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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Head Women's Lacrosse Coaches, Conference Commissioners and Senior Woman Administrator at NCAA member institutions that sponsor women's lacrosse.

FROM: Danie Caro, chair
NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee

Pat Dillon, secretary-rules editor
NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Approved Rules Changes.

Attached to this document are the NCAA Women's Lacrosse rules changes that were recently approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP). These changes will be in place for the 2010 competition season and are being distributed for use in the non-traditional season.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact secretary-rules editor Pat Dillon (pdillon656@aol.com).

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Attachment

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Rule 3-7. Added the following statement: "Umpire's authority extends from 30 minutes before the game begins until the umpire's leave the playing venue."

Rationale: Clarification was needed to allow officials to card both pre and post game for offenses that would be cardable during play.

Rule 3-9 and 3-11. The official scorer or person manning the scorer's table at field level will be responsible for keeping the NCAA Carding/Score Verification Form and obtaining the official's signatures post game.

Rationale: Eliminates confusion about cards given and final score by having the umpires certify that information is accurate.

Rule 3-13. Allow the timer to sound the horn if the coach requests a possession timeout during a dead ball/stoppage of play situation.

Rationale: Alerts the officials that a team is requesting a timeout.

Rule 4-4. Each team will have two timeouts during regulation (no carryover) and one timeout during overtime. The wording approved will read: "Each team shall be permitted two timeouts during regulation game time that do not carry over into overtime. During the entire duration of overtime each team is permitted one timeout."

Rationale: Allows full use of the team's timeouts during regulation play.

Rule 5-2. Draw language will be added to clarify what is meant by holding the crosses "parallel to and above the center line". The following statement was added: "The entire length of both crosses must be contained with the vertical plane of the center line."

Rationale: Eliminate confusion on how the sticks may be held during the draw.

Rule 6-1. Wording clarified for false start foul: "Step or make any movement simulating the beginning of play designed to draw the opponent to false start."

Rationale: Existing wording was too vague especially when attempting to judge false starts on 8m free positions.

Rule 6-1. Add a specific foul for a cross-check: "Using the shaft of the stick to hit, push, or displace an opponent. This includes, but is not limited to, thrusting, jabbing, pushing or displacing any part of her opponent's body."

Rationale: Bolster existing rules and encourage continued diligence on the part of officials to call stick to body fouls.

Rule 6-2. Combine subsection "j" with subsection "i" and make entering the center circle or going over the restraining line early on the draw part of the illegal draw foul.

Rationale: Umpires will be asked to call this foul and not hold for advantage. Making it an illegal draw foul will allow for consistent free position set up.

Rule 7-9. Eliminate last sentence in the note on Page 55: “The umpire may indicate to the defense to move back onside during the held whistle.”

Rationale: Umpires are now urged to call defensive offsides sooner.

Rule 7-28. Added a note to read: “Note: When administering a free position after a card has been issued and a team is playing a person down, no player on the penalized team must be moved 4m behind. EXCEPTION: If the goalkeeper is carded, either she or the second dressed goalkeeper who enters the game will be placed 4m behind the player with the ball on the restart of play. This exception will apply no matter where the goalkeeper is when she commits the foul, either inside or outside her circle. However, if a goal is scored and the free position as a result of the card will take place at the center the goalkeeper or her substitute may remain in the goal circle for the restart of play.”

Rationale: To assist in the administration of carding rules.