

Rules Changes and Clarifications from 2011 to 2012 Season

Rule page 2011 Rule Book	Rule Section	Rule Specific to	2011	2012	Change/Point of Emphasis
14	Equipment and Uniforms	Goalie	Goalie stick length minimum 35.5" and 48" maximum	Goalie stick length minimum 35.5" and 52" maximum	Goalie stick can be 4" longer than before
15	Equipment and Uniforms	Goalie	Not specific on chin strap	Goalkeepers helmet must include a chin strap which must be fastened	Chin strap has to be on the helmet and fastened to helmet
20	Game Personnel (Coaches)	Coaches/Umpire	Captains and coaches can address the umpires at any time	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	Captains are no longer communicating with the umpires after the captains meeting. Head coaches are responsible for all communication with the umpires.
20	Game Personnel (Coaches)	Coaches/Umpire	No rule in place	Coaches may not use any amplification devices	Coaches may not use any amplification devices
24	Time Factors and Scoring	Scores Table	If a team is leading by 10 or more goals the clock is stopped on every whistle (to stop play) in the last 2 minutes of each half	If a team is leading by 10 or more goals, the clock will not stop in the last two minutes.	The clock used to stop in the last 2 minutes of each half even if one team was leading by 10 or more goals. Now the clock does not stop if one team is leading by 10 or more goals in the last 2 minutes of each half.
29	Draw	Umpires and Centers	The ball is placed between the crosses by the umpire	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	The umpire now has to put the ball in a specific location of the head of the Crosse which is the upper third of the head for the draw.
29	Draw	Umpire and Centers	On the whistle the two opponents must immediately draw their crosses up and away from one another	Upon the whistle, players shall draw up	The players no longer have to draw away from each other but simply have to draw up.
37	Substitution	Scores tables and coaches	Not specified	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.	The player now must check in at the scorer's table and then enter the field through the substitution area. Players cannot enter the field after the umpire's hand is in contact with both centers' sticks at the draw.

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39	Accident, Interference, or Any Other Incident	Players	?	If play must be stopped due to player injury and/or medical personnel or coach comes onto the field to attend to a player, that player(s) must leave the field.	If play is stopped for an injured player (s) and someone from the sideline comes onto the field to help the player, the player must leave the field before play resumes.
41	Dangerous Check	Players	A Crosse may be checked, in a direction toward the body, as long as the check /tackle is controlled, and the Crosse or ball does not go into the sphere	A player may not check towards the body	At no time can a player check towards another players body which is inline with the rule of no checking towards the sphere
41	Dangerous Check	Players	?	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	Point of emphasis. Rule already in place in previous years
45	Delay of Game	Players	Failure to wear properly wear a mouthpiece resulted in a green card and delay of game	Failure to properly wear a mouthpiece and/or eyewear are minor fouls and will no longer be a delay of game (green card)	Failure to wear a proper mouthpiece and eyewear is no longer a green card just a minor foul
50	Goal Circle Fouls	Players	The penalty for goal circle fouls by the defense other than for an illegal deputy shall be an indirect free position taken 12m out to either side level with the goal line. The offending player, except the goalkeeper, shall be placed 4m from the player taking the free position.	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	A Goal Circle foul by the defense places the ball at the same location as last year, goal line extended at the 12m and is still indirect. The defender who committed the foul is placed 4m behind the player with the ball instead of 4m directly in front.
55	Misconduct	Players	Anyone receiving two yellow cards in the game will be suspended from further participation in that game and will be prohibited from participating in the team's next game.	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	Any player or coach who receives two yellow cards in one game no longer has to miss the next game, just the remaining part of the game they received the yellow cards in.

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55	Misconduct	Players	Anyone receiving a red card will be suspended from further participation in that game and will be prohibited from participating in the team's next two games.	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.	Anyone receiving a red card will be suspended from the rest of the game and miss the next game and not the next 2 games.
55	Misconduct	Players	Any player or coach serving a next game suspension shall not be allowed in attendance at the site of the game, either on the field, in the team bench area, or in the spectator areas of the site.	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	Players and coaches serving suspensions are allowed to come to the game and must remain in the team bench area for the whole game and not participate in any activity the team does outside the bench area. Players are not allowed to wear their uniform.
55	Misconduct	Players	Should a team receive its third card of the game they will play short for the remainder of the game.	Should a team receive its fourth card of the game they will play short for the remainder of the game	The fourth card is now the book mark of when teams will be playing a player down for the remainder of the game. This is one card more than the previous year
56	Misconduct	Players	The player receiving the yellow card must leave the field for 3 minutes of elapsed playing time.	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.	A yellow card is now a 2 minute penalty and the players team must play player down on both offensive and defensive side of the field and can no longer bring across a player from the restraining line to make both sides of the field 7v7
57	Misconduct	Players	Not specified	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	If a team does not have an assistant coach or authorized team personnel and the head coach is removed from the field the team has to forfeit.