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2.4 The Goals. MINOR

Goals should be constructed in a manner such that when a ball enters the goalmouth and it is a goal, the ball shall not re-enter the field of play.

15.2 The Crosse. MAJOR

The head of the crosse shall measure between 6 inches (15.24 centimetres) and 10 inches (25.4 centimetres) inside measurement at its widest point.

15.4 The Crosse. MAJOR

The butt-end of the crosse handle must either be solid with no sharp edges or, if hollow, it must have its open end adequately covered with plastic, rubber or tape to prevent injury.

The use of metal caps is prohibited

16.5 Prohibitions Relating To The Crosse. MAJOR

All strings shall be limited to a hanging length of 2 inches (5.08 centimetres).

18.7 Prohibitions Relating To Personal Equipment.**MINOR**

A player or substitute must not wear jewelry or ornamentation: this prohibition shall include body-piercings. Exceptions to this shall be a Medical Alert item and/or a religious item.

If worn, such an item must be securely taped to the relevant part of the body, to prevent its becoming entangled with the crosse or equipment of the wearer or another player.

23.3 (29.1) The Officials. MINOR

Any of the referees or the chief bench official may suspend the play of the game and stop the game clock and any penalty clock(s) for any reason which he deems necessary for the proper enforcement of the rules of the game or the safe conduct of the game.

24.3 The Chief Bench Official. MAJOR

Exceptionally, where the CBO becomes aware of a player committing an act of flagrant misconduct, then, if the act is away from the current area of play and is unlikely to have been seen by the on-field referees, the CBO shall either throw a signal flag or blow his whistle, as appropriate, and, when a whistle has stopped the play, the CBO shall inform the head referee of what has happened and the CBO shall make the appropriate call.

27.1 The Scorers. MINOR

Where it deems it appropriate, the organizing committee for a tournament shall appoint the scorers and nominate the official scorer.

28.1 Mistakes By The Bench Officials. MINOR

Where a referee, chief bench official, timekeeper, penalty timekeeper, or scorer becomes aware that a mistake is being made which would result in a player or a team being penalised, then he shall promptly correct the mistake.

AR 28.3 A Blue player has been sent to the penalty box. After the whistle has blown to re-start play, whilst the Blue player is still in the penalty box, the Head Referee realises that the Blue player should not have been sent off.

RULING: As he has now become aware that a mistake is being made which penalizes the Blue team, the Head Referee should stop the play at the appropriate time, and correct the mistake.

AR 28.4 A Blue player has been sent to the penalty box. Red scores whilst the Blue player is in the penalty box. After the goal, and before the play has re-started, the Head Referee realizes that the Blue player should not have been sent off.

RULING: As he has now become aware before the next live ball, that a goal has been scored during the mistake, the Head Referee disallows the goal.

AR 28.5 A Blue player has been sent to the penalty box. Red scores whilst the Blue player is in the penalty box. The Blue player's penalty expires. The play re-starts.

After the re-start, the Head Referee realizes that the Blue player should not have been sent off.

RULING: As the play has re-started, it is now too late to correct the earlier mistake.

33.3 Actions Prior To The Game. MINOR

When a team is "warming-up" on the field of play, it shall do so in the half of the playing field that is nearer to its own bench area

34.2 Facing At The Centre. MINOR

The feet must not touch the centre line or the opponents' defensive half of the field. Both feet must be grounded up to the sounding of the referee's whistle to start play. The handle of the crosse must not touch the opponents' defensive half of the field.

34.13 / 81.2 Facing At The Centre / Simultaneous Fouls. MINOR

At a centre face-off, before "Possession" or "Free ball" has been called, if simultaneous fouls occur and a re-face is needed, per [Rule 81.2](#), then the ball shall be re-faced at the centre of the field with the same restrictions as the original face-off.

35.1 Facing Other Than At The Centre. SIGNIFICANT

viii) The game clock and the penalty clock(s) shall be stopped immediately.

38.2 Scoring. MINOR

If a goal has been scored by an attacking player and, before the next live ball, that player's stick is declared illegal for any reason. Refer also to [Rule 45.5](#) regarding an illegal crosse.

