

# CONNYLACROSSE

## 2015 BOYS RULES of PLAY SUPPLEMENT

The NFHS 2015 Boys Lacrosse Rules Book, as modified by the US Lacrosse 2015 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, U13, and 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 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 2015 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, especially as a third official, so long as they (1) work with otherwise qualified adult officials, (2) complete a US Lacrosse or CONNY apprentice officials clinic, (3) pass the 2015 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, cognitive, and emotional maturity; and ability.

### RULE 1-2 THE FIELD

CONNY modifies Article 7 of this rule to specify that the Table Area shall extend five (5) yards either side of the center line, rather than 10 yards. NOTE: this modification facilitates CONNY’s retention of “horn substitution” under Rule 4-21, Article 2.

### RULE 1-6 CROSSE-DIMENSIONS

### RULE 2-1 NUMBER AND DESIGNATION OF PLAYERS

### RULE 5-5 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 52 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 2015 Age Eligibility & Crosse Length Quick Reference Guide

Age Division	Eligibility	Regular Crosse Length	Long Crosse Length	Permitted Long Crosses
U15	Born on or after 9/1/1999 In eighth grade or lower.	40" - 42"	52" - 72"	4
U13	Born on or after 9/1/2001	40" - 42"	52" - 62"	4
U11	Born on or after 9/1/2003	37" - 42"	47" - 54"	3
U9	Born on or after 9/1/2005	37" - 42"	NA	0

NOTE: CONNY programs may sponsor grade-based teams, which must play in the age division determined by the birthdate of the oldest player on that team. Such grade-based teams should be organized by a single grade, but if a program chooses to group two grades together on a team it should strive during scheduling to limit the maximum age difference between players in a grade-based game to no more than twenty-four (24) months.

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### **RULE 1-12 GAME ADMINISTRATION—SIDELINE MANAGERS**

CONNY strongly encourages, but does not require, that teams provide trained Sideline Managers as described in US Lacrosse Boys Youth Rule 1-12.

### **RULE 1-13 OFFICIALS' CERTIFICATION (CONNY Rule)**

Before the start of the game, the referee shall certify to both head coaches that s/he understands and will enforce the NFHS 2015 Boys Lacrosse Rules as modified by the 2015 U.S. Lacrosse Boys Youth Rules and these CONNY 2015 Boys Rules of Play.

### **RULE 3-1 LENGTH OF GAME**

#### **RULE 3-4 SUDDEN VICTORY OVERTIME**

NFHS RULE 3-1, ARTICLE 2 (the 12-goal running time mercy rule) shall not apply to CONNY play.

*For CONNY Tournaments play only, the US Lacrosse Boys Youth Rules changes to RULE 3-1 that modify 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 3-3 FINAL TWO MINUTES OF REGULATION PLAY**

#### **RULE 4-31 GET IT IN/KEEP IT IN**

#### **RULE 6-10 STALLING**

CONNY will not enforce NFHS RULES 3-3, 4-31, or 6-10 in U11 and U9 play.

NFHS RULES 3-3, 4-31, and 6-10 *are* in effect for U15 and U13 play.

### **RULE 4-13 & 14 ADVANCING THE BALL**

CONNY will not enforce RULE 4-13, **Advancing the Ball Beyond the Center Line**, and RULE 4-14, **Advancing the Ball into Goal Area**, at any age level.

**CONNY STALLING RULE:** If a game official detects an effort to stall the advancement of the ball in either 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 to within five yards of an opposing player within the 5-second count, a turnover will occur with restart at the point of the stalling infraction (or laterally outside the goal area).

### **RULE 4-3 FACING OFF**

For CONNY regular season league play, replace US Lacrosse modification with CONNY “Article 7” to this rule, which shall apply to all age levels:

Article 7, 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.

*(In CONNY Tournament games NFHS RULE 4-3 will apply without modification at all age levels.)*

### **RULE 4-21 SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURES**

CONNY modifies Article 2 of this rule to authorize substitutions when the officials have suspended play after the ball has gone out of bounds on the sidelines or end lines. For such substitutions, the timer shall sound a horn upon the request of a coach indicating to the officials that a substitution is desired. All other rules with respect to substitutions during suspension of play shall apply.

*(For CONNY Tournament games such “horn substitutions” are not allowed after the ball has gone out of bounds on the end lines.)*

### **RULE 4-25 TEAM TIMEOUTS**

Change this rule to permit three (3) nonconsecutive team timeouts each half.

*(This change from NFHS RULE 4-25 will not apply to CONNY Tournament games ... only two timeouts permitted per half.)*

### **RULE 5-7 SLASHING**

Articles 1-3 are unchanged. *Note US Lacrosse Boys Youth Rules now prohibit one-handed checks at all age levels, including U15.*

Add CONNY “Article 4.”

Slashing includes the following actions:

Article 4, At the U9 Bantam 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.

### **NFHS GUIDELINES:**

Guidelines in the NFHS 2015 Boys Lacrosse Rules Book for managing concussion; hygiene, skin infection, and communicable disease (including bleeding); and lightning and thunder incidents have the force of rules in CONNY play.