As we head towards the 2019 Postseason, please take a few moments to review the following with your officials for consistent officiating throughout the postseason.

**PREGAME**

Referees assigned to playoff games are expected to contact the crew and arrange a meeting place and time for the game, 45-60 minutes before the scheduled start time. The referee is also expected hold a pre-game meeting with the crew before the game to review expectations of the crew during the game.

**ITEMS TO REVIEW BEFORE THE GAME**

**Captains and pre-game meeting with coaches:** When will they occur? Remind the head coach that he is the only person who should address officials during the game.

**Sportsmanship:** How will the crew deal with assistant coaches or poor behavior by players? Keep eyes on players at all times, including dead balls.

**Equipment/Stick checks:** When will they occur? How many will be done? (plan on at least 4). Remember ALL players sticks and equipment must be legal. This includes faceoff players. Please check the players gloves, mouth-piece, shoulder pads, cleats, and arm pads.

**Over and Back:** How will the crew communicate on loose ball heading towards the midline?

**Restarts:** Make sure field is set and the crew is ready on every restart. Restart at the correct spot on the field (where ball went out of bounds, in the alley, over the midline, etc.).

**Multiple flags:** Officials must get together and communicate before penalties are reported. Remember– the second flag will kill the play unless a scoring play is imminent.

**Flag down situations:** Remember loose ball fouls by the team who committed the initial foul are time serving (the flag denotes possession) and should kill the play.
### ITEMS TO REVIEW BEFORE THE GAME CONTINUED

**Three man responsibilities:** Review mechanics, goal coverage and positioning - especially if this is something different than you do during the season. The center official should be at the cone on clears and follow the ball into the offensive zone. Center has 20 second and 10 second count. New trail has 4 second goalie count.

**Crew Consistency:** Calls, faceoff alignment, interactions with coaches.

**Stall Warning:** What will be the threshold? Do not allow possessions to continue without signs that the offense is trying to generate scoring opportunities.

**Field Check:** Make sure the field has proper markings (including a clearly marked center line), the balls are NOCSAE certified, no holes in the goal nets, cones on the corners and midfield (opposite bench and substitution box), working horn (on scoreboard or at table), and there is an official scorebook for the game.

**Weather situations:** Where will everyone go if a weather situation arises? Check with the site manager. If game cannot continue, record all relevant information with the coaches before leaving.

### OFFICIALS UNIFORMS

All officials shall wear the same uniform (shirt sleeve length and pants or shorts) with the PIAA patch on the left sleeve. Shoes must be ALL black with no white markings, Hat should be black with white piping (free of dirt, sweat stains, etc.). Belt must be black with silver buckle, black ankle socks, undershirt must be black, flags should be gold, tape measure must be black, scorecard to measure width of head of stick, and remember to check the battery in your timer.

### RULE ENFORCEMENT REMINDERS

**Over and Back:** The ball must touch something or someone on the opposite side of the midfield line for over and back to have occurred. The ball may NOT be kicked by a player on the defensive half of midfield (regardless of ball location), but a player may “bat” the ball with his crosse as long as the ball has not broken the plane of the midfield line. The restart should occur near the midfield line.

**Restarts:** Should occur near the location of the ball when whistle was blown. Do not give the offensive team an unfair advantage on a restart. This is especially true on an end line out of bounds after a shot. Move the ball to a spot near the location of the ball crossing the line, not where the closest end line ball is located. No players from either team can be within 5 yards of the player in possession of the ball. Restarts near the substitution box should be moved in 5 yards from the sideline. Remember the goalie gets 5 seconds to return to his crease on ANY restart.

**Targeting:** When a player intentionally takes aim at an opponent’s head or neck or takes aim at a player in a defenseless position (regardless of head/neck contact), the offending player will be penalized with a three-minute, non-releasable foul and may result in ejection.

**Eye Black:** This continues to be a problem in certain areas of the state. Please enforce this rule at every game. Players are only permitted a *single stroke of eye black* under each eye. It may not include any words, numbers, logos or other symbols and *may not extend outside the eye socket, across the nose, or below the cheek bone*. Address this in your pre-game with the coaches to prevent any issues during the game.
**Sudden Victory Overtime:** In the event of a tie at the end of the regulation game, play shall be continued, after a two-minute intermission, with sudden-victory overtime (Page 31 Sect. 4, Art. 1).

In sudden-victory overtime, the teams shall play periods of four minutes each until a goal is scored. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a two-minute intermission between sudden-victory periods (Page 31 Sect. 4, Art. 2).

**Interruption of Game:** Modify Rule 3-5, a game 1) which is interrupted because of events beyond the control of responsible authorities that occurs prior to the end of the third period shall be picked up at the point of interruption, 2) which is interrupted because of events beyond the control of responsible authorities that occurs after the end of the third period and a winner can be determined shall be considered final, and 3) tied when interrupted because of events beyond the control of responsible authorities shall be continued at the point of interruption.

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