2019 Major Rule Changes

- **1-6-2**: Measuring the length of the head.
- **1-7-1**: The pocket/net must be completely attached to the head.
- **4-5-9**: Definition of a shot.
- **4-9-3**: When a goal is disallowed at end of period.
- **4-14-3**: If the ball does not touch the center line.
- **5-3 PENALTY**: Penalty for violation of Article 5 is a 2- or 3-minute, non-releasable foul.
- **5-4-4**: A player shall not initiate a body check legally then slide up into or follows through to an opponent’s head or neck.
- **5-4-5**: A player shall not body-check a player in a defenseless position.
- **5-4-6**: A player shall not initiate targeting. PENALTY: 3-minute, non-releasable foul and/or ejection.
- **5-4-7**: No targeting a defenseless player. PENALTY: 3-minute, non-releasable foul and/or ejection.
- **5-10**: A coach who is on the field and obstructs play.
- **5-12-1 PENALTY**: Definition of ejection.
- **6-3-2a**: A player shall not use the portion of the handle that is between his hands to hold an opponent, when his hands are more than shoulder-width apart.
- **6-3-3e**: Holding is permitted if a player uses the portion of the handle between his hands, that are no more than shoulder-width apart, to hold an opponent on the torso with no more than equal pressure and no thrusting motion.
- **6-5-2b (4)**: A player shall not exchange his crosse with that of a teammate during live play while the ball is in either crosse.
- **6-11-2**: A player in possession of the ball with both hands on his crosse shall not use his hand or arm to push the body of the player applying the check. NOTE: Illegal body checks (5-3), “spearing” (5-4-3) and unnecessary roughness (5-9-3 SITUATION E) shall be strictly enforced as personal fouls.
- **7-8-2, 7-8-3**: Clarifies the slow whistle mechanic in a flag down situation.

### Points of Emphasis

- Stalling
- Targeting
- Holding
- Warding

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**2019 Annual Meeting**

**March 3, 2019 – Bridgewater State University**

**Regular Season Regional Meeting Locations**

- Mondays - St. John's - Shrewsbury High School, Shrewsbury, MA
- Tuesdays - Upper Cape RVT High School, Bourne, MA
- Wednesdays - American Legion Post 18, Dedham, MA*
- Thursdays - Woburn High School, Woburn, MA

*2019 Meeting dates:

- **Week 1 Meetings** - Week of March 25 – 28, 2019
  *Week 1 Dedham meeting on Monday, March 25th!*
- **Newbie Meetings** - Week of April 8 – 11, 2019
- **Week 2** - Online ONLY – Monday, April 22, 2019
- **Week 3 Meetings** - Week of May 6- May 9, 2019
- **Week 4 Meetings** - Week of May 20 – May 23, 2019
**Agenda**

**Auditorium**
7:00 – 8:00  Registration, refreshments
8:00 – 8:15  Welcome / Agenda (Benson / Catalano)

**Break-out sessions - Classrooms (3+ year officials)**
8:20 – 11:05  Breakout sessions (opposite page)

**Gymnasium – Tinsley Center (1st & 2nd year officials)**
8:30 – 11:05  Field training (1st & 2nd year officials) (opposite page)

**Auditorium**
11:15 – 11:45  General Session #1  (3rd+ year officials only)
(1st & 2nd year officials visit vendor/swag)
- New Rules / Points of Emphasis
- Compliance
- MBYLL
11:50 – 12:30  General Session #2  (repeat for 1st & 2nd year officials)
(3rd+ year officials visit vendor/swag)
12:30  Raffle / Adjourn  (must be present to win!)

**Gifts & Raffle (Must be present to win!)**

**EMLOA Gift**
- $25 coupon from EMLOA at registration to members in good standing for on-site redemption with Blow Your Whistles or EMLOA swag. Must be redeemed the day of the meeting.

**Raffles**
- Blue tickets - 1 ticket awarded to each participant of the indoor breakout sessions to max of 4 per person. 4 $50 prizes of assorted EMLOA swag. Must be present to win!
- Red tickets - 4 awarded to each participant at the end of the outdoor field training stations. 4 $50 prizes of EMLOA swag. Must be present to win!
- Grand Prize – Remaining red and blue tickets combined after swag prizes for grand prize drawing of Amazon $100 gift card