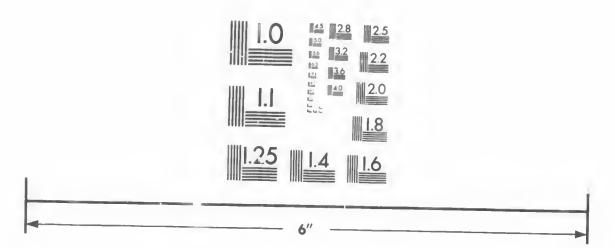


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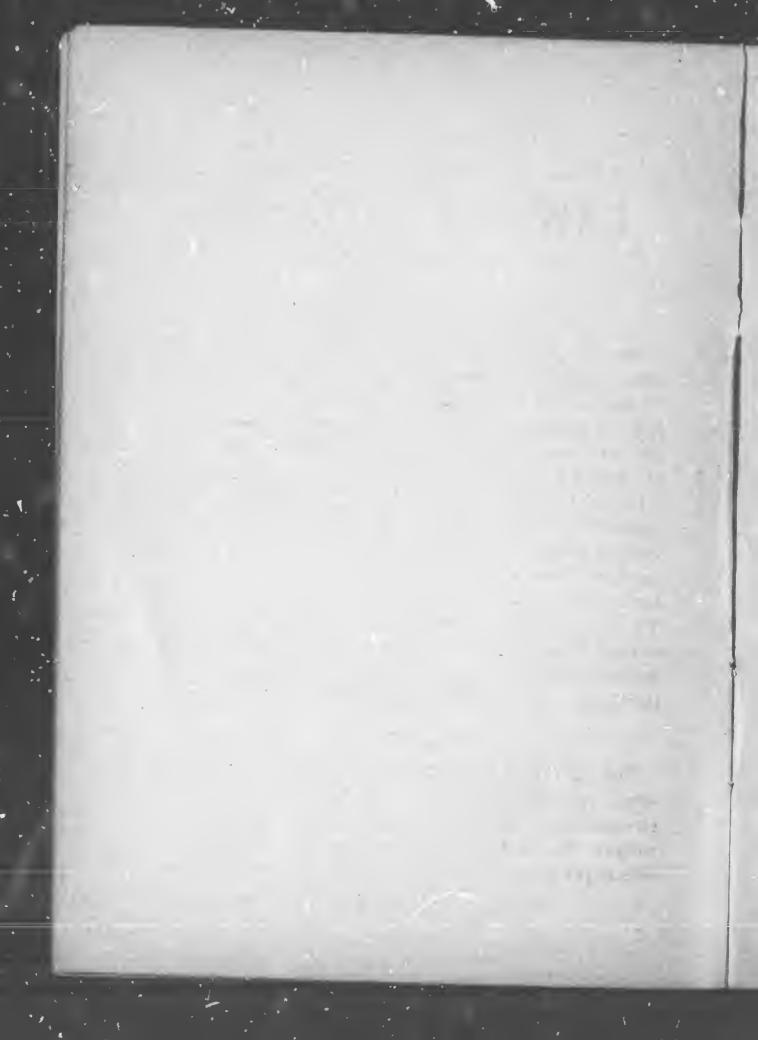
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LAWS OF LACROSSE.

RULE I.—THE CROSSE

Sec. 1. The Crosse may be of any length to suit the player, and shall not exceed one foct in width. It shall be woven with cat-gut which must not be bagged. "Cat-gut" is intended to mean raw-hide, gut or clock-string; not cord or soft leather. The netting shall be flat when the ball is not on it. A string must be brought through a hole in 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 shall not be fastened, so as to form a pocket, lower down the stick than the end of the length-string. The length-strings shall be woven to within two inches of their termination, so that the ball cannot catch in the meshes. Metal of any kind shall not be allowed upon the Crosse; splices must be made either with string or gut.

RULE II.—THE BALL.

The Ball shall be India-rubber sponge, not less than seven and three-quarters nor more than eight inches in circumference, and from four and a-half to five ounces in weight. In matches it shall be furnished by the club that selects the ground on which the match is to be played.

RULE III .- THE GOALS.

