

CONNYLACROSSE
 CONNECTICUT NEW YORK YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2012 BOYS RULES of PLAY

The NFHS 2012 Boys Lacrosse Rules Book, as modified by the US Lacrosse 2012 Rules for Boys Youth Lacrosse, shall govern play, except as herein amended.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOME TEAM

- a. The home team has the responsibility to provide two certified US Lacrosse, Connecticut, or New York high school, or college officials at each CONNY U15 and U13 game and at least one certified official at each U11 game. (CONNY urges, but does not require, use of certified officials for U9 games.) If one of the two assigned certified officials is late or does not appear for a U15 or U13 game, and both head coaches agree, the game still may be started and played with one certified official. In the event that no certified officials are available, the head coaches of the teams scheduled to play may agree on non-certified officials such as high school coaches in the states of Connecticut or New York, or other qualified persons. Each team shall select one official. In the event both teams elect to play without certified officials, the game will be a binding league game. NOTE: If both teams do not agree to play without certified officials, or with only one, failure to provide the required certified official(s) is not grounds for a forfeit; member programs should make every effort to reschedule the game.
- b. High school students aged 16 and older may officiate U11 and U9 games if they complete a US Lacrosse- or CONNY-recognized apprentice officials clinic, pass the 2012 CONNY Online Rules Test, and are properly equipped. High school students aged 16 and older may serve as officials for CONNY U15 or U13 games so long as they (1) work with an otherwise qualified adult official, (2) complete a US Lacrosse or CONNY apprentice officials clinic, (3) pass the 2012 CONNY Online Rules Test, and (4) are properly equipped. Under no circumstances will high school students under age 18 be the only officials working a CONNY U15 or U13 game.
- c. Unless both head coaches agree otherwise before the game, no game official may be a parent or sibling of a player or coach in the contest, even if that parent or sibling is in other respects qualified (e.g., is a certified official).

US LACROSSE AGE AND ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

CONNY Regulations further require that U15 players be students in the eighth grade or lower.

U9 PHILOSOPHY

U9 play shall be instructional and non-competitive. Therefore, CONNY discourages formation of U9 “travel teams” and permits no recording or publication of scores, no standings, and no post-season tournament leading to a championship at the U9 level. In order to maximize each player’s touches and participation in the play of the game, CONNY advocates that U9 contests be short squad (e.g., 7-on-7) on short fields whenever possible. Teams within a program should be balanced as evenly as possible in terms of age, size, physical and cognitive maturity, and ability.

- RULE 1-6 **CROSSE-DIMENSIONS**
 RULE 2-1 **NUMBER AND DESIGNATION OF PLAYERS**
 RULE 5-4 **ILLEGAL CROSSE**

All US Lacrosse Rules for Boys Youth Lacrosse modifications to NFHS crosse rules are in effect, except that in U13 play only, a long crosse shall be 47 to 62 inches and in U11 play only, a team may have a maximum of three players using long crosses, not counting the goalkeeper’s crosse, in the game at any time. (See Age Eligibility & Crosse Length Quick Reference Guide below.)

CONNYS 2012 Age Eligibility & Crosse Length Quick Reference Guide

Age Division	Eligibility	Regular Crosse Length	Long Crosse Length	Permitted Long Crosses
U15	Born on or after 9/1/1996 In eighth grade or lower.	40" - 42"	52" - 72"	4
U13	Born on or after 9/1/1998	40" - 42"	47" - 62"	4
U11	Born on or after 9/1/2000	37" - 42"	47" - 52"	3
U9	Born on or after 9/1/2002	37" - 42"	NA	0

NOTE: Grade-based teams must play in the age division determined by the birthdate of the oldest player on the team.

RULE 1-9 PLAYER EQUIPMENT

CONNY will not enforce color requirements under Rule 1-9 for helmets, mouthpieces, gloves, uniform shorts, under-jerseys, compression shorts, etc.

ARTICLE 1, Paragraphs a & b, Helmet and Face Mask: Hockey helmets and face guards are allowed so long as they are HECC approved.

