



PIAA Post-Season Play Officials Memo: Boy's Lacrosse

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Post-season play for the 2018 season is upon us. Please take a few minutes to review this document for consistent enforcement of rules from now through the PIAA State Championship games on June 9th, 2018.

Reminder of 2018 Points of Emphasis:

1. **Shots at the End of a Period:** Remember if a shot is released and has any chance of entering the goal, **HOLD THE WHISTLE** until the shot has come to its normal conclusion. If you are the new lead official on a change of possession during the final 20 seconds of a period, **sprint** to your goal and make sure it is properly covered.
2. **Slow Whistle:** During a flag down, Slow Whistle (FDSW) situation, remember **GOODIE** before stopping play (**G**oal scored or ball hits the **G**round, **O**ffensive violation, **O**ut of Bounds, **I**njury in scrimmage area, **E**nd of the period). Teams may take the ball out of the goal area during a FDSW.
3. **Faceoffs:** Shaft must be a contrasting color to the top glove and the head of the stick. Tape is **NOT** required if the shaft is a contrasting color. Alignment is "Top to Stop" for every faceoff. No tape on the plastic portion of the head.
4. **Mouthpieces:** Must cover all of the upper or all of the lower teeth and be worn properly at all times (no "Fish hooking"). Enforce as a technical foul against the offending team.
5. **New Crosse Dimensions:** Crosse must meet the same requirements as NCAA: 40-42" for short crosse, 52-72" for long crosse (goalkeeper 40-72"), Head at widest point shall measure between 6-10" (inside measurement), top to stop measurement shall be a minimum of 10", starting 1.25" from throat, stick shall be a minimum of 3" (all measurements).

Pre-game:

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.

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 and remember to check the battery in your timer.

Items to review in pre-game:

Captains and Pre-game meeting with coaches: When will they occur?

Equipment/Stick checks: When will they occur? How many will be done (plan on at least 4)?

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

Restarts: Make sure field is set and crew is ready on every restart

Multiple flags: Officials must get together and communicate before penalties are reported

Three man responsibilities: Review mechanics, Goal coverage and Positioning - especially if this is something different than you do during the season.

Crew Consistency: Calls, Stall Warning, Faceoff alignment, Interactions with coaches

Field Check: Make sure 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 site manager.

Rule enforcement reminders:

Over and Back: Ball must touch something or someone on the opposite side of the midfield line for over and back to have occurred. 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. 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 a endline 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 endline 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.

Eye Black: Players are 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 or below the cheek bone. Address this in your pre-game with the coaches to prevent any issues during the game.