- Sec. 1. Each Goal shall consist of two flag poles six feet apart and six feet in height, including any top ornament. They shall be placed at least 120 yards from each other and in any position agreeable to the Captains. In matches they shall be furnished with the Ball.
- Sec. 2. The Goal Crease shall be a ground space six feet either way from the Goal Posts.

RULE IV .- THE TEAMS.

- Sec. 1. Twelve players shall constitute a full Team, they shall be regular members in good standing of the club they represent for at least ten days before becoming eligible to play in a match for their club. Players shall only be allowed to play for one club in the same season, but may join all the clubs if they choose.
- Sec. 2. The players on each side shall be designated as follows: "Goal-keeper," who defends the goal; "Point," first man from the goal; "Cover-point," in front of Point; "First, Second and Third Defence Field," "Centre," who faces "Third, Second and First Home Field," and the player nearest opponent's goal shall be called "Outside Home" and "Inside Home."
- Sec. 3. Should one team be deficient in the number of players at the time fixed for starting a match, their opponents may either limit their own number to equalize the sides, or compel the other team to fill up the complement.

- Sec. 4. Should any player be injured during a match and compelled to leave the field, the opposite team shall drop a man to equalize the teams during his absence. In the event of any dispute between the Field Captains as to the injured player's fitness to continue the game, the matter shall at once be decided by the Referee.
- Sec. 5. No change of players must be made after a match has commenced except for reasons of accident or injury during the game. In the event of a match being postponed and resumed where left off, there shall be no change of players on either team.
- Sec. 6. No Indian shall play in a match for a white club, unless previously agreed upon.

RULE V.—CAPTAINS.

- See. 1. Captains to superintend the play shall be appointed by each side previous to the commencement of a match. They shall be members of the club by whom they are appointed. They may or may not be players in the match.
- See. 2. Captains who are non-players shall not carry a crosse, nor shall they be dressed in lacrosse uniform nor shall they in any manner obstruct the play or interfere with an opponent during a match, under the penalties hereinafter described for foul play.
- See. 3. They shall be the representatives of their respective teams in all disputes, in which, they may each be assisted by one player whom they may select.

- Sec. 4. They shall select Umpires and Referee, as laid down in these rules, toss for choice of goals, and the said Captains, or either of them, or the Referee alone, shall be entitled to call "foul" during a match. They shall report all infringements of the laws during a match to the Referee.
- Sec. 5. Before the commencement of a match, each Captain shall furnish the Referee with a full and correct list of his twelve, and a declaration stating that they are all bona-fide members in good standing of the club they represent, as provided for in Rule IV, Sec. 1.
- Sec. 6. When the Captains have agreed upon a Referee, they shall sign an agreement in triplicate relating thereto; they shall each retain a copy thereof, the third being handed to the Referee, whose authority shall commence upon receipt of said agreement. The Referee shall have power to postpone match if raining heavy.

RULE VI.—REFEREE.

- Sec. 1. The Referee shall be selected by the Captains and must be appointed at least one day before the match. He shall be a thoroughly disinterested party, and unless mutually agreed upon, shall not be a member of either of the competing clubs. He shall not be interested in any bet upon the result of the match.
- Sec. 2. In the event of the Field Captains failing to agree upon a Referee the day previous to a match, it shall be the duty of the President of the Junior Lacrosse League, or in his absence from the country, or owing to

the impossibility of his being communicated with the Vice-President, upon being duly notified, to appoint a Referee to act during the match; such Referee, however, not to be one of the number proposed by either of the competing clubs.

Sec. 3. Before the match begins, the Referee shall obtain from the Captains their signed agreement relating to his appointment. He shall then see that properly qualified Umpires are selected as provided for in Rule VII. He shall also obtain from each of the Captains a declaration and list of their team, and shall satisfy himself that the players are bona-fide members of the team they represent in accordance with Rule IV, Sec. 1. All disputed points and matters of appeal that may arise during his continuance in office shall be left to his decision, which in all cases must be final.

