**TOP TEN RULE/CO-VID CHANGES FOR 2021**

1. **CO-VID PRECAUTIONS (Stay tuned for further instructions)**
2. During this co-vid era, the wearing of a mask is optional for the official WHEN ACTIVELY OFFICATING while out on the field of play.
3. B. Wearing of mask is required while entering and exiting the field of play.
4. Official must wear mask in and around the bench area during timeouts, quarters and whenever communicating with table personnel.
5. All of the above
6. **QUICK-RE-STARTS IS THE BIGGEST RULE CHANGE THIS YEAR**

**(Rule 4.22, Art 1)**

1. All re-starts CAN begin with a defensive player FEWER than 5 yards away from player with the ball.
2. Defensive player MUST create a distance of 5 yards away from player with the ball before he can actively play this offensive player
3. No offensive player can be within 5 yards of any teammate who is in possession of the ball, awaiting a re-start.
4. All of the above.
5. **When can “offensive” player be engaged by the defender?**

**(Rule 4,22.1, SITUATION C)**

1. Offensive player initiates contact with defender BEFORE a 5-yard distance has been created.
2. When offensive player passes the ball to a teammate.
3. When player loses possession of the ball.
4. B + C above
5. **Re-start mechanics: Which of the following is a requirement when re-starting the ball? (Rule 4. 22.1, Situation B)**
6. ALWAYS bring the ball 5 yards onto the field of play when re-starting within 5 yards in front of and on either side of the table/substitution area**.**
7. Give defender a warning to back up 5 yards BEFORE re-starting play is a requirement this year.
8. Make sure fellow official is in position and gives the ready signal for re-starting play.
9. A + C above.
10. **Which of the below situations creates an infringement of the 5-yard requirement before engaging player who re-started in possession of the ball? (Rule 4. 22, Art 1 and 4.22.1 SIITUATION A)**
11. While remaining WITHIN 5 yards of re-starting player with possession, defender puts his stick in the air in an attempt to cut down on the offensive player’s passing lane.
12. Player the re-starting player AFTER he loses possession of the ball.
13. Player steps aside allowing offensive player a direct path to the goal, but never creates a 5-yard distance.
14. A & C above.
15. **RE-STARTS FROM THE CREASE (RULE 4. 22.1 SITUATION A)**
16. In the case of a quick re-start after play has been suspended while the ball is in the crease, the guarding defensive player must lower his stick and allow goalie the opportunity for an outlet pass.
17. Allow goalie a 5 second head start up field before engaging him
18. Can remain in place atop the crease and is free to play keeper as long as he doesn’t make contact with goalie or his crosse.
19. Must either back up 5 yards or step to the side, or step to the side for 5 yards, granting goalie a direct path to the goal.
20. **ILLEGAL STICK RULE: WHICH OF THE BELOW ARE CORRECT? (Rule 1. 8b,c and Rule 5.5 SITUATION J and SECTION 5 Note; 5.5. SITUATIONS A,B,I)**
21. In all cases a stick can be returned to the player?
22. In all cases an illegal stick due to failure of minimum measurement, stick length, pocket or stringing will result in a two-minute, non-releasable foul.
23. Shooting strings beyond two inches will result in a mandatory illegal stick penalty.
24. A + B above
25. **Broken Cross: the definition of a “broken” crosse is as below and is NOT penalized: (RULE 1, Art 3, Section 7)**
26. A stick missing an end cap
27. A stick which has become bent during play
28. A stick where any hanging strings exceeds two inches
29. All of the above
30. **The new rule regarding throwing of a stick applies as below and results in a one-minute non-releasable foul RULE 5.10e)**
31. Tossing a stick to the sideline as part of a stick exchange
32. Throwing stick down after missing a goal
33. Tossing the stick to an official upon a stick check request
34. Throwing the stick at the ball or opponent, whether contact is made or not.
35. **The following are all cases of a “releasable” unsportsmanlike foul**

**(Rule 5.10f,g and RULE 6.5.2 SITUATION A)**

1. Coach stepping on field obstructing play
2. Repeated abuse of a technical foul
3. Defensive player or players 2nd offense for stepping in front of goal with purpose of blocking a shot.
4. All of the above