45.5 Head Coach's Request For A Stick-Check Or Stick-Count. MINOR

When an attacking player scores a goal and, before the next live ball, that player's crosse is declared illegal for any reason, then the goal will not count.

Thus, if an attacking player kicks the ball into the goal and his crosse is declared illegal for any reason before the next live ball, the goal will not count.

Similarly, if the ball deflects off an attacker's body into the goal and his crosse is declared illegal for any reason before the next live ball, the goal will not count.

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46.2 Substitution. MINOR

A substitute may only enter the Special Substitution Area when he is about to substitute for a team-mate and the substitution is imminent

**47.4 The Designated Goalkeeper. MAJOR
(Not adopted in Victoria)**

47.4 The organizers of a tournament or a competition may play the Nominated Defender Rule, if they feel it appropriate for some or all of the games in that tournament or competition:

- i) Before the commencement of the game, the Head Coach shall nominate a starting longstick of his squad to be the Nominated Defender.
- ii) Where a goalkeeper commits a time-serving penalty, the Nominated Defender shall serve the suspension. The penalty shall be charged against the goalkeeper's name.
- iii) Rule 47.4 ii) shall not apply if the goalkeeper has committed an

- expulsion foul or if the penalty causes the goalkeeper to "foul out."
- iv) If the Nominated Defender is not on the field of play to serve the suspension, the suspension shall be inflicted upon another longstick defender, who was on the field of play when the goalkeeper committed his foul(s).
 - v) If both teams have two goalkeepers dressed, the Nominated Defender rule will not be used. If one team has two goalkeepers and the other has not, both teams shall have the option of using the Nominated Defender rule.

62.7 Stalling. SIGNIFICANT

A stalling warning ends when

- i) the defensive team gains possession of the ball; or
- ii) a goal is scored; or
- iii) a period ends resulting in a face-off.

77 The Penalty For An Expulsion Foul. MAJOR

In the case of an expulsion foul against a player or a substitute, the In-home of the offending team shall be suspended from the game for 3 minutes plus any other penalty time which the expelled player has incurred, and the In-home must remain in the penalty box for the entire 3 minutes plus any other penalty time which the expelled player has incurred.

A substitution may be made after a lapse of 3 minutes plus any other penalty time that the expelled player has incurred.

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78 The Nature Of An Expulsion Foul. MAJOR

Where the officials have "frozen" the benches, because a fight has occurred on the field of play, or for any other reason, by indicating to the team personnel who are on the benches that they should remain there, then any team personnel pushing past an official in order to join in a fight,

or leaving their designated bench area, MUST be expelled from the game. An exception to this shall be a member of a team's medical staff who leaves his team's designated bench area to attend to an injured member of his squad.

79 Player Committing Foul. SIGNIFICANT

A Red player is serving a 30-second penalty for a technical foul. Blue score.

After the goal, it becomes apparent that, prior to the scoring of the goal, the Red player had re-entered the game before the expiration of his penalty and that it was the Red player's fault.

RULING: The remainder of the original technical penalty is wiped out by the goal and the Red player does not serve a penalty for his premature re-entry, as this technical foul was prior to the scoring of a goal by his opponents.

81.2 / 34.13 Facing At The Centre / Simultaneous Fouls. MINOR

if it was during a centre face-off, prior to "Possession" or "Free ball", re-faced at the centre of the field with the same restrictions as the original face-off.

83.2 The Play-on Technique. SIGNIFICANT

If the offending team commits a second foul during a play-on, then the following rules shall apply:

i) If the second foul is a technical foul, then a further play-on is called.

If the offended team gains possession of the ball, then the play-on situation has lapsed, and the official will cease to signal.

If the offending team gains possession of the ball, then the whistle sounds, and the offended team is awarded the ball.

No send-off.

ii) If the second foul is a personal foul, then the referee stops the play immediately. Penalty time is served only for the personal foul.

84.1 / 22.1 Coaches / Special Situations. MINOR

Where an official is called upon to impose a penalty against a team where no definite player is involved, or where the penalty is against someone other than a player in the game, a player in the penalty box, or a player in the bench area, then he shall impose the suspension upon the In-home. If multiple fouls of this type occur, then the penalties shall be imposed against additional players, who may be any member of the squad and shall be nominated by the Head Coach of the penalized team.