Sec. 4. Before the match begins, he shall draw the players up in lines, and see that all the rules and regulations respecting the goals, ball, crosses, spiked soles, &c., are strictly adhered to. He shall ascertain before the commencement of a match the number of games to be played, time for stopping and any other arrangements that may have been made by the Captains. He shall have the power to suspend at any time during the match any player infringing the laws—whether the foul has been claimed by the Captain of either side or not—the game to go on during such suspension.

Sec. 5. When "foul" has been called by either Captain, the Referee, unless satisfied that a foul has not been committed, shall immediately cry "time," after which

the ball must not be touched by either party, nor must the players move from the positions in which they happen to be at the moment, until the Referee has called "play."

Sec. 6. The jurisdiction of the Referee shall not extend beyond the match for which he is appointed, and he shall not decide in any matter involving the continuance of a match beyond the day on which it is played. The Referee must be on the ground at the commencement of and during the match. At the commencement of each game, and after "fouls" and "ball out of bounds" he shall be that the ball is properly faced, and, when both sides are ready, shall call "play." He shall not express an opinion until he has taken the evidence on both sides. After taking the evidence, his decision in all cases must be final. Any side rejecting his decision, by refusing to continue the match, shall be declared losers.

Sec. 7. He must at the close of the match supply to the Captain of the winning club a certificate of the result of the match, said certificate to be forwarded to the Secretary of the League.

RULE VII.—UMPIRES.

Sec. 1. There shall be one umpire at each goal. They shall be disinterested parties, and shall not directly or indirectly be interested in any bet upon the result of the match. They shall not be members of either club engaged in the match, nor shall they be changed during its progress without the consent of both Captains, unless as provided in Rule V, Section 4.

Sec. 2. Their jurisdiction shall last during the match for which they are appointed. They shall not change goals during a match. They shall stand behind the flags when the ball is near or nearing the goal. In the event of game being claimed, the umpire of that goal shall at once decide whether or not the ball has fairly passed through the flags, his decision simply being "game," or "no game," without comment of any kind. He shall not be allowed to express an opinion, and his decision shall in all cases be final, without appeal. Except in cases provided for, no player shall in any way attempt to influence the decision of the umpire, whose ruling shall be final in all cases.

Sec. 3. In the event of the Field Captains failing to agree upon the umpires, after three nominations, in accordance with this rule, have been made by each party, it shall be the duty of the Referee to appoint one or more umpires, as may be required, who shall not be one of the persons objected to, who must be duly qualified as required by this rule.

Sec. 4. If after the commencement of a match, it becomes apparent that either umpire, on account of partizanship, bets on the match, or any other cause, is guilty of giving unjust decisions, the side offended against may enter a protest with the Referee against his conduct, and ask for his immediate removal. After hearing the evidence on both sides the Referee shall decide whether he shall be dismissed or continue in office. If dismissed, the Referee shall at once appoint another to act in his

stead. Any decision, however, which he may have given previous to his dismissal, shall hold good.

RULE VIII .- THE GAME.

- Sec. 1. The game shall be started by the Referee facing the ball in the centre of the field between a player on each side. The ball shall be laid upon the ground between the sticks of the players facing, and when both sides are ready, the Referee shall call "play." The players facing shall have their left side towards the goal they are attacking.
- Sec. 2. A match shall be decided by the winning of three games out of five. Games in all cases must be won by putting the ball through the goal from the front side.
- Sec. 3. On the day appointed, if one club only put in an appearance, it shall be entitled to claim a victory by default. If its opponents refuse to fulfil their engagement, or do not appear upon the ground for half an hour after the specified time, the club complying with the terms agreed upon shall be declared the winners of the match.
- Sec. 4. In the event of a match being interrupted by darkness, or any other cause considered right by the Referee, and one side having won two games, the other none, the side having won the two games shall be declared winner of the match. Should one side have won two games and the other one, the match shall be considered drawn. In the event of a draw it shall not be played off unless it affects the championship at the close of the year.

