

## US Lacrosse 2016 Mechanics Changes

For the 2016 season the Men's Officials Training Group voted on three changes to the mechanics after reviewing survey data from Certified Trainers from across the country, and to properly officiate the 2016 NFHS rules changes. Any questions on these mechanics may be sent to [officials@uslacrosse.org](mailto:officials@uslacrosse.org).

### Faceoffs

# 1

The mechanics match how faceoffs were conducted under NCAA rules for the past two seasons for 3-person crews.

Make the following adjustments if officiating in a 2-person crew:

- The faceoff official is responsible for the entire faceoff. Wing official stays in his traditional position.
- The ball is exchanged between the Lead and Trail official after every goal.
- The faceoff official backs away to his sideline after the faceoff in a safe manner.

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### Counts Following a Faceoff

# 2

2-Person

- The Trail is responsible for the initial 10- or 20-second count following "Possession." This allows the Lead official to focus on getting into position.

3-Person

- The Single is responsible for the 10 and 20-second counts following "Possession."

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### Play-ons

# 3

To end a play-on after the offended team gains possession the procedure is:

- Point in the direction of play.
- Say the color of the team that gained possession, e.g. "White Ball."
  - If unable to give the verbal then pointing in the direction of play is sufficient.