

## 2024 Newtown Boys Rules

**2024 Rules for Boys Youth Lacrosse:** The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) 2023 Boys Lacrosse Rules Book shall govern Newtown Lacrosse boys youth play, except as amended below.

Rules	U10 (2&3 Grade)	Notes	Body Checking
<b>Field Size</b>	60 x 35	Wing Lines are optional	Body checking isn't allowed, but there is allowable Legal pushes, boxing out an opponent and redirecting an opponent:  Legal pushes – A legal push is exerting pressure after contact is made and is not a violent blow. Pushing is permitted from the front or side when an opponent has possession of the ball or is within 3 yards of a loose ball. In this case, pushing shall be done with closed hands, shoulder, or forearm, and both hands shall be on the Crosse  Positioning yourself against an opponent to gain possession of a loose ball (boxing out an opponent)  Defensive positioning to redirect an opponent in possession of the ball (riding a player)  Incidental contact is an official's judgment call
<b>Official</b>	1 Official	Adult Preferred	
<b>Coaches</b>	One coach from each team is allowed on the field (not permitted beyond 10 yards into the field) Max of 3 additional coaches on the sideline		
<b>Legal Sticks</b>	37" to 42"	NA	
<b>Goalie Arm Pads</b>	Required	NA	
<b>Overtime Rules</b>	Game ends in tie	NA	
<b>1-Handed Checks</b>	Slash	NA	
<b>Timing Rules</b>	10 Minute Running Quarters	Clock stops @ 5 Minutes for Subs **See Below**	
	**The official will let the play continue if team with possession is hot (1 Rule Pass)**		
	**If the ball is loose the play continues until once team gains position, then the play will be stopped		
<b>Goalie</b>	Goalie cannot leave the crease to double team the ball carrier The goalie can leave the crease to contest a pass or chase a shot The goalie is allowed to clear the ball like a field player, but is NOT allowed to shoot or score a goal ****It is illegal procedure if the goalie violates any of these rules****		
<b>1 Pass Rule</b>	1) A pass must be completed on the offensive half of the field. 2) A pass is thrown in the air and it cannot be a bounce pass. 3) The receiving player must catch the pass in the air AND needs to make a lacrosse move for it to be considered a completed pass.		
<b>Counts (10 &amp; 20 sec)</b>	No	NA	
<b>Keep it in</b>	No	No	
<b>Stalling</b>	Advance the ball / 5-second count	NA	
<b>Time-outs</b>	1, per half	Clock Stops (60 Second Timeouts)	
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	Yes, 6 Goals	Losing Coach Option	
<b>Goalie Penalties</b>	Yes	The in-house player can serve time for a goalie penalty	
<b>Fouling out</b>	3 personal fouls OR 5 min of penalty time	NA	

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### Other Information:

- Penalties: No time serving penalties. Explain the error to offending player and replace them on the field
- Players: 2 attack, 2 defense, 2 middies, 1 goalie
- Face-off: Only 1 wing middle and they have to be on opposite sides
- There is no over and back and there is off-sides

### Points of Emphasis:

- Sportsmanship: make sure to work with the sideline manager (or head coach) if parents get out of control.
- Violent Collisions: Especially defenseless players and excessive body-checks.
- 3 yard rule for checking with cross instead of 5 yards (rule 4, section 15, NFHS book).
- No take out checks

### Shot on Goal Situations:

Player 1 is hot and shoots the ball.