- Sec. 5. Either team may claim not more than ten minutes rest between games.
- Sec. 6. After each game the opposing teams shall change goals.
- Sec. 7. Should the ball be accidentally put through a goal by one of the players defending it, it shall be game for the team attacking that goal. Should it be put through a goal by any one not actually a player, it shall not count. A ball thrown through the goal by the hand or kicked through when a player is out of play, shall not count a game.
- Sec. 8. In the event of a goal post being knocked down during a match, and the ball put through what would be a goal, if the goal post were standing, it shall count game for the attacking side.
- Sec. 9. When game is claimed and disallowed, the Referee shall order the ball to be faced for, from where it is picked up, but in no case must be closer to the goal than ten yards in any direction.
- Sec. 10. The Goal-keeper, while defending goal within the goal crease, although not allowed to catch and throw, may put away with his hand, or block the ball in any manner with his crosse or body.
- Sec. 11. Should the ball lodge in any place inaccessible to the crosse, it may be taken out with the hand and the party picking it up must "face" with his nearest opponent.

- Sec. 12. Should the bail catch in the netting, the crosse shall be immediately struck on the ground to dislodge it.
- Sec. 13. Balls thrown out of bounds must be "faced" for, at the nearest spot where it left the bounds, and all players shall remain in their places until the ball be faced. The Referee shall see that this rule is strictly enforced, and when both sides are ready shall call "play." The "bounds" must be distinctly settled by the Captains before the commencement of the match.
- Sec. 14. Players may change their crosse during a match.
- Sec. 15. If a player should be in possession of the ball when "time" is called he must drop it on the ground. If the ball enters the goal after "time" has been called, it shall not count.

RULE IX .- FOUL PLAY.

- Sec. 1. A player shall not grasp an opponent's crosse with his hands, hold it with his arms, or between his legs.
- Sec. 2. A player shall not hold an opponent's crosse, nor hold, strike, nor trip him with his crosse, run in front of him, or interfere in any way to keep him from the ball until another reaches it.
- Sec. 3. A player shall not hold, strike, nor trip an opponent, nor push him with the hand.
- Sec. 4. A player shall not wrestle with lcgs entwined, so as to throw an opponent.

- Sec. 5. A player shall not touch the ball with his hands, save as in Rule VIII. Sec. 11, or excepting goal-keeper as in Rule VIII. Sec. 10.
- Sec. 6. A player shall not throw his crosse at a player, or at the ball, under any circumstances. Should a player lose his crosse during a game, he shall consider himself "out of play," and shall not be allowed to touch the ball in any way till he recovers his crosse.
- Sec. 7. A player who loses his crosse, and is therefore out of play, shall not kick the ball under any circumstances.
- Sec. 8. A player shall not move from his position when time is called until the ball is again faced. Persistent infringement of this rule shall subject the offending party to be ruled off for the remainder of the game by the Referee.
- Sec. 9. A player shall not stand within the goal crease, nor shall he check the goal-keeper within the goal crease, until the ball has fallen inside of said crease.
- Sec. 10. A player shall not wear spiked shoes or boots, and any player attempting to evade this law shall be immediately ruled out of the match.
- Sec. 11. Any player deliberately striking another with his crosse or otherwise, shall be immediately ruled out of the match
- Sec. 12. The check commonly known as the "square" or "crosse" check, which consists of one player charging into another with both hands on the crosse so as to make the stick meet the body of his opponent, is strictly forbidden.

Sec. 13. A player shall not charge into an opponent after the opponent has thrown the ball.

Sec. 14. A player shall not jump at nor shoulder an opponent from behind while running for, or after reaching the ball. Forcibly body-checking an opponent into a fence is strictly prohibited.

Sec. 15. A player shall not interfere in any way with another who is in pursuit of an opponent.

Sec. 16. A player shall not deliberately kneel, lie down or drop in front of an opponent when both are in pursuit of the ball.

RULE X .- SETTLEMENT AND PENALTY FOR "FOULS."

Sec. 1. Any player considering himself purposely injured during the play must report to his Captain, who must report to the Referee, who shall warn the player complained of.

Sec. 2. Except in cases already provided for, the penalty for fouling shall be discretionary with the Referee, For ordinary fouls which in no way affect the result of the game, he shall caution the offender for the first offence; if repeated, the Referee may suspend him for the rest of the game (not match) in which such foul takes place, without stopping the play. Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Rule IX. shall be considered ordinary fouls and under this clause.

