

# LC Operations Manual

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## 18 SECTION 18: BOX SECTOR

### 18.1 RULES OF PLAY

- 18.1.1 All national championships and competitions under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be governed by the Rules of Box Lacrosse as issued by the Lacrosse Canada.
- 18.1.2 For Masters Lacrosse, adjustments to the Rules of Box Lacrosse shall be listed in the Rules of Masters Box Lacrosse issued by the Lacrosse Canada.
- 18.1.3 The rules and regulations of LC shall be used by all MAs although it is recognized that modifications to the rules and regulations may be used to serve a members' needs with the exception of player's equipment needs and LC safety regulations which must be adhered to.
- 18.1.4 Changes to rules of play must follow the procedure as outlined in Section 3 – Amendments to Rules of Play.
- 18.1.5 In all minor box lacrosse (16U & below) it is deemed un-ethical to use an offence/defense tactic while at even strength and any such action can result in suspensions. Offense/Defense is simply defined as ONE, or more players, playing only one end of the floor as a strategic tactic. Replacing the goaltender with another player is not considered a form of Offense/Defense. Special teams on face-offs are not considered a form of Offense/Defense.
- 18.1.6 It is the direct responsibility of all MAs to advise all coaches that the practice of playing the offence/defense system when even strength is prohibited in Minor Lacrosse in accordance with current LC operating policy and such action can result in suspensions.
- 18.1.7 All MAs are responsible to put in place the mechanism for detecting this tactic and setting the length of suspensions as they deem appropriate for the offence. Notwithstanding the suspension guidelines of each member association, the minimum shall not be less than the following:
- 18.1.7.1 First infraction the offending coach will be issued a warning and the infraction recorded by the MA or AMA.
- 18.1.7.2 Second offence by the same coach will result in a two game suspension and the infraction recorded.
- 18.1.7.3 Third offence by the same coach will result in a five game suspension and a hearing by the appropriate forum set by the MA for possible further discipline action.
- 18.1.8 In any minor box lacrosse National event, the definition of a team using an offence/defense system will be when a team continuously incorporates a system in which a player, or players, are played on one end of the floor only. All players shall remain on the floor for both an offensive and defensive possession in each playing shift. A team will be deemed to have violated the policy if one or more players are found to be only playing in a defensive or offensive possession for more than one playing shift, or if a player, or players show a consistency of playing predominantly in only a defensive or offensive

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position during the game. The above only applies to all even strength situations.

- 18.1.9 At all minor box lacrosse National events, LC Convenor will be responsible for determining if a team using an offence/defense system during the game.
  - 18.1.9.1 LC Convenor may establish a Committee to assist in determining whether offence/defense is being used.
- 18.1.10 If LC Convenor determines that an offence/defense system is being used by a coach in a game, the Convenor will advise the offending team coaches at the end of the current period of play.
  - 18.1.10.1 The first infraction will result in the removal of the Head Coach for the remainder of the game, or the Coach in charge of the bench if the Head Coach has previously been removed or suspended. If the violation occurs in the final period of the game, the Head Coach or Coach in charge of the bench will be suspended for the following game.
  - 18.1.10.2 The second infraction during the tournament will result in expulsion of the head coach, or the coach in charge of the bench if the head coach has previously been removed or suspended for the remainder of the tournament. The suspended coach or coaches and the Member Association involved will be referred to LC Discipline Committee for further review.
  - 18.1.10.3 Any additional infractions in the tournament will result in the expulsion of the coach in charge of the bench for the remainder of the tournament. The third infraction during the tournament will result in the expulsion and suspension for the remainder of tournament of the head coach, or the coach in charge, if the head coach has previously been removed or suspended. The suspended coach, or coaches, and the MA involved, will be referred to LC Discipline Committee for further review.
  - 18.1.10.4 If a team does not have certified coaches from the Team registration form sufficient to complete the National event, the team will forfeit all further games.