



Penalty Stacking

Situations based on the 2014 NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rule Book and the NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rule Interpretations Memo dated Jan 28, 2014.

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NFHS Rule 7-2f



- A maximum of three players from the same team can be in the penalty area serving penalties at the same time. The penalty time of any additional player(s) shall not start until the penalty time of one of the three players in the penalty area expires. The additional penalized player(s) shall wait in the bench area immediately next to the scorer's table but not in the table area. A team shall not be required to play with fewer than seven on-field players solely because of players serving penalties. A player's penalty cannot be released by a goal until he is in the penalty area and the time on his penalty has started to elapse.

Penalty Stacking

(Goal scored prior to expiration of penalty time)



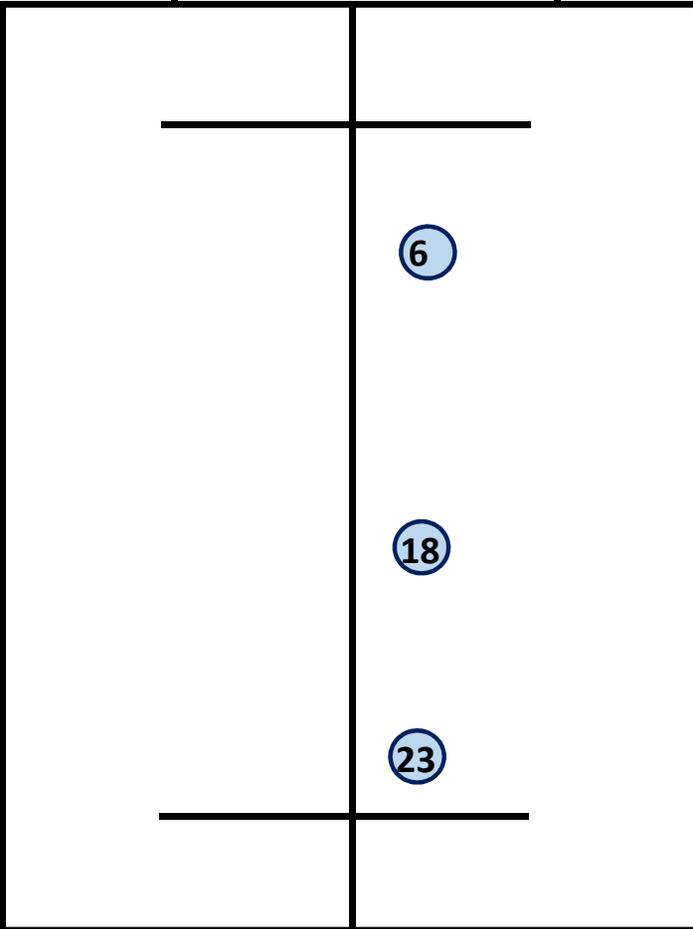
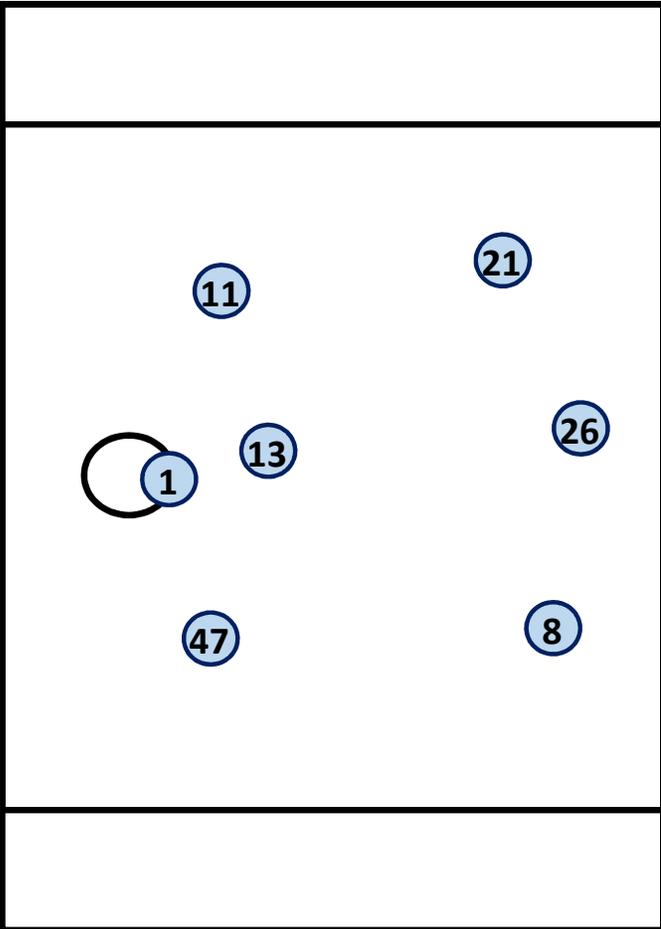
- **7.2 SITUATION H:** A1, A2, A3 and A4 receive one-minute releasable penalties that are all reported during the same dead ball. A1, A2 and A3 begin to serve their penalties at the same time, while A4 waits in the bench area immediately next to the scorer's table but not in the table area. Team A restarts play with seven players on the field. Team B scores a goal after 30 seconds. **RULING:** A1 and A2 may enter the field. A3 must exit to the bench area and A4 steps into the table area and begins serving his penalty. Team A will be playing with nine players on the field. A3 may then substitute into the game in the normal manner, if desired.
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Penalty Stacking – 7.2 SITUATION H