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RULE 1-13 OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION (CONNYS Rule)

Before the start of the game, the referee shall certify to both head coaches that he understands and will enforce the changes to the NFHS 2012 Boys Lacrosse Rules Book and US Lacrosse 2012 Rules for Boys Youth Lacrosse included in these CONNY Boys Rules of Play.

RULE 3-1 LENGTH OF GAME

Article 2 of this rule (the 12-goal running time mercy rule) shall not apply to CONNY play.

NOTE: US Lacrosse length of period rules do not prevent teams from increasing playing time opportunities by playing "extra" periods after recording the final score.

RULE 3-3 FINAL TWO MINUTES OF REGULATION PLAY

RULE 4-14 & 15 ADVANCING THE BALL

RULE 6-10-3 STALLING

CONNYS will not enforce NFHS RULE 3-3; RULE 4-15, **Advancing the Ball into Goal Area**; or RULE 6-10-3, *except during the final two minutes of U15 and U13 regulation play*. CONNY will not enforce RULE 4-14, **Advancing the Ball Beyond the Center Line** at any time.

Note that NFHS RULES 6-10-1 & 2 are in effect for U15 and U13 play.

In addition, if a game official detects an effort to stall the advancement of the ball in the defensive clearing area or the offensive zone outside the goal area, the official will give a verbal command to "advance the ball" followed by a visual 5-second hand count. If the team so warned does not attempt to advance the ball within the 5-second count to within five yards of an opposing player, stalling will be called and a turnover will occur, with restart at the point of the stalling infraction or laterally outside the goal area.

RULE 3-4 SUDDEN VICTORY OVERTIME

For CONNY postseason play, add the following to this rule:

The US Lacrosse Boys Youth Rules changes to NFHS RULE 3-4 will not apply to CONNY Tournaments games; i.e., NFHS Sudden Victory overtime rules will apply in U15, U13, and U11 CONNY Tournaments games.

RULE 4-3 FACING OFF

For CONNY regular season league play, replace US Lacrosse modification with CONNY "Article 6" to this rule:

Article 6, Any time the goal differential reaches six (6) or more goals, in lieu of a face-off after a score (but not at the start of a quarter), the trailing team will be awarded possession of the ball at the center of the field, unless the head coach of the trailing team elects to continue facing off.

(NFHS RULE 4-3 will not be so modified, and will apply to all age levels, in CONNY Tournament games.)

RULE 4-23-2 REGULAR SUBSTITUTION PROHIBITIONS

CONNYS will not enforce this rule in regular season U13, U11, and U9 play. This change permits regular substitutions when play has been suspended because the ball has gone out of bounds along either end line. In U15 play, NFHS Rule 4-23-2 shall be enforced, unless before the game both coaches agree to permit regular substitution on end line out-of-bounds. *(These changes from NFHS RULE 4-23 will not apply to CONNY Tournament games.)*

RULE 4-28 TEAM TIMEOUTS

Change this rule to permit three (3) nonconsecutive team timeouts each half instead of four per game.

(For CONNY Tournament games only, one of the three timeouts each half must be a 20-second timeout.)

RULE 5-7 SLASHING

Articles 1-3 are unchanged. *Note US Lacrosse Boys Youth Rules prohibit one-handed checks at the U13, U11, and U9 levels.*

Add "Note 1" to Article 3 and CONNY "Article 4."

Slashing includes the following actions:

Article 3, Note 1: For CONNY play, RULE 5-7, Article 3 means that *the ONLY permissible check with the crosse is on the opponent's crosse or his gloved hand on his own crosse. STRIKING AN OPPONENT WITH THE CROSSE ANYWHERE EXCEPT ON HIS CROSSE OR HIS GLOVED HAND ON HIS OWN CROSSE IS SLASHING!* This interpretation is a special point of emphasis for the CONNY Sportsmanship and Safety Committee and CONNY Rules Committee in 2012, especially for U9 and U11 play.

Article 4, At the U9 level only, any check other than a poke check. The only legal stick check in U9 play is a poke check to the opponent's crosse or gloved hand on his crosse. Any other stick check is a slash. NO EXCEPTIONS.