



LACROSSE CANADA



Age & Stage Appropriate Modifications

Implementation for the 2026 Calendar Year

(revised 26-04-06)

U9 Division

- **Playing surface:** Full floor
- **Ball used:** LC regulation approved ball
- **Net size:** 3 foot x 3 foot
- **Number of players rostered:** 18 runners (maximum) and 2 goalkeepers
- **Number of bench staff permitted:** A maximum of 4 coaches and 1 trainer
- **Style of play:** 5 on 5 with all players playing both sides of the floor (no offense / defense)
- **Period length:** 3 - 12 minute run-time periods (clock stops for time-outs only); last 5 minutes of the 3rd period stop-time (clock stops for goals, penalties, and time-outs only)
- **Showing the score:** Goals recorded and displayed (do not show greater than and 6 goal differential)
- **Intermission length:** 2 minutes
- **Time-outs:** 1 - 45 second time-out per team per game
- **Shot clock:** No
- **Penalties:** As per the World Lacrosse rule book
- **Coincidental penalties:** N/A
- **Goalie penalties:** Player from the floor at the time of the infraction is to serve the penalty
- **Goalie equipment & measurements:** Aligned with LC guidelines (CAT code based on height)
- **Player's stick:** overall length no more than 40 inches (101.6cm), nor less than 26 inches (66.04cm)
- **Goalkeeper's stick:** May be of any desired length, but shall not be more than 15 inches (38.1 cm) wide (width measurement is to be the inside the frame measurement)
- **Goalkeeper helmet/face mask/throat guard:** Automatic whistle for a ball hitting the goalkeeper in the helmet/face mask/throat guard (**no goal** if the ball goes in the net after hitting the helmet/face mask/throat guard)
- **Face-offs:** As per World Lacrosse rule book
- **Crease dives:** Not permitted
- **Crease play (defending):** Defending player may pull the ball back into the crease (previously just the goalkeeper)
- **Crease play (attacking):** Attacking player may pull the ball back out of the crease; incidental contact with goalkeeper's/defending player's stick is allowed if they do not have control of the ball (cannot bat/swat the ball into the net ... must possess the ball)
- **Offensive screens:** As per World Lacrosse rule book rule 8.2 Offensive Screens/Picks/Blocks (page 51)
- **Contact (off-ball):** Defending players can have their arms extended shadowing the attacking player (pushing to direct/contain ... no off-ball forceful cross checks)
- **Contact (on-ball):** Legal checking permitted
- **Fall-Back Rule:** when the goalkeeper gains possession of the ball in their crease, the now defending team must fall-back behind the center line; once the pass has been completed from the goalkeeper to a teammate, the defending team may cross the center line into their attacking zone