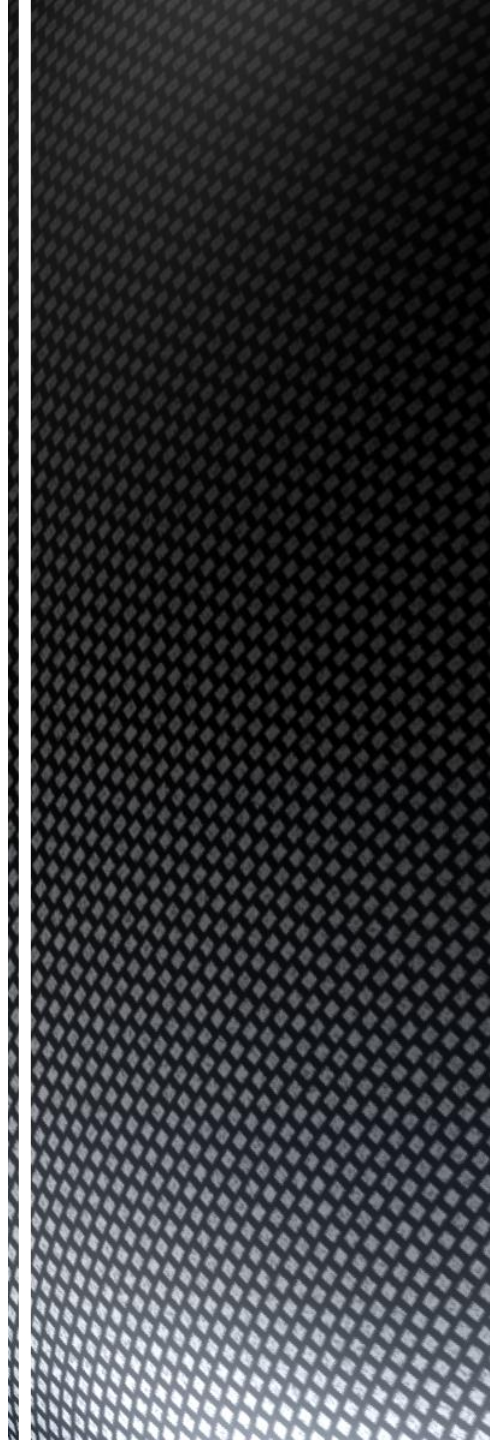


# Crease Action

Do's and Don'ts



## Attack Players Can (Can-do)

- Reach into the crease with their crosse to poke, bat, golf, and/or direct a loose ball on the ground within the crease
- Reach into the crease with their crosse to bat, deflect, and/or direct a loose ball that is in the air within the cylinder
- Contact the cage or netting to play a loose ball that is within the crease for the purpose of extracting from crease or gaining possession
- Face/front the goal keeper and attempt to disrupt an outlet pass as long as the attacker is OUTSIDE the crease
- Check a GK's stick when the ball is LOOSE and the GK's stick is outside the crease, and all contact with the GK's stick occurs OUTSIDE the crease

## Attack Players Can Not (No Can-do)

- Touch the crease with any part of their body, including gloved hands that are on or off the crosse
- Make any contact with the GK (in the crease) or his crosse when attempting to play a loose ball in the crease, or for any reason at all
- Contact the cage or netting while attempting to take a shot
- Face the goalkeeper and yell, scream, or wave a stick in an effort to distract the GK from the attacker's teammate's shot (Unsportsmanlike Conduct possible)
- Face the goalkeeper and be contacted by GK or GK's crosse when GK is in the act of a natural throwing motion
- Check the GK's stick when the GK is in the crease and has possession, whether the stick is inside or outside the crease
- Body check a GK when GK is in crease

## Goalkeepers Can (Can-do)

- Bat, redirect, or “scoop” a loose ball with a free hand when both the GK and loose ball are within the crease/cylinder
- Stay in the crease, with possession, for up to four (4) seconds
- Have the option to pass or run the ball out of the crease to avoid a 4-second (delay of game) violation
- Have the right to an outlet pass without any stick on stick, stick on body, or body on body contact by an opponent who is outside the crease, while the GK is in the crease
- Reach out to play or “rake” a loose ball that is outside the crease for the purpose of gaining possession, re-directing, or bringing the ball into the crease

