

BYLW 2010 PLAYING RULES

Playing rules will be National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) rules, as modified by the US Lacrosse Youth Council, with the exceptions noted below:

- 1) Age Definition: The Youth Council Age Definition section is replaced in its entirety by Section IV of these Rules and Regulations.
 - a) NFHS references to the Senior Division shall apply to BYLW's 7/8 Division
 - b) NFHS references to the Junior Division shall apply to BYLW's 5/6 Division
 - c) NFHS references to the Lightning Division shall apply to BYLW's 3/4 Division
- 2) Rule 1, Section 6 (Equipment): The length of the crosse may be 37 – 42 inches for offensive and defensive players in the 3/4 Division. No long crosses are permitted in the 3/4 Division.
- 3) Rule 2, Section 5 (Game Officials): In the 3/4 Division, there will be one official association referee per game.
- 4) Rule 3, Section 1 (Length of Game):
 - a) In the 7/8 and 5/6 Divisions, a running-time clock may be used, by mutual consent of the coaches. Article 2 of the NFHS rules, specifying a running-time clock in the second half of any game with a 12-goal score differential, shall be enforced, except by mutual consent of the coaches.
 - b) In the 5/6 Division, a coach may stop play with possession in the open to instruct his own players on a point of rule (not coach strategy).
 - c) The Youth Council rule for the Lightning and Bantam Divisions (Rule 3-1b) is replaced in its entirety by the following:
 - i) Two 20-minute running-time halves.
 - ii) In the event of a tie, one 4-minute sudden-victory overtime period will be played. If after the overtime period the score is a tie, the game will end as a tie.
 - iii) Each team is permitted one 2-minute timeout per half, and one timeout in overtime.
- 5) Rule 5, Section 3 (Body Checking): In the 3/4 Division, only two players from each team may play for a ground ball; all other players must keep a 5-yard distance. Referees will give the players an opportunity to recognize the situation and correct before making the call to award the ball.
- 6) Rule 5, Section 6 (Slashing): The Youth Council rule defining one-handed checks or any stick check other than to the gloved hand holding the stick as slashing in the Bantam Division shall apply to all BYLW Divisions.
- 7) Rule 5, Section 11 (Ejection): The following modifications supplement the NFHS rules:
 - a) Physical or verbal altercations before, during or after a game by players, coaches, officials or spectators will result in the ejection of that player, parent, coach or spectator from the field location by the Field Manager.
 - b) Ejection of players, coaches, or spectators by officials for any reason will result in the automatic suspension from participating in all BYLW functions, including practices, for a period to include the next scheduled game.**
 - c) The BYLW Board of Directors will review the incident with the players, parents, coaches or spectators during the suspension period. At that time a silent vote will be taken to allow or disallow the individual to continue participation in league activities. The BYLW Board of Directors can take action up to and including banning the individual from BYLW.
 - d) If the individual is allowed to continue participation and is involved in a second offense, that person will be automatically suspended from league play or participation for the remainder of the current season.