

RULES OF LACROSSE.

When such men as Dr. Beers and Mr. McNaught have written interesting and exhaustive volumes on the national game of Canada, it would be presumptuous in such a collection of athletic books as this to deal with the subject. Every lad in Canada knows sufficient of the mode of playing the game and has such abundant opportunities of seeing it played to perfection that all that is here necessary to give is the rules under which it is played.

LAWS OF LACROSSE.

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RULE I.—THE CROSSE.

SEC. 1. The crosse may be of any length to suit the player; woven with cat-gut, which must not be bagged. ('Cat-gut' is intended to mean raw-hide, gut, or clock-strings; not cord or soft leather). The netting must be flat when the ball is not on it. In its widest part the crosse shall not exceed one foot. A string must be brought through a hole at the side of the tip of the turn, to prevent the point of the stick catching an opponent's crosse. A leading string resting upon the top of the stick may be used, but must not be fastened, so as to form a pocket, lower down the stick than the end of the length strings. The length strings must be woven to within two inches of their termination, so that the ball cannot catch in the meshes.

SEC. 2. No kind of metal, either in wire or sheet, nor screws or nails, to stretch strings, shall be allowed upon the crosse. Splices must be made either with string or gut.

SEC. 3. Players may change their crosse during a match.

RULE II.—THE BALL.

The ball must be India rubber sponge, not less than eight, nor more than nine inches in circumference. In matches it must be furnished by the challenged party.

RULE III.—THE GOALS.

The goals must be at least 125 yards from each other, and in any position agreeable to the captains of both sides. The top of the flag-poles must be six feet above the ground including any top ornament, and six feet apart. In matches they must be furnished by the challenged party.

RULE IV.—THE GOAL CREASE.

No attacking player must be within six feet of either of the flag-poles, unless the ball has passed over-point's position on the field.

RULE V.—UMPIRES.

SEC. 1. There must be two Umpires at each goal who shall be disinterested parties, they shall stand behind the flags when the ball is near or nearing the goal. In the event of 'game' being called, they shall decide whether or not the ball has fairly passed through the goal; and if there be a difference of opinion between them, it shall be settled as provided for by Rule vi. They must not be members of either club engaged in a match; nor shall they be changed during a match without the consent of both captains. They must see that the regulations are adhered to respecting the goal. They must know before the commencement of a match the number of games to be played.

SEC. 2. No Umpire shall, either directly or indirectly, be interested in any bet upon the result of the match. No person shall be allowed to speak to the Umpires, or in any way distract their attention, when the ball is near or nearing the goal.

SEC. 3. When 'foul' has been called, by either captain, the Referee or any Umpire shall cry 'time,' after which the ball must not be touched by either party, nor must the players move from the position in which