

2016 NECLAX Rules Exception - Quick Reference Guide

	Bantam (U-9)	Lightning(U-11)	Junior (U-13)	Senior (U-15)
Crosse Lengths				
Short	37" - 42"	37" - 42"	40" - 42" (NFHS)	40" - 42" (NFHS)
Long	None	47" - 52" (NECLAX)	47" - 62" (NECLAX)	52" - 72" (NFHS)
Goalie	37" - 72" (USL)	37" - 72" (USL)	40" - 72" (NFHS)	40" - 72" (NFHS)
# of Poles	None	4 (NECLAX)	4	4
Arm/Elbow Pads/Cup	<===== Required for all (including Goalies) =====>			
NOCSAE Game Balls	No NOCSAE Ball = NO GAME -or- GAME SUSPENDED - record score and report to NECLAX			
Shooting String Violation	1 Minute Releasable	1 Minute Releasable	1 Minute Releasable	1 Minute Releasable
Game Lengths	4X10 Mins-running (Last 2Min ea half Stop)	4X10 Mins-running (Last 2Min ea half Stop)	4X12 Mins-running (Last 2Min – 4 th Stop)	4 X 10 Mins stop
Overtime	None	None	None	None
Face-off Mercy Rule	<==== 6 or more goal diff at any time - award if coach wants (not at start of QTR) =====>			
Time Outs	<===== NFHS (2 per half) =====>			
Side-Line Horns (no end lines)	Allowed (NECLAX)	Allowed (NECLAX)	None	None
Advancing the Ball (20- & 10- Sec. Counts)	n/a	n/a	n/a	NFHS
Final 2 Minutes	n/a	n/a	n/a	"Get it in/Keep it In"
Over & Back NECLAX (new 2016)	n/a	n/a	n/a	In effect
Stick Checks/Slashing	Poke ONLY	(no one-handers) USL	(no one-handers) USL	(no one-handers) USL

Body Checking STRESS: Blind side and 3-Yard Rule [2-3 min NR]	Not permitted	Not permitted	NFHS (but 3 yd rule) (USL Point of emphasis)	NFHS (but 3 yd rule) (USL Point of emphasis)
Penalty Enforcement	Player serves penalty, but is replaced; no EMO.	NFHS	NFHS	NFHS
Penalties On Goalkeeper	The in-home may serve a goalkeeper's penalties. If a third time serving penalty is called on the same goalie, however, the goalie shall be required to serve the penalty time for such third penalty and each time serving penalty thereafter. . If a dressed goalkeeper is not available, reasonable time to dress one shall be afforded, in addition to the one-minute delay for his warm-up allowed.			
Fouling Out	4 PFs OR 5mins in PF Time	4 PFs OR 5mins in PF Time	4 PFs OR 5mins in PF Time	4 PFs OR 5mins in PF Time

References: *NFHS 2016Boys Lacrosse Rules Book modified by US Lacrosse - 2016Rules for Boys Youth Lacrosse and NECLAX 2016 Boys Rules of Play*

If a rule is not modified by NECLAX then follow US Lacrosse Boys Youth Rules....and if no modification there...then follow NFHS.

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2016 BOYS RULES of PLAY

The NFHS 2016 Boys Lacrosse Rules Book, as modified by the US Lacrosse 2016 Rules for Boys Youth Lacrosse, shall govern play, except as herein amended.

- RULE 1-2** **THE FIELD** - NECLAX 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 NECLAX's retention of "horn substitution" under Rule 4-21*
- RULE 1-6** **CROSSE-DIMENSIONS & RULE 5-5 ILLEGAL CROSSE** – SEE CHART ON QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE
- RULE 1-12** **GAME ADMINISTRATION—SIDELINE MANAGERS** NECLAX 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** Before the start of the game, the referee shall certify to both head coaches that s/he understands and will enforce the NFHS 2016 Boys Lacrosse Rules as modified by the 2015 U.S. Lacrosse Boys Youth Rules and these NECLAX 2016 Boys Rules of Play.
- RULE 3-3** **FINAL TWO MINUTES OF REGULATION PLAY**
- RULE 4-31** **GET IT IN/KEEP IT IN** - SEE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE
- RULE 6-10** **STALLING** NECLAX will not enforce NFHS RULES 3-3, 4-31, or 6-10 in U13, U11 and U9 play. NFHS RULES 3-3, 4-31, and 6-10 are in effect for U15. (i.e. Final two minutes - "GIKI")
- RULE 4-13 & 14** **ADVANCING THE BALL** NECLAX will only enforce RULE 4-13, **Advancing the Ball Beyond the Center Line**, and RULE 4-14, **Advancing the Ball into Goal Area, enforced only** at U15 level. **NECLAX STALLING RULE:** – SEE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE
- RULE 4-14.3** **New "OVER & BACK" Rule** - NECLAX will not enforce RULE 4-14-3 in U-9, U-11 and U13 play.
- RULE 4-3** **FACING OFF** For NECLAX regular season league play, replace US Lacrosse modification with NECLAX "Article 9" to this rule, which shall apply to all age levels: Article 9, 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 Article 3.n, requiring contrasting color tape on the handle of the crosse of any player taking a faceoff, will not be enforced)
- RULE 4-21** **SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURES (Horn substitution allowed on side line out-of-bounds stoppages.)**
For U-9 and U-11 the timer shall sound a horn upon the request of a coach indicating to the officials that a substitution is desired. Note that, if in effect, running time will continue. All other rules with respect to substitutions during suspension of play shall apply.
- RULE 4-25** **TEAM TIMEOUTS** Change this rule to permit three (3) nonconsecutive team timeouts each 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: NECLAX "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.
- Rule 7-1.e** **TIME SERVING PENALTIES ON GOALKEEPER** The in-home may serve a goalkeeper's penalties. If a third time serving penalty is called on the same goalie, however, the goalie shall be required to serve the penalty time for such third penalty and each time serving penalty thereafter.. If a dressed goalkeeper is not available, reasonable time to dress one shall be afforded, in addition to the one-minute delay for his warm-up allowed by NFHS Rule 7-1.e.

NFHS GUIDELINES:

Guidelines in the NFHS 2016 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 NECLAX play. (See Appendix B, D and E in NFHS Rule Book)