Sec. 3. For deliberate fouls which occasion injury to opponents or affect the result of the game—for the first

offence, the Referee shall have power to suspend the player committing it for the rest of the game (not match) in which such foul takes place: for a second offence the Referee shall have power to remove the offending player and compel his side to finish the match short-handed. Secs. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Rule IX. shall be considered as deliberate fouls under this clause.

RULE XI.—CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS.

- Sec. 1. No player that has ever played a match for the Senior, Intermediate, or Junior championship will be allowed to play in this League.
- Sec. 2. Players on the Junior Lacrosse League's championship team will not be considered as junior championship players as mentioned in Rule XI, Sec. 1.

RULE XII .- PROTESTS, &c.

- Sec. 1. Protests or complaints shall not interfere with the series.
- Sec. 2. The series to consist of two matches between each club, one match on each club's grounds.
- Sec. 3. Matches resulting in a draw shall not count. In the event of clubs tieing on the whole series, they shall play off under order of the League.

CONSTITUTION.

JUNIOR LACROSSE LEAGUE

OF MONTREAL.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be the "JUNIOR LACROSSE LEAGUE OF MONTREAL."

Its objects shall be to improve, foster and perpetuate the Game of Lacrosse as the National Game of Canada; protect it from professionalism; and to promote the cultivation of kindly feeling among the members of Lacrosse Clubs.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. The League shall be composed of delegates from six amateur Lacrosse Clubs in Montreal, which have been duly admitted to representation. Each Club shall be entitled to three delegates; each Club shall have one vote.

Sec. 2. Delegates must be members in good standing in the Club they represent, and cannot appoint a substitute.

ARTICLE III.

Sec 1. Clubs in this League must be composed exclusively of amateurs.

- Sec. 2. An amateur is any person who has not (since June 4, 1880) competed in any open competition, or for a stake, public or admission money, or entrance fee, or competed with or against professionals for a prize, who has never at any period of his life taught, or assisted in the pursuit of any athletic exercise or sport as a means of livelihood; whose membership of any Lacrosse club was not brought about or does not continue because of mutual agreement or understanding whereby his becoming or continuing a member of such Lacrosse club would be of any pecuniary benefit to him, either directly or indirectly; who has never, directly or indirectly, received any payment in lieu of loss of time while playing as a member of any Lacrosse club, or any money consideration whatever for any services rendered as a player except his actual travelling or hotel expenses.
- Sec. 3. Any club convicted of having in its membership, professionals of any kind, shall forfeit its membership in this League.
- Sec. 4. No club shall be admitted to membership in this League unless it adopts in its club constitution the words or sentiments contained in this Article.
- Sec. 5. Clubs in this League shall be allowed to employ Indians, who shall hereafter rank as professionals, either as trainers or for the purpose of playing exhibition matches.
- Sec. 6. No club in this League shall play for money challenge, or money prize under any circumstances whatever.
- Sec. 7. Any club playing for money challenge or money prize, shall forfeit its membership in this Lcague.

ARTICLE IV.

No club shall admit or retain a person a member thereof who has been censured or punished by this League
for foul play or other reprehensible conduct, or who shall
henceforth be convicted under the laws of the country
of a criminal charge, shall be entitled to continue a
member of this League, or be admitted to membership
thereof; and no new club shall be admitted a member
therein which has among its members anyone who has
been convicted of such action. No club in this League
shall play a match with any such club, under penalty of
forfeiture of membership of such league. No club shall
be admitted to membership in this League unless it
adopts in its club constitution the sentiments or words
contained in this Article.

ARTICLE V.

No club shall be represented in this League (after June first each year) until it has paid its subscription and agreed to the existing constitution of the League and the laws of Lacrosse.

ARTICLE VI.

- Sec. 1. Clubs must make their annual returns to the Secretary, and pay their dues to the Treasurer by 1st April, and not later than 1st June every year.
- Sec. 2. Any club not complying with Sec. 1, Article VI. will have all their matches cancelled, both played and unplayed.
- Sec. 3. The annual subscription of this League shall be six dollars.