- Player hits the pipe on the goal or another player, the ball goes out of bound. In all of these situations if the ball doesn't hit the goalie, then the play is STILL HOT
- If the goalie makes the save (or the ball hits the goalie), the play is NO LONGER HOT and the pass count is reset



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Rules	U12 (4&5 Grade)	U14 (6, 7 & 8 Grade)	Body Checking
<b>Field Size</b>	NFHS 110 or 120 yard Unified Girls/Boys Field is a legal		Limited Body Checking is allowed, but there is allowable Legal pushes, boxing out an opponent and redirecting an opponent:  Legal pushes – A legal push is exerting pressure after contact is made and is not a violent blow. Pushing is permitted from the front or side when an opponent has possession of the ball or is within 3 yards of a loose ball. In this case, pushing shall be done with closed hands, shoulder, or forearm, and both hands shall be on the Crosse  Positioning yourself against an opponent to gain possession of a loose ball (boxing out an opponent)  Defensive positioning to redirect an opponent in possession of the ball (riding a player)  Incidental contact is an official's judgment call
<b>Officials</b>	2 Officials		
<b>Legal Sticks</b>	NFHS		
<b>Goalie Arm Pads</b>	Required	Optional	
<b>Overtime Rules</b>	1 - 4 Minute Period, no time outs and first to score wins. If no one scores game ends in a tie		
<b>Timing Rules</b>	12 Minute Running Quarters		
<b>Counts (10 &amp; 20 sec)</b>	Yes, NFHS		
<b>Keep it in</b>	Yes, NFHS. which is Only if goal differential is 4 goals or less		
<b>Stalling</b>	Yes, NFHS**		
<b>Time-outs</b>	1, per half (Clock Stops, time-outs only last up to 60 seconds)		
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	6 Goals	No	
<b>Goalie Penalties can in-home serve</b>	Yes		
<b>Fouling out</b>	3 personal fouls OR 5 min of penalty time		

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**USA Lacrosse Youth Rules Video for 2024:** <https://www.uslacrosse.org/rules/boys-rules>

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### 2024 Rule Changes Information:

- The allowance of one-handed stick checks for 12U and 14U youth play.
- When a player has his helmet come off during play, play shall be immediately suspended, the player must leave the field, and the player cannot return until the next dead ball following the resumption of play.
- Mandatory equipment must be worn as the manufacturer intended and all equipment must be specifically designed for lacrosse.

### Previous Rule Changes & Rule Emphasis:

- The substitution box is now 5 yards on either side of the center line (10 yards total instead of 20)
- Face-offs: no knee on the ground and the hand closest to the head of the cross must be facing up (no motorcycle grip)
- Protective cup are now required, but officials will not check illegal crosses no longer have different penalties. The penalties are all now two-minute, non-releasable in duration, and the crosse can be fixed before returning to play
- The restart rule allows for play to resume while a defensive player is within 5 yards of the player in possession. In all cases, the opposing player is required to allow the ball carrier a path to the goal and may not play the ball carrier until a minimum distance of 5 yards has been achieved. Foul against a Defensive player is Delay of Game, flag down, technical foul
- "Targeting" checks with crosse or body will result in a 3-minute non-releasable penalty and ejection from the game.
- It is **illegal** for the offensive player to Ward Off their opponent by using their body to create separation when making **contact** with a **defensive player BODY**. It is **legal** for a player with the ball with two hands on their crosse to **contact the crosse or the glove hand of the defensive player**.
- Possession has to be established in the offensive box for Over & Back to be called. A defensive player may reach over the midline with his crosse and bat the ball to keep it in his team's offensive half and thus prevent an over-and-back violation. However, he may NOT reach over the center line and bat the ball with his foot or any other part of his body except his gloved hand wrapped around his crosse. If he does so, it shall be turnover
- During a Flag Down Slow Whistle (FDSW), the offensive team is no longer required to keep the ball in the attack box.
- A second flag down will result in a whistle to stop play once the offensive is no longer *in progress*.
- A shot is when the ball is propelled (either thrown from a crosse, kicked, or otherwise physically directed) toward the goal by an offensive player with the intent of scoring a goal. A shot can only be made when the ball is parallel or above the goal line extended.
- Sub-High School games don't require 6" of tape/paint for the face-off players.
- A goal is good if the shot is released before the clock turns 0 and the shot may hit the ground and/or a defensive player.
- If a stall warning is issued (and not under 2 minutes with less than four goals differential) and there is a shot, which the goalie saves or hits the pipe of the goal will end the stall warning.

