MEMORANDUM

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TO: Head Women’s Lacrosse Coaches and Officials.

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       NCAA Women’s Lacrosse Rules Committee
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SUBJECT: 2013 End of Season Reminders.

Included in this memorandum are several rules and procedure reminders for coaches and officials.

1. **Stick Checks**: In order to standardize this procedure during the remainder of this season, please adhere to the following: If a stick check is requested by a player or coach during play (i.e., during live game action), officials will wait for the next stoppage of play before conducting the stick check. The stoppage could be after a goal, if a foul has been called, if the ball has gone out of bounds, injury time out, team time out, etc.

   If the officials suspect an illegal stick any time during the game, at their discretion they may call timeout to inspect any crosse in use as noted in Rule 5, Section 27.

2. **Player in the Penalty Area**: Coaches may talk with any player who has been carded and is sitting or kneeling in the Penalty Area. However, the coach may not enter the Penalty Area while doing so. Only the trainer or team medical personnel may enter the Penalty Area to provide water or assistance in case of injury.

3. **Ball Lodged in the Crosse**: If the ball becomes lodged in the crosse for any reason, the crosse no longer meets specifications and must be removed from the game immediately (Rule 5, Section 26b). Even if the player stops and dislodges the ball it must be removed from the game and the penalty for a minor foul must be assessed.

4. **Stoppage of Play-No Foul Involved**: If the game has to be stopped due to an injury or some other incident where no foul has been called, the game will be
restarted with the ball being given to the player who was in possession of it or nearest to it when play was stopped. A throw will be taken only if no player was in possession and two players are equidistant from it when play is to be restarted.

5. **Illegal Substitution or Offsides?** During a game, with the ball below the restraining line, the officials noted that each team had the correct number of players behind the restraining line (5 for the attacking team; 4 for the defensive team), but one team had too many players below the restraining line. Is this an illegal substitution foul or is it an offsides foul? Each team was in compliance with Rule 5, Section 6 and had the correct number of players behind the restraining line so there was no foul for being offsides. The team with too many players below the restraining line committed an illegal substitution foul per Rule 5, Section 22a. The officials would then follow the procedures outline in Rule 5, Section 23 – call timeout, remove a player from below the restraining line (the actual illegal substitute if that can be determined), and award a free position for a minor foul at the spot where play was to resume before the illegal substitution was discovered.

6. **Carding Procedures:** Please review the 2013 carding procedures [here](#).

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