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Accommodations	Rule 2 Note	13	NOTE: Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, allow an otherwise illegal piece of equipment, create risk to the athlete/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.	NFHS
Equipment and Uniforms	Rule 2-3	14	The goalkeepers stick may be 35.5"-52" in length.	USL
Equipment and Uniforms	Rule 2-6		The goalkeepers helmet must include a chin strap which must be fastened.	USL
Game Personnel (Coaches)	Rule 3-3	20	Only the head coach will communicate with the officials during the play of the game, and umpires shall address questions from only the head coaches during timeouts and halftime.	NFHS
Game Personnel (Coaches)	Rule 3-3	20	Coaches may not use any amplifications devices.	USL
Time Factors and Scoring	Rule 4-3	24	If a team is leading by 10 or more goals, the clock will not stop in the last two minutes.	NFHS
Time Factors and Scoring	Rule 4-4	25	Each team shall be permitted two timeouts during regulation game time that do not carry over into overtime. During the entire duration of overtime, each team is permitted one timeout.	NCAA
Time Factors and Scoring	Rule 4-5	25	If 80% of playing time has not elapsed and a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, the game may be terminated by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches.	NFHS
Draw	Rule 5-2	29	To draw, the ball is to be placed in the upper third of the head of the crosse at the widest part of the head.	USL
Draw	Rule 5-2	29	Upon the whistle, players shall draw up.	USL
Substitution	Rule 5-22	37	After Goals - Substitutions shall be through the substitution area. Substitutions may not take place after the umpire's hand is in contact with both centers' sticks at the draw.	USL
Accident, Interference, or Any Other Incident	Rule 5-25	39	If play must be stopped due to player injury or suspected injury and/or medical personnel or coach comes onto the field to attend to a player, that player(s) must leave the field.	USL

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Dangerous Check	Rule 6-1	41	A player may not check towards the body.	USL
Dangerous Check	Rule 6-1	41	A player may not reach into the sphere to make a check or hold her crosse in the sphere so that a check can not be made.	USL
Delay of Game	Rule 6-2	45	Failure to properly wear a mouthpiece and/or eyewear are minor fouls and will no longer be delay of game (green card).	USL
Team Fouls (Offside)	Rule 7-6	49	If attack fouls, the closest defender to the spot of the ball will be awarded a free position at that spot (no closer than 8m to the goal circle). The attack player with the ball will go 4m behind. The attacker closest to the restraining line will move back outside.	NCAA
Goal Circle Fouls	Rule 7-10	50	The penalty for any defensive goal circle foul will be an indirect free position 12m out to either side level with the goal line. The offending player will be placed 4m behind.	USL
Misconduct	Rule 7-27	55	Any player or coach receiving two yellow cards will be suspended from the rest of the game. They may both participate in the next game.	USL
Misconduct	Rule 7-27	55	Any player or coach receiving a red card will be suspended from the rest of the game and shall be prohibited from participating in the team's next game.	USL
Misconduct	Rule 7-27 Note	55	A suspended player must remain in her team's bench area for the entire game including on-field pre-game, game or post-game activities. The suspended player may not be dressed in her game uniform.	USL
Misconduct	Rule 7-28	55	Should a team receive its fourth card of the game they will play short for the remainder of the game.	USL
Misconduct	Rule 7-29	56	When a card has been issued, a player must leave the field for two minutes. Her team must play short in both their offensive and defensive ends of the field.	USL
Misconduct	Rule 7-34	57	In the case of a coach being removed from the field and an assistant coach or other authorized team personnel is not available, the team shall forfeit the game.	USL
Penalty Administration	Rule 7-35	57	The umpires retain clerical authority over the contest through the completion of any reports, including those imposing disqualifications, that are responsive to actions occurring while the umpires had jurisdiction. State associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents after the umpire's jurisdiction has ended or in the event that a contest is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play.	NFHS
	Definitions	61	Added a new category to the definition of "Played" to include stoppage of play due to a major foul by the defense.	NCAA

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	Manufacturer's Specifications	64	Decorative holes may not be used to attach the pocket to the head. The strings may not be looped over the top of the bottom rail of the sidewall.	USL
	Manufacturer's Specifications		Sticks altered after certification must be re-certified as they no longer meet specifications.	USL
Communicable Diseases	Appendix		General Guidelines for Sports Hygiene, Skin Infections and Communicable Diseases	NFHS
Code of Ethics(Umpires)	Appendix		Officials Code of Ethics	NFHS