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## NFHS Boys Lacrosse Weekly Rule Interpretations

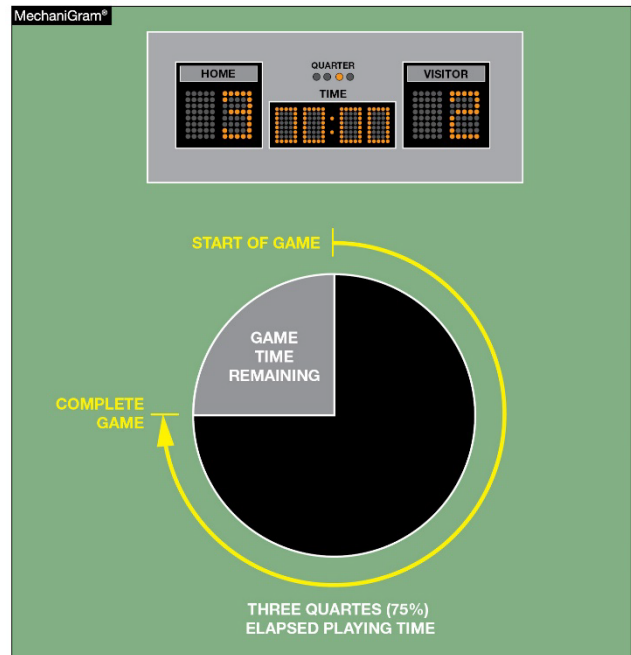
### Interrupted Game Procedures

New interrupted game procedures were installed to align the administrative processes with other NFHS sports. This consistency allows school administrators to facilitate game interruptions such as weather in a similar manner and eliminate ambiguity. It is important to note that state associations may adopt game-ending procedures that supersede NFHS Rule 3-5-1.

#### New Procedures:

Once play begins and a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, the following procedures shall apply:

- An interrupted game that is continued on the same day or at a later date shall be restarted from its point of interruption.
- If an interrupted game cannot be resumed on the same day and the score is not tied, it is considered legal and complete if three quarters have elapsed.
- An interrupted game may be modified (reduced or running time) or terminated and considered complete by mutual agreement of the opposing teams.
- When an interrupted game is not continued, the score at the point of termination will be the official score of the game.
- All stats from an interrupted game (goals, saves, time-outs taken, team and player penalties, etc.) carry over and shall be recorded in the scorebook even if it is resumed on a separate day.



**SITUATION 1:** Because of a situation beyond the control of the responsible authorities (weather, etc.), a game is interrupted and cannot be resumed on the same day. The interruption occurred with a score of 10-3 during the second quarter. **RULING:** The game may be rescheduled and begin at the point of interruption. **COMMENT:** All stats from the interrupted game will carry over and shall be recorded in the scorebook. If a state association has adopted game-ending procedures, those procedures may be used. (3-5-1, 3-5-2)

**SITUATION 2:** Because of a situation beyond the control of the responsible authorities (weather, etc.), a game is interrupted and cannot be resumed on the same day. The interruption occurred with a score of 10-3 during the fourth quarter. **RULING:** The game is considered complete and the score at the point of interruption will be the official score of the game. **COMMENT:** If a state association has adopted game-ending procedures, those procedures may be used. (3-5-1, 3-5-2)

**SITUATION 3:** Because of a situation beyond the control of the responsible authorities (weather, etc.), a game is interrupted. Prior to resuming play from the point of interruption, the head coach of Team A requests that the remainder of the game be played with 10-minute quarters. **RULING:** Provided both head coaches and the referee agree, this would be allowed due to the extenuating circumstances. (3-5-1c)