



# GAME MANAGEMENT

Tips Of The Trade

# Communication

There are multiple times in a lacrosse game where an official can get out in front of a situation and prove his:

- competence
- understanding of the game
- Understanding of a Situation

via simple communication.

One way of doing this is....

# Communication

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

- Restarts
- Penalty Enforcement
- End/Start of a Period
- Unique Situations

# Communication: Restarts

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: On a face off, Team B pushes Team A in Team A's defensive half. The On Official kills the play as Team A has no advantage

**What Question/s May Coaches or Players Ask In This Situation?**

# Communication: Restarts

**You The Official:** After Whistle

“Push!

A’s Ball!

Free Clear!

No Release!”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT’S ASKED**

# Communication: Restarts

## **ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Team A is attempting to Clear the Ball from its Defensive Half. As the A player w\possession hurls the ball towards the midline, the Trail Official's 20-second timer sounds indicating a failure to clear. The propelled ball continues to fly/roll into the Offensive Half even after the play has ended.

**What Question/s May Coaches or Players Ask In This Situation?**

# Communication: Restarts

**You The Official:** (After Whistle)

“Failure To Clear!

B’s Ball!

Bring It Back To This Half!

Send It!

Here’s Your Spot!”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT’S ASKED**

# Communication: Restarts





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**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Team A Goalie is attempting an outlet pass from within his crease when a Team B player makes contact w\the GK or GK's stick. The Outlet Pass fails.

**What Question/s May Coaches or Players Ask In This Situation?**

# Communication: Restarts

**You The Official:** “Play On!”

(Whistle)

“Interference With The Goalkeeper While  
He Was In Possession!  
Free Clear!”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

# Communication: Restarts

## **ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Team A Goalie is attempting to gain possession while both he & the ball are within his crease. A Team B player makes contact w\the GK or GK's stick. The attempt at possession fails.

**What Question/s May Coaches or Players Ask In This Situation?**

# Communication: Restarts

**You The Official:** “Play On!”

(Whistle)

“Interference With The Goalkeeper While The Ball Was Loose!

“Keeper! We Can Go From There!”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

# Communication: Restarts

## **ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Team A is awarded possession at the end line after a shot. Attackman A1 retrieves a ball off the end line and starts running at full speed from out of bounds onto the field.

**What Does A1 Think Is Allowable In This Scenario?**

# Communication: Restarts

**You The Official:**

“STOP!”

Blow whistle

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S  
ASKED**

# Communication: Restarts



# Communication: Penalty Enforcement

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

**CNOTE**

Color

Number

Offense

Time

**EXPLANATION** (when necessary)



# Communication: Penalty Enforcement



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# Communication: CNOTE

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Player A1 in his Defensive Half is Slashed by B2 (in White) and play ends prior to A clearing the ball.

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players', Table Personnel's minds?**

# Communication: CNOTE

## Reporting Official:

**C** “White”

**N** “Number 2”

**O** “Slash”

**T** “One Minute”

**E** – “Team A shall restart with a Free Clear.

(To both coaches): “Free Clear, Coach. Free Clear.”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

# Communication: CNOTE

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Player A1 (in Blue) commits a slash followed by a cross check. Two flags are on the ground. Play Ends and Trail Official reports penalties

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players', Table Personnel's minds?**

# Communication: CNOTE

## Reporting Official:

**C** “Blue”

**N** “Number 1”

**O** “Two Fouls: Slash followed by a Cross Check”

**T** “One Minute For Each Offense. Two Minutes Total”

**E** – “One Player, Two Minutes. Both are releasable should Team B score a goal.”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

# Communication: CNOTE

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Player A1 (in Blue) commits a slash (live ball). Play Ends. A1 maligns the official and draws a dead-ball unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Trail Official reports the penalties

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players', Table Personnel's minds?**

# Communication: CNOTE

## Reporting Official:

**C** “Blue”

**N** “Number 1”

**O** “Two Fouls: Slash followed by Unsportsmanlike Conduct”

**T** “One Minute For Each Offense. Two Minutes Total”

**E** – “One Player, Two Minutes. By rule, the first minute shall be non-releasable. After a minute has expired, he may be released should Team B score a goal in the second minute”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**



# Communication: CNOTE

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Player A1 (in Blue) Slashes B2 (in White). B2 retaliates and slashes A1. Play ends per Simultaneous Foul. When the play ended, Team B was in its Defensive Half.

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players', Table Personnel's minds?**

# Communication: CNOTE

**Reporting Official:** "We Have Two Fouls, One on Each Team. "

"Blue #1. Slash. One Minute.

White #2. Slash. One Minute.

These are live ball Simultaneous Fouls.

By rule, White shall retain possession.

The restart shall occur from the spot of where the play ended."

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

# Communication: Penalties Post Score

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Team B is man-down due to a time-serving penalty. Team A Scores.

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players', Table Personnel's minds?**

# Communication: CNOTE

## Trail Official:

Releasable Penalty: "Penalty Released! All Even For The Face Off

Non-releasable: "No Release! No Release! Man-down face! Man-down Face!

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

# Communication: Penalties Post Score

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Scenario: Team B is man-down due to a time-serving penalty. Team B Scores.

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players', Table Personnel's minds?**

# Communication: CNOTE

## Trail Official:

“No Release! No Release! Man-down face! Man-down Face!”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S  
ASKED**

# Communication: End Of A Period

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: EMO Situation A1 is in possession when the period ends

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players' minds?**

# Communication: End Of A Period

## **On Official:**

“Team A Possession! Team A Possession! Team A will start the next period with possession.”

Repeat prior to start of next period

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**



# Communication: End Of A Period

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Even-strength Situation A1 is slashed just and then loses possession just as the horn sounds to end the period.

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players' minds?**

# Communication: End Of A Period

## **On Official:**

“Flag Down Denotes Possession! Team A will start the next period man-up and with the ball.”

Repeat at start of next period.

Declare Location of restart.

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

# Communication: Start Of A Period

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: At the start of the Fourth Period in a closely contested game both teams have been summoned to the field signifying the end of intermission.

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players' minds?**

# Communication: Unique Situations

## **Bench-side Official (or Referee):**

To both coaches: “Coach, score is 7-5.  
White 7, Red 5.

White has one time-out, Red still has both.”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S  
ASKED**

# Communication: Unique Situations

## **ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Team A has been warned to “Keep It In” (Stall Warning) just prior to the end of the period. The horn sounds to end the possession with Team A still in possession.”

**What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players' minds?**

# Communication: Unique Situations

## **Referee:**

Even-strength situation: “Stall is over. No Stall. Team A will not have to keep it in. Stall is no longer in effect.”

EMO Situation: “Stall Remains In Effect. Team A has 10 seconds to Get It In. Once in it must Keep It In.”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

# Communication: Unique Situations

## **ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**

Scenario: Player A1 is evidently hurt (not injured) and play is stopped as he is either in a scrum area or there is no immanent scoring opportunity for either team.

## **What Questions Are Possibly Running Through Coach's, Players' minds?**

# Communication: Unique Situations

## **Referee:**

“Coach, he may not re-enter until the next stoppage of play.

Second whistle, Coach. He can come in after the second whistle.”

**ANSWER THE QUESTION BEFORE IT'S ASKED**