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Blue 21, Blue 13, Blue 18 and Blue 8 each slash an opponent. Each are assessed a 1 minute releasable penalty.

Blue 8 becomes the “stacked” player and waits in his bench area next to the table.

Blue needs to have seven players on the field. Blue 32 enters the field.

Play restarts. After thirty seconds, the White team scores a goal.

Blue 21, Blue 13, Blue 18 are released. The goal does not release the “stacked” player.

Blue 8 enters the penalty area and serves his full penalty time when play resumes.

Blue is man down on the ensuing face-off. Blue 23 subs off; Blue 18 subs on.

Penalty Stacking

(Penalty time expires)



- **7.2 SITUATION J:** During a live ball situation, A1, A2 and A3 are each called for releasable or non-releasable fouls. Penalty time has started on those three penalties and a fourth releasable or non-releasable foul is called on a Team A player or coach. **RULING:** The fourth penalty is stacked and is not served until one of the first three penalized players is released.

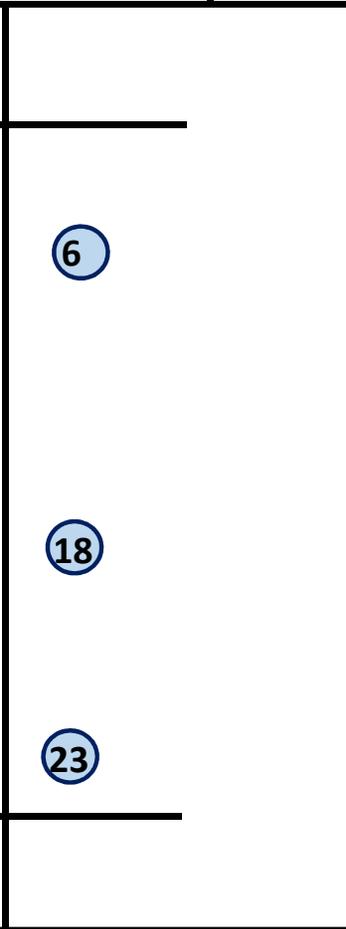
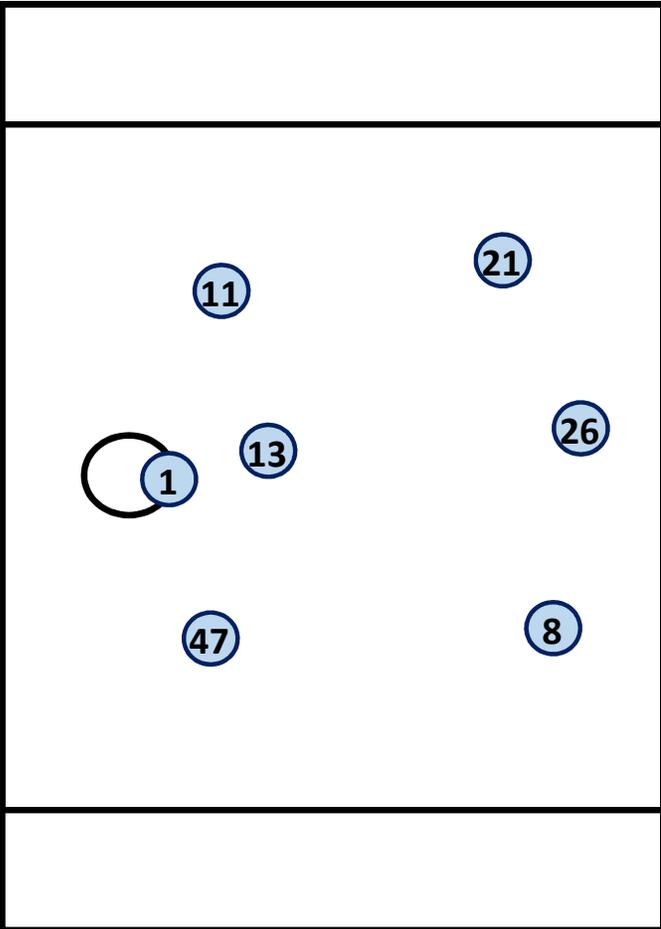
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Penalty Stacking – 7.2 SITUATION J

