



Revision to Appendix B, Sections 2, 4 and 20 for the 2017 season only:

Section 2

For the 2017 season only, additional holes that have been drilled into the head of a crosse at the ball stop prior to the release of the changes to Appendix B, may be filled with a substance to comply with Appendix B, Section 2. The substance used to fill the holes may not impede the free movement of the ball, may not be added as a sticky/tacky substance to the thongs (see the Note following Appendix B, Section 28), and may not provide any advantage to a team.

Note: There are some sticks that have been modified to provide a "locking" system for the thongs. This was done by an "aftermarket" manufacturer by drilling additional holes in the ball stops of sticks that have already been certified by the lab. This is in violation of the new rules indicating drilling holes is illegal. Because teams have purchased these sticks prior to the rule change, the decision on the USL level is to continue allowing them for this year.

Section 4

To determine crosse compliance with the linear measurement specifications in US Lacrosse Appendix B, all measurements shall be made to the nearest 0.01 cm. NOTE: Due to the variances in measuring tools used by officials, any measurement taken by an official should allow a total deviation of .3cm (1/8 of an inch) from the standard (previously .09cm).

***Note:** This is to allow for some variance between a tape measure and the precise tools used in the lab. In other words, when checking for sidewall attachments, thong spacing and attachment to the ball stop @ 1.5 inches (for example), an additional 1/8 inch is allowed and the measurement will still be compliant.*

Section 20

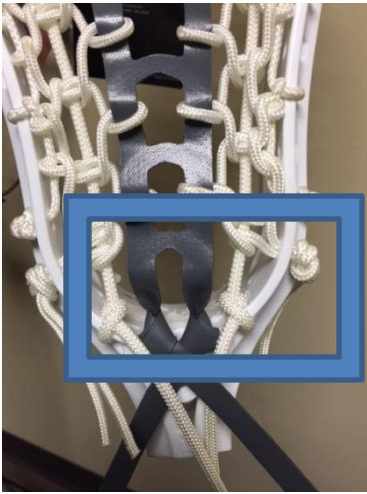
- 1) "Any additional strings used for attachment of the pocket to the head of the crosse may not be tied behind the pocket above the ball stop, *with the exception of the thongs knotted at the ball stop.*" NOTE: Thongs knotted at the ball stop are not in violation of section 20.
- 2) Requested stick checks shall include pocket depth and measurement of stick length only. Stick length shall be measured only if specifically requested by a head coach. If no specific measurement is requested, the official will do a pocket check only. (Rule 2, Section 4, Article 2-5, p. 15-16)
REMINDER: Pressure shall still be applied once. (Rule 2, Section 4, Article 3)
- 3) Sticks that are being sold and used with thongs knotted at the ball stop are legal for play for contests using US Lacrosse/NFHS rules.

All other sections of the Appendix B will remain unchanged for the 2017 US Lacrosse/ HS season. All sticks and pockets manufactured for play in 2018, will need to meet current US Lacrosse specifications in Appendix B in order for those pockets/sticks to be deemed legal for play.

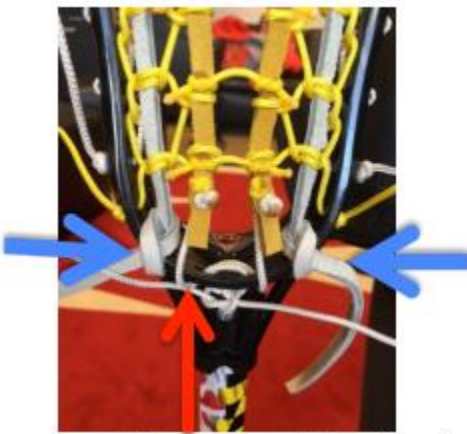
The changes to this document reflect these revisions only and are indicated in **RED**



The picture above shows a stick with **LEGAL** stringing.



This picture shows **LEGAL** stringing as all of the thongs run through holes.



This stringing of the white thongs is **LEGAL** – the outside two thongs are tied above the ball stop.

The attachment with the secondary material (white string- red arrow) is **LEGAL**. The width of the secondary material is not required to be the same width as the thong (Appendix B, section 20, p. 81)

NOTE: This is a change from the 2016 memo.



This stringing is **LEGAL**. Loose white pocket strings are above ball stop.