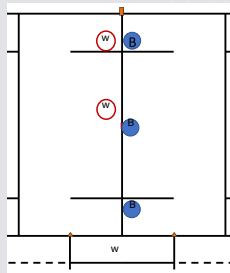
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PLAYERS IN PENALTY AREA DURING A FACEOFF

KNOW THE PROTOCOLS FOR RELEASE

- A wing must be left open
- If penalty time has expired and possession has been signaled on the faceoff, player in the box is released.
- If penalty time has expired but no possession has been signaled, the player must remain in the box until the official's signal possession



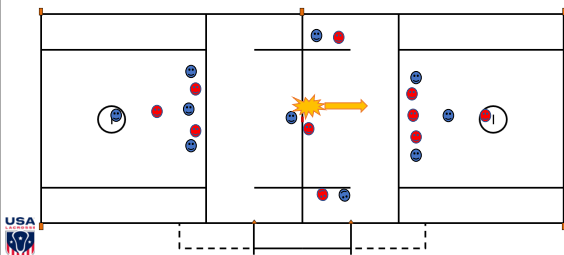
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LOOSE BALL, TECHNICAL FOUL DURING A FACEOFF

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE PLAYERS BEHIND THE RESTRAINING LINES?



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WHEN DO WE SIMPLY START OVER?
WE DON'T ALWAYS GET A CLEAN FACEOFF

Ball goes out of bounds in midfield and officials don't know who last touched the ball	An inadvertent whistle before the ball crosses the restraining line	An injury occurs in the midfield area	Simultaneous fouls of equal duration occur while the ball is loose	Official calls timeout before a team gains possession	If a player loses mandatory equipment while ball is loose and has not crossed restraining line.

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FACEOFF AFTER GOALS
WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN DONE CORRECTLY

- When a goal is scored and the ball has been retrieved, **HUSTLE** to the faceoff spot
- Write down the scores and such prior to the faceoff near midfield

Class Discussion Questions

Trail official has already backed-out, keeping his eye on the field and monitoring the sub area

Single-side official enter goal area to watch for post-goal issues while lead gets ball.

Lead official blows whistle WHEN goal is scored, runs to crease and signals.

Faceoff officials arrive, sets the ball, 18 seconds after the goal is scored

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