Sec. 4. All the expenses of advertising, hall, etc. attendant on the League meeting shall be defrayed by the League.

ARTICLE VII.

- Sec. 1. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Council of eighteen delegates, to be elected annually by the club they represent. They shall hold office until their successors are appointed. No club shall be allowed to have more than one representative as an officer in the Lea ue.
- Sec. 2. A minute Secretary may be appointed temporarily at each annual meeting.
- Sec. 3. Office-bearers shall have no vote except as in Article VIII. Secs. 1 and 2.

ARTICLE VIII.

- Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League, with the usual privileges of the office. He shall have a casting vote in a tie. He shall call extra meetings whenever he shall deem it necessary, and special meetings whenever requested to do so by three clubs. The said clubs to state reasons for wishing such meeting.
- Sec. 2. The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of President in his absence or indispesition.
- Sec. 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the League; a register of clubs in the League, and address of the Secretaries. He shall conduct all correspondence of the League and keep

a record of the decisions of the League on points of appeal, complaint, etc. He shall issue all notices of meetings and annually report to the League. He shall receive and hold all the funds of the League, and disburse the same. He shall keep a correct account of moneys received and disbursed by him, and shall report at the annual meeting.

Sec. 4. The Council shall deliberate and decide upon all business submitted to them and generally manage the League.

ARTICLE IX.

- Sec. 1. The League shall hold its Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday in April, in Montreal, the place of meeting and hour to be decided by the President or Secretary-Treasurer.
- Sec. 2. Clubs shall be notified of the time and place of meeting, at least two weeks previously.

ARTICLE X.

- Sec. 1. The League shall have jurisdiction over all clubs on its roll. It shall see that the Laws of Lacrosse, are strictly obeyed. Any one of its office-bearers shall have power to report infractions of the rules of the League
- Sec. 2. The League shall form a central body, to which all questions as to points of play, club management, etc., may be referred.

ARTICLE XI.

Sec. 1. The League may suspend or expel a club for noterious and continued foul play or unfair conduct in-

dividually or collectively, negligence to pay assessments or for any persistent infringement of the laws of the game, or the rules of the League.

- See. 2. Any club so suspended or expelled may be readmitted by making an ample official apology, and promising future compliance.
- See. 3. Any club expelled can only be re-admitted by a two-third vote and resolution of the League.
- See. 4. Clubs outside of the League shall not be recognized, nor need their challenges be accepted by clubs in the League.

ARTICLE XII.

Any elub wishing to make an appeal or complaint to the League, for the purpose of obtaining its decision thereon, shall, within seven days (Sundays not included) from the time at which the matter of complaint took place, state the appeal or complaint as fully as possible, and furnish to the Secretary of the League two copies of the same, and deposit with him \$5.00, the amount to be forfeited if the complaint is not held good by the League. The Secretary shall send a copy to the club or person complained against, who shall in like manner within seven days (Sundays not included) of its receipt, furnish him with a copy of their defence along with a deposit of \$5.00, the amount to be forfeited if complaint is proved. The President shall then call a meeting when the League will decide.

ARTICLE XIII.

- Sec. 1. Five dollars from each club, with any fines that have been forfeited, will go towards the Trophy for the winning team, who may add to this amount if they choose. One dollar from each club to go towards the League's expenses, if not sufficient the clubs will be levied upon for the deficiency.
- Sec. 2. The Secretary must call a meeting at the close of the season and the winning team can state what they desire for their Trophy, which will be obtained on the approval of the Council.
- Sec. 3. No club in the League will be allowed to change its name without the Council's consent.

ARTICLE XIV.

- Sec. 1. No amendment or alteration shall be made in any part of this Constitution or Laws of Lacrosse except at the Annual Meeting of the League, and by a majority of votes of the clubs represented. Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment must be made to the Secretary of the League in writing, and by him communicated to the clubs in its membership at least one month before it can be voted upon. When notice of alteration or amendment has been given as above both the notice and amendments thereto may be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.
- Sec. 2 Ten delegates shall form a quorum at any meeting.
 - Sec. 3. All votes to be by ballot and then published.



