

## **EMWLUA Interpreter's Corner**

### **Mid-Season Memo**

I hope everyone's season is going well and enjoying the "not so" Spring-like weather!

As we approach the halfway point of the season, a few questions have come my way and I would like to share the information with the membership.

**Question #1:** The goalkeeper, while inside her goal circle, passes the ball to Teammate B1. Can Teammate B1 pass the ball back to the goalkeeper while she is inside the goal circle without penalty?

**Answer #1:** Yes, a goalkeeper inside the goal circle may pass the ball to her teammate and the teammate may pass the ball back to the goalkeeper without penalty.

A ball may not re-enter the goal circle until 2 actions have taken place: The actions are "cleared" & "played." The goalkeeper passing to a teammate, completes both of those actions. The ball has been "cleared" & "played."

If the goalkeeper simply steps out of the goal circle, only 1 action has taken place. The ball has been "cleared" only. It now must be "played." The goalkeeper cannot return the ball back into the goal circle until the ball has been "played."

This rule was put in place to prevent the goalkeeper from stepping outside the goal circle and immediately returning the ball back into the goal circle to avoid a 10 second violation.

See definition of "cleared" & "played" as referenced below.

Rulebook references:

Rule 7-3 pg. 46

Rule 13 Definition - Clear pg. 71

Rule 13 Definition - Played pg. 74

Manual:

Goal Circle Fouls - pg. 35

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**Question #2:** What if a player self-starts when it is not allowed? For example, if a player self-starts in the last 2 minutes and there is not a 10 goal difference.

**Answer #2:** The player should be reset to the correct location and play shall commence with a whistle. With repeated offenses, the player may be given a verbal

warning, or the official may issue a delay of game foul or card. Self-starts on an offensive 8-meter free position shall be treated as a false-start.

More information about self-starts can be found on the US Lacrosse and the EMWLUA websites: Self-Start FAQ sheet. The above is question #6 on the sheet.

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**Question #3:** Rulebook page 61, 10.1 PEN Situation F: The ball is outside the critical scoring area when Blue No.3 is called for a three-second violation. The penalty is administered at the spot of the ball. All others shall remain in their same positions and no closer than 4 meters to the free position. Blue No.3 is placed 4 meters behind (10-1y). Is this situation a self-start or a whistle?

**Answer #3:** In this situation, it is a whistle start because the foul occurred inside the Critical Scoring Area.

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If you have any questions, please email me at [interpreter@emwlua.org](mailto:interpreter@emwlua.org).

Thank you,

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