

Rules Changes for 2005

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- 1-9-1-a All players of a team shall wear helmets of the same color.
- 3-6 If the offended team is ahead, the score stands; if the offended team is behind or tied, the official score shall be the Offended Team 1, Opponent 0.
- 6-5-14 Added the following: Penalty – Award the ball to the offended team in its offensive side of the field, at the Center Face-off X.
- 7-13 When a coach believes a rule has been misapplied, a time-out may be requested for the purpose of review.
- 4-12-4 If the team in possession of the ball is offside and has either started play or advanced the ball into its offensive half of the field, the ball shall be awarded to the offended team in its offensive side of the field, sat the Center Face-off X.
- 4-12-5 This rule is a bit convoluted. The interpretation is: if the ball is loose in the team's attack half of of the field and the defending team is offside, the ball will be awarded at the spot where the ball was when play was suspended. If the ball was in the goal area, then the restart will take place outside the goal area nearest to the spot of the ball at the time of the whistle.

Interpretations:

- 1-9-1-h Arm pads – in order for an arm pad to be legal it must cover the arm, at least, from the middle of the forearm to the middle of the triceps. **NOTE:** A pad that just covers the elbow is illegal. During the pre-game if an official happens to see a player with an illegal elbow pad, he is to be warned to change it or he cannot participate. If he is found to be on the field when this occurs, he is considered not to be wearing proper arm pads and will serve a 1-minute non-releasable penalty.

NOTE: If a goalie either loses a piece of equipment or breaks his crosse while he is within the crease, the whistle is blown immediately. If the ball is loose within the crease the ball is awarded according to the alternate possession rule. If a team has possession they will keep possession and the restart will take place where the ball was when the whistle blew or, if in the goal area, moved out 20 yards from the goal.

Rule 7-13 Clarification: If an official decides to award a 2-minute penalty on a personal foul (most of the personal fouls are usually 1-minute) and the coach wants to challenge the call.... this is not a misapplication of a rule, it is a judgment call. On the other hand, if an official restarts a play, for example... Team A takes a shot when the flag is down. Team A does not score. Team B player goes off to serve his penalty and the restart takes place within the goal area. The restart takes place and Team A scores. Team B coach wants to challenge. This was a misapplication of the restart. This is a legal challenge.

NOTE: There is no rule in the book that states a defenseman cannot enter the crease to save a goal. Goalie A, while clearing the ball, eventually loses possession and Team B now gains possession and goes to the goal. Defenseman B1 now enters the crease to intercept the shot. He may do so but he does not have the privileges of the goal since the goalie is still on the field.