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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Men's Lacrosse Coaches and Officials.
FROM: Willie Scroggs, chair
NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee.
SUBJECT: Rules Clarifications/Interpretations.

The following situations have occurred during the course of the season, and the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee would like to its offer clarification and guidance.

1. Rule 1-3, Goals (Page 11). The current rule reads as follows:

“Lacrosse goals should be constructed in a manner such that when a ball enters the goal mouth and is a goal, it shall not re-enter the field of play.”

It has come to the attention of the committee that certain goals use tie bars to secure the nets to the goal. This has caused some legitimate goals to go undetected due to the ball rebounding off of the bar. The committee believes these goals do not meet specifications as described in the rulebook; alterations need to be made (e.g., sheathing to pad/dampen the tie bar) to address this situation. Please inspect game goals carefully well before competition begins and request the assistance of game management to correct the goals.

2. Rule 1-18, Note 2, Crosse Construction (Page 18). The current rule reads:

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“Note 2: All hollow crosse handles must have their open end adequately covered with plastic, rubber or tape to prevent injury. The use of metal caps (e.g., bottle caps) is prohibited.”

Coaches and officials should make certain players adhere to this rule, as non-compliance raises the potential for injury with sticks that have exposed, open ends.

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3. Rule 4-3, Note 3, Facing Off (Page 33). In Note 3, officials and coaches are instructed to disregard the following text:

“...a player loses required equipment in the midfield area...”

This wording was unintentionally left in the rules book, which caused confusion with a small number of officials.

Thank you for your attention to this memorandum. If you have any questions regarding these interpretations, please contact Don Zimmerman, secretary-editor (dzimmerm@umbc.edu), or Ty Halpin, NCAA staff liaison (thalpin@ncaa.org).

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Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee
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