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SUBJECT: 2012 Season Reminders

Included in this memorandum are an important rule interpretation, as well as several rules and procedure reminders for coaches and officials.

1. Ten-Second Count: Once the ball enters the goal circle, the goalkeeper has 10 seconds in which to clear the ball. Should the 10-second count have to stop for any reason, such as if her team calls a possession time out, when play resumes the official will continue the count from where they left off before play was stopped.

2. Team Roster: With the advent of computerized scoring and statistics, and with many teams performing these duties in a press box removed from field level, it is important to adhere to Rule 3, Section 11a. This reads in part, "A roster with names and numbers of all players must be at the scorer's table before the start of the game." The information on this roster must match the information in the official score book or on the official scorer's computerized score sheet.

If there is any question about a player not listed or incorrectly listed on the roster the officials must have immediate access to the roster at the field level scorer's table. As part of the pre-game responsibilities, the Head Umpire should ensure that a roster is at the table.

3. Pregame Protocol: We remind all coaches and officials that the timing format outlined in Appendix A, Pregame Protocol, must be followed at each game. There must always be 10 minutes before the start of the game when the game clock is at 00:00. This protocol may be modified only for very limited special events such as senior day.

4. Early Re-Entry After a Card: This is a reminder that early re-entry after a card is being handled differently this season. The head coach will NOT be assessed a card. The player who originally received the card will return to the penalty area

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to serve the remainder of her penalty time. Should the opposing team score during this time the original penalty will be considered complete. This player will also serve an additional two minute penalty though no additional card will be administered. The added two minutes will begin once the original time is over, either because the full two minutes has expired or because the opposing team has scored a goal. If the opposing team scores a goal during the added two minutes the player will be released.

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