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Is there a webpage that can help me answer more questions regarding US Lacrosse Boy’s Youth rules? - YES – click here for more information

Where can I find the 2013-2014 US Lacrosse Boy’s Youth Rules? Who develops, writes and approves these rules?
The Boy’s Youth Lacrosse Rules can be found in the back of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Boy’s Lacrosse Rule Book. The US Lacrosse Men’s Game Committee has approved these rules.

The rules can also be found on the US Lacrosse Rules portion of the website. To check out these and more resources for the youth rules please click here

Who is the National Rule Interpreter for US Lacrosse Boys (Youth and High School) Rules?

Walt Munze has been selected as the US Lacrosse Youth/High School National Rule Interpreter. Walt possesses considerable experience as an interpreter, a high level of knowledge of the game at many different levels and a strong passion for the game. In addition, Walt is highly respected among lacrosse officials and coaches throughout the nation.

Walt currently serves as the New York State High School and former COC Lacrosse Rules Interpreter. He has experience as an official at all levels of play; Youth: U9,U11,U13,U15 and indoor lacrosse in Syr. Area and Field in Florida; High School and State Lacrosse Championships Official; and College and International Lacrosse experience including: NCAA Division 1,2, 3 National Championships; World Games Championships in Canada 1986; European Championships in Germany 1998; Berlin Open 1999; World Games Officials Evaluator in Canada 2007; Under 19 World Games Officials Selection Committee Member 2008; World Games Officials Selection Committee for 2010; Tournament Official at Lake Placid and Florida Classic; Serving as District 2 USILA Assignor; former COC Rules Interpreter and NCAA Rules comm representative.

This is not Walt’s first involvement with a leadership role in the game and within US Lacrosse as he previously has served as a member of the Board of Directors for US Lacrosse 1987-89, but most recently was the past president of the New York State Lacrosse Officials Association.

What is the process if I have a rule question regarding US Lacrosse Boy’s Youth Rules?

All Program Administrators, Coaches and Officials that have questions regarding US Lacrosse Rules for Boys Youth Lacrosse should be directed first to your local Sub District Coordinator or your Local District Coordinator. To find a list of the Official District Coordinators and Sub District Coordinators in your area click here

You may also forward any questions to the US Lacrosse Men’s Game National Rule Interpreter at boysyouthrules@uslacrosse.org. Please do not contact NFHS about the US Lacrosse boy’s youth rules.
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What is the process if I have a rules question regarding NFHS high school interscholastic competition?

All rules questions regarding NFHS high school interscholastic games should be directed to the state association office or the state designated statewide rules interpreter for boy’s lacrosse. Please do not contact the NFHS directly with rules interpretation requests. If the state association or rules interpreter needs assistance with the interpretation, they will contact the NFHS office for clarification. For more information about NFHS click here.

What if I don’t have a state association and live in a non-sanctioned state?

All questions should/can be directed to your local Sub District Coordinator or your Local District Coordinator. To find a list of the Official District Coordinators and Sub District Coordinators click here

If I have a rule suggestion or a rule change proposal to be considered for next year for US Lacrosse Boys Youth Rules, where can I submit them?

The NFHS rules and the US Lacrosse supplemental rules are reviewed annually by the US Lacrosse Men’s Game Rules Subcommittee, which may adopt any changes or modifications deemed necessary to ensure safe play at all levels.

Coaches, officials or other parties may submit comments or suggestions regarding the Rules for Boys’ Youth Lacrosse at any time before May 20, 2014 for consideration by the USL Men’s Game Rules Subcommittee. Any changes or modifications that are recommended by the Rules Subcommittee and approved by the USL Men’s Game Committee will be effective for the Boys’ Youth Rules and will be included in the 2014 NFHS rules book.

To make comments or suggestions regarding the Rules for Boys’ Youth Lacrosse, please contact the US Lacrosse Men’s Game Rules Subcommittee at the address below, or at boysovouthrules@uslacrosse.org to receive the link to the US Lacrosse website’s Boys’ Youth Rules Input Form. Please do not contact NFHS about these rules.

US Lacrosse Men’s Game Rules Subcommittee

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410-366-6735 (fax) 410-235-6882 (phone)

If I have a rules proposal for the NFHS rules, how can I submit that proposal?

All rules proposals for NFHS rules must be approved and submitted by the state association. To submit a rules proposal for the NFHS rules, contact your state association office and request a rules proposal form. Complete the form and submit it to your state association office for approval. If the state association approves the proposal, they will then sign the form and submit it to the NFHS office for consideration by the NFHS rules committee. All rules proposals are due to the NFHS office in mid-June annually.