

2010 Lacrosse Situations & Interpretations

Situation # 1 – Player B1 commits his 5th personal foul and is now removed from the game. As he leaves the field he berates the official, who now gives him an unsportsmanlike penalty. Ruling: The In-Home serves the 2-minutes. Reason: The clock has not yet started, therefore if B1 commits fouls, the In-Home serves. **See page 68; 7.2; Situation G.**

Situation # 2 – Counts.

B1 while clearing the ball has his stick checked and loses possession (the 20-sec. count has already begun). A1 now commits a technical foul and a play-on is called. When B1 gains possession a new 20-sec. count begins. If B1 cannot gain possession, the whistle blows, the ball is awarded to B1 and a new 20-sec. count begins when the whistle blows.

Situation # 3 – Stalling

Team A is ahead with 1 min. 30-sec. left in the first half. Team B has possession and calls a time-out. After the restart Team B brings the ball into the goal area. After approximately 1-min. with Team B not making an attempt to attack the goal, the Lead official gives the stalling warning.

B1 moves to the side of the goal area and is legally checked into the alley. The official blows the whistle (delay of game) and awards the ball to Team A. Team A clears the ball and scores. (At half time the score is now 10-8 in favor of Team A.

Note: There is no specific time to wait for a stalling warning to go into effect, look at how the team in possession is playing. If they are waiting for the last shot of the quarter or game, a technique to use (especially when the game is close), is to tell the player as quietly you can, “go to the cage”. You should also communicate with your partner that you are thinking of putting the stall on. If you decide to put the Warning on without notifying your partner make the signal clear and yell loudly, “Keep it in”.

Note: You can give the stalling warning the team that is losing.

Situation # 4 – A1 has possession of the ball just inside the top of the goal area. A1 shoots and the Trail official watches the ball instead of the shooter. The Lead is watching the ball. After a sec. or 2, the shooter is body checked by an opponent. The late check was missed because the Trail, instead of watching the shooter after the shot, watched the flight of the ball instead and the penalty was missed. Of course, the coach was angry, but if you don't see the foul you can't call it. **Note:** Your head should always be on a swivel so you know where the ball is but do not abandon your assignment.

Situation # 5 – In a Middle School game there was a fast break covered by Official 1. As official 2 is passing the bench area, the coach starts asking him questions and the official stopped to answer those questions. Do not, under any circumstances, carry on a conversation with anyone while the action is going on. **Procedure** – tell the coach, in passing, that you will be happy to answer his questions during the next dead ball or time-out.