

Topic	Rule	New Rule	Rationale
Equipment - ball	Rule 2 Section 5	The ball shall be yellow or bright orange (similar to Pantone #811) color, and meet the current NOCSAE lacrosse ball standard at the time of manufacture.	Clarification that the requirement is specifically for the time of manufacture since that is all that the manufacturers can control.
	Rule 2 Section 8	Mouthpieces shall cover the leading arch.	This allows for a player whose leading arch is her bottom teeth to wear a mouthguard on the bottom.
Uniforms	Rule 2 Section 13	Legal player numbers are 0-99. A team may not have both 1 and 01, 2 and 02, etc. as they are considered the same number. Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, double-zero, 01, 02, 03, etc. are not legal numbers.	This eliminates any confusion about player numbering on the field and standardizes with other NFHS rules.
Electronic Equipment	Rule 3 Section 7	Cameras in goal cages may now be used with some restrictions. (See Officials Manual 7:11)	Cameras are now of the size that allows them to be an unobtrusive part of the game provided they are placed well into the goal cage.
Officials	Rule 3 Section 10	Beginning January 1, 2017, the game must be officiated by at least two US Lacrosse rated officials. Three officials are recommended.	Increased athleticism of the players and speed of the game necessitates two officials to safely and fairly manage play.
Draw	Rule 5 Section 2	The opponents each stand with one foot toeing the line and both feet must be on the same side.	Clarifies draw positioning
Stick Requests	Rule 5 Section 28	The number of stick check requests shall be 2.	Allows coaches to check for illegal sticks more than once.
Illegal Stick Enforcement after a Goal	Rule 5 Section 28	When an illegal stick is found after a goal, the restart shall be at the center.	Allows for a more clear penalty administration and aligns the penalty with the NCAA.
Forcing Through	Rule 6, Section 1m	Eliminate "in such a way as to cause her own crosse to contact her body" from the definition of Forcing Through.	An attack player shall not force her way through a legally established defender or double team, and contact shall not be the determining factor for enforcement of this foul.

Foul Definition	Rule 6 Section 1s/w	Consolidation of "Detaining" and "Holding" foul.	Detaining an opponent with a crosse is a subset of holding and shall be combined with "Holding" for simplification.
Slow Whistle Goalkeeper Positioning	Rule 7 Section 25	The GK may return to her goal circle if she has moved outside the goal circle during the slow whistle (flag raised) and has not fouled.	Simplifies the penalty administration for goalkeeper positioning during a slow whistle and aligns with the NCAA.
Suspended or Ejected Player Substitution	Rule 7, Section 35	When a suspended or ejected player (one who is no longer eligible to return to play for that game) reenters the game, it shall be Coach Misconduct .	Stronger penalty for a disqualified player reentering the game.
Youth Coaches	Youth Rules	There shall not be more than 3 coaches in the defined coaching area.	This provides sideline management while still allowing appropriate team supervision.