## Goalkeepers Can Not (No Can-do)

- Bat, redirect, or “scoop” a loose ball with a free hand when the ball is outside the crease, even if the GK is in the crease
- Stay in the crease, with possession, for longer than (4) seconds (Delay of game)
- Re-enter the crease, if the GK has possession OUTSIDE the crease and steps back into (Illegal re-entry). This applies to any of GK’s teammates also
- Make contact with an opposing player outside the crease if it was not in the act of a natural throwing motion
- Withhold the ball from play with a clamp on a loose ball that is inside or outside the crease (must rake and scoop)
- Commit overt, violent contact on an opposing player in or outside the crease

Attack Players May Reach Into Crease With “Stick-Only” To Play Loose Ball.

A Violation Would Occur If The Attacker’s Stick (or body) Made Contact W\Goal Keeper or GK’s Stick Within The Cylinder

No Part Of An Attacker’s Body May Touch The Crease Line Or The Ground Within The Crease **AT ANY TIME!** This Includes The Attacker’s Hands That wrapped Around The Shaft Of His Stick

Any Contact To The Crease or Goal Keeper By An attacking Player Is **ALWAYS** A Violation

## CREASE PLAY – POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- Offensive player scoops or bats a ball that is in the crease or within the cylinder
- GK bats ball with his hand within the crease
- Offensive player checks GK stick(stick is outside the cylinder)
- GK checks offensive player (legal check) outside or within crease
- Defensive player or GK, without ball, enters crease
- Defensive player or GK catches pass within the crease
- After a shot after the ball enters the goal an offensive player steps into the crease or makes contact with GK

**REGULAR PLAY –  
NO PENALTIES**

# THE BALL TO BE AWARDED TO THE DEFENSE:

The Rules Re Goal Crease Privileges Are Such That When a Goal Keeper, Who is in His Crease, is Granted The Ultimate Protection Against Crease Invaders (Attacking Team). He Can Not Be Contacted or Have Possession Taken Away By Attacking Team While Inside His Crease. He is the “Master Of His Domain”. The Crease Also Grants Further Privileges to the GK When Odd Events Occur: Inadvertent Whistles, Ball stuck in mud, netting, or GK equipment. See Below

Ball becomes stuck in “mud”, the back of the goal, or the GK’s equipment(while GK is in the crease)

- While the ball is loose:
  - Contact with GK body while he is in the crease
  - Contact with GK stick while it is within the cylinder
- Loose ball or offensive possession and offensive player steps in the crease
- Offensive player jumps or dives and their own momentum causes them to land or touch the crease (this could wipe out a goal)
- GK loses his stick with the ball in it while he is in the crease

**In All These Cases, Possession Shall go to the GK via Award or Play On**

- GK has possession in the crease and is contacted (even if contact is outside the cylinder)
  - GK is allowed an outlet pass without contact
- GK has possession in crease and offensive player steps in the crease

In Each Of The Events The “ON” Official Shall Signal ‘Play On’. If The Outlet Pass is Successful or the GK Exits the Crease W\Possession, Allow Play to Continue.

If the GK Does not Regain His Advantage (as Described Immediately Above), Award the Free Clear

THE BALL TO BE  
AWARDED TO THE  
**DEFENSE** AT THE  
CENTER X (FREE  
CLEAR) WHEN:

- GK picks up the ball with his hand
- GK bats ball while the ball is outside the cylinder
- GK or defensive player with possession of the ball enters or touches the crease
- GK or defensive player with possession of the ball in the crease remains in the crease for more than four seconds
  - Defensive players do NOT get the protection in the crease that the GK receives. Only the Designated GK is Allowed Crease Privilege By Rule

THE BALL TO BE  
AWARDED TO THE  
**OFFENSE**  
LATERALLY  
OUTSIDE THE BOX  
WHEN:



- Defense has possession outside the crease and an offensive player steps into the crease
- Defense has possession outside the crease and offensive player makes contact with GK(while GK) is in crease
- Overt contact with GK (always, but especially when he is protected by being in the crease!)
- Overt, violent contact by GK

**THROW THE  
FLAG!**