



2023 NFHS BOYS LACROSSE RULES INTERPRETATIONS

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2023 NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules Book Corrections: (Underlining shows additions; ~~strikethrough~~ shows deletions.)

Page 6, Boys Lacrosse Field Diagram: The Boys Lacrosse Field Diagram (attached) has been updated to correspond with other lacrosse rules codes. Specifically, the Table Area, Timer's Area, Coaches Area and Team Area marking were corrected to reflect 2023 rules changes.

4.5.3 SITUATION A: During normal play, A1 makes a pass to A2. While the ball is in flight, B1 commits (a) a technical foul or (b) a personal foul. **RULING:** In (a), the official calls out

"play on" and the "play on" is over if the pass is completed. If the pass is not completed, award the ball to Team A. In (b), Flag down, immediate slow whistle.

This situation is returning to the previous version from 2022. The committee will review this change at the summer of 2023

4.24.7 SITUATION: A1, in possession of the ball, is running down the field in Team A's attack half of the field with no player from Team B near A1 and loses any mandatory equipment. **RULING:** The official should be ready to stop play immediately to prevent a potential injury even if a scoring play is in progress.

6.5.2 SITUATION D: During the course of play, goalkeeper B1's stick becomes broken or any other mandatory equipment becomes broken or dislodged. **RULING:** The officials will stop play as soon as they notice the problem, ~~regardless of whether the goalkeeper is in or out of the~~ if the goalkeeper is in the crease. However, if a shot is already in flight when the equipment becomes broken or dislodged, the shot will be allowed to come to its normal conclusion before the whistle blows to stop play.

Boys Lacrosse Field Diagram

