



Information Bulletin

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Bantam Offside Clarification

Below is the verbiage that will be included in the GLL specific rules for 2014 regarding **Bantam Division** play:

"The GLL recommends midfield lines on all Bantam games.

In 7v7 play, teams must have 2 'attack-men' from one team and 2 'defense-men' from the other team remain behind the midfield line at all times in addition to the goalie. The offensive end of the field would be a '4v4' plus the goalie. The goalie is allowed to pass the mid-line providing there are three players that remain behind the midfield line.

*If there is a play at midfield, all offside infractions will be enforced like any other level of play. If a player gets pushed over midfield and there is **no** advantage gained - **no call**.*

If the player is pushed and gains advantage such as flicking the ball to his teammate, and they gain possession, an immediate whistle and the 'pushed' team is awarded the ball at the spot of the push (even though they already have possession). The advantaged gained here is the potential scoring opportunity that arises as a result of the pushed player going offside and getting close to the ball.

There will be 'leniency' granted if a player inadvertently goes over the mid-line and there is NO advantaged gained. The player is expect to return back behind the mid-line within five(5) yards of the line, otherwise an offside infraction will be called. (defense player: 30 second technical; offensive player: ball is turned over.)"

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