



2021 COYLL Lacrosse COVID Points of Emphasis

For the 2021 season all participating leagues shall adhere to current Responsible Restart Ohio guidelines for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club and Professional Sports. These guidelines are available at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov>. Home and visiting team representatives share equal responsibility for ensuring that these guidelines are followed and will not permit play to continue unless these guidelines are met.

The following are best practices and mechanics recommended below are not rule changes and are not mandatory. These are common-sense considerations for officials, coaches, and spectators.

Pregame

- Whenever possible, all participants should avoid close and frequent contact.
- Masks are recommended for coaches, officials, and table staff for any pregame or in-game discussions. When masks are not available, all personnel should be mindful of social distancing.
- 2021 Pregame Coaches Certification – "Coach, are all of your players legally equipped by rule, including a legal goalkeeper chest protector as required for the 2021 season."
- No Equipment Inspections Pregame or In-Game – Stick Checks Only
 - o Players identified for a stick check can place their crosse on the ground around or near officials.
- Meeting with Captains: Only one captain for each team is needed, officials should wear a mask, captains should stay apart and should not shake hands, official shows conduct a regular coin flip to choose AP or Choice of goal to defend.
- No pregame meetings with faceoff players.
- There should be no player line ups before starting a game, and players should go directly to their places to start the game.

In-Game

- Faceoffs Procedure – Officials should conduct quick and efficient faceoffs.
 1. Officials should put the ball on the ground and back away.
 2. Instruct the players to go Down for the faceoff.
 3. Give quick instructions to make sure players are correctly aligned.
 4. Once both players are aligned, give the Set command and then blow the whistle to start play.
- Play-On Technique – As a reminder, the play on technique allows the offended team the opportunity to gain possession of the ball. Do not let these situations drag on. If the offended team does not gain possession, blow the whistle and award the ball to the team that was fouled.

Postgame

- Coaches and Players should avoid postgame handshakes and gatherings. After the end of a game, players should go directly to their team bench area and avoid close contact with their opponents and others when possible.
- Officials should leave the playing area immediately and return to their vehicles.
- Coaches, players, and spectators should leave the play/spectating area immediately and return to their vehicles.