



## Rules Interpretations February 2015

### Illegal GK Helmets – USL

- **Official Protocol**
  - Clarify at coaches meeting that Warrior Regulator and Cascade R (if not recertified) are not legal **before** asking if all equipment is certified
  - This may not be waived
  - Officials are **not** checking each GK helmet
- **If found during play**
  - Call Timeout
    - Remove helmet – trade out or
    - May substitute another dressed goalkeeper
    - Assess minor foul for illegal equipment
- **If no legal helmet is available**
  - Game may be played
  - Dressed goalkeeper not required
  - No unprotected player may enter the goal circle

### Uniforms- USL Only

- **Officiate the rule**
  - Not an option to ignore
  - Not an option to ask opponent to waive penalty
  - Penalty is for a minor foul at beginning of game only or when discovered by officials
  - USL and NCAA rules are different- see rulebook for regulations

### Illegal Contact- USL Only

- **Horizontal Stick**
  - Safety
  - Helps eliminate cross check
  - Helps eliminate bruises/injuries
  - Promotes better footwork
  - Helps facilitate offensive/defensive foul recognition
- **Officiate the rule**
  - Not an option to not enforce
  - USL and NCAA rules are different
  - NCAA allows horizontal stick position
  - USL does not



### **Youth pg. 76-77**

There has been some confusion about the term “open net” as it refers to an 8m free position in the Youth Rules.

*On an 8m free position, a player may shoot provided there is a goalkeeper or a modified goal (i.e. shooting net) is being used. If there is not a goalkeeper **or it is an open net**, then the 8m free position shall be indirect (Major Foul).*

Interpretation: If there is a dressed goalkeeper "on the field", the free position shall be direct. The open net does not refer to a goalkeeper who is serving the penalty for a major foul or has gone outside of the goal circle and would not be cleared by rule.

### **Rule Book Edit – USL**

- Rule 6, Section 2i.1, p. 46
  - Should read “request for a **THIRD** time, the inspection of any cross meeting specifications
  
- An additional request for stick check was added in Rule 5, Section 28, p. 40

### **Girls Youth Rules Guidebook Edit**

Page 22, Modified Field Diagram: incorrect measurements 10-13.3yds and 20-23.3yds. A modified field is between 60-70yds in length and 30-40yds in width as stated on page 23.