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During the same live ball, Blue 21, Blue 13 and Blue 8 each slash an opponent. Each are assessed 1 minute releasable penalty.

After 40 seconds, Play is stopped to assess an off-sides penalty against Blue 18.

Blue 18 becomes the “stacked” player and waits in his bench area next to the table.



Blue needs to have seven players on the field. Blue 32 enters the field.

When penalty time expires for Blue 8, 13 and 21, **two** players are released to the field and **one** player is released to the bench.

Blue 18 enters the penalty area and his penalty time starts.

Penalty Stacking

(Live ball followed by dead ball fouls)



- **7.2 SITUATION K:** During a live ball situation, A1, A2 and A3 are each called for releasable or non-releasable fouls. Penalty time has not started on those three penalties and a fourth releasable or non-releasable foul is called on a Team A player or coach. **RULING:** The fourth penalty is stacked and is not served until one of the first three penalized players is released.

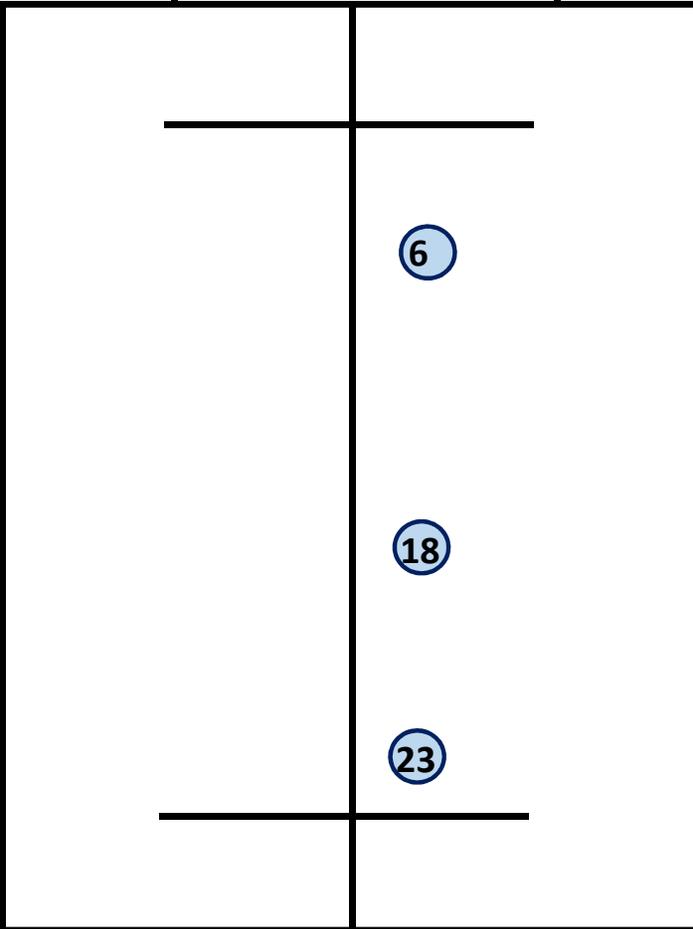
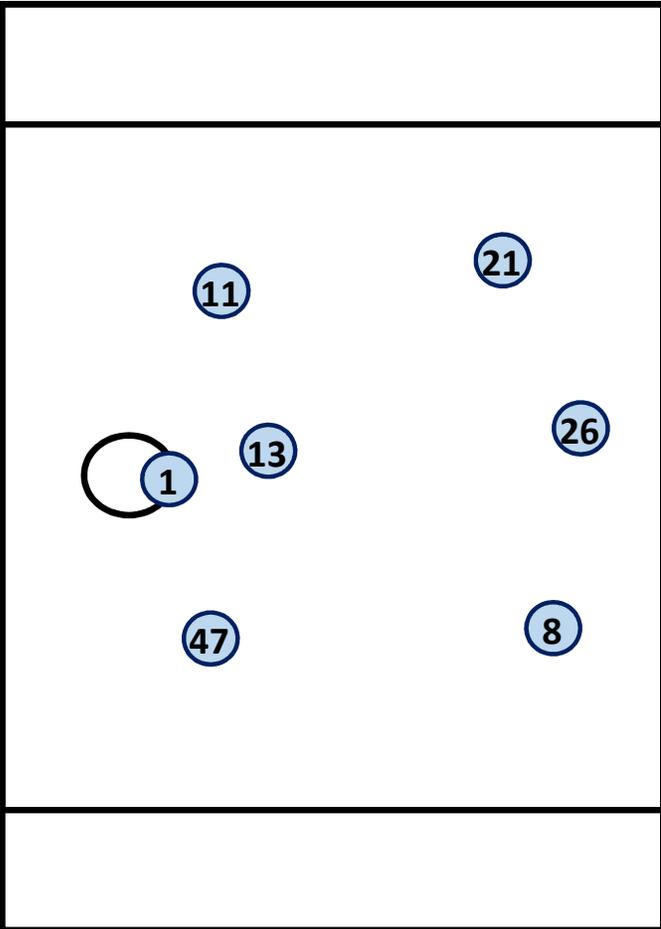
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Penalty Stacking – 7.2 SITUATION K

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During the same live ball, Blue 21, Blue 13 each slash an opponent and Blue 8 holds. Blue 21 and 13 are each assessed a 1 minute releasable penalty and Blue 8 is assessed a 30 second penalty.

As the official reports the penalties, Blue coach verbally abuses the official. Blue Coach receives a 1 minute USC.

Blue 18 (In Home) becomes the “stacked” player and waits in his bench area next to the table.

Blue needs to have seven players on the field. Blue 32 enters the field.

When Blue 8’s penalty time expires, he must release to the bench. Blue 8 may then substitute into the game in the normal manner.

Blue 18 enters the penalty area and his penalty time starts.

Penalty Stacking

(Order of Stacking)



- **7.2 SITUATION L:** During a live ball situation, A1, A2, A3 and A4 or a coach from Team A are all called for releasable or non-releasable fouls. **RULING:** If the officials can determine the order in which the fouls occurred, they shall be enforced in that order. If the officials cannot determine the order in which the fouls occurred, the most severe penalties shall be enforced first (up to three non-releasable penalties) and the fourth penalty shall be stacked and not served until one of the first three penalized players is released. **NOTE:** In determining which penalties are more severe for this situation, non-releasable penalties are considered more severe than releasable penalties, regardless of length. If all penalties are of the same type, however, a longer penalty is considered more severe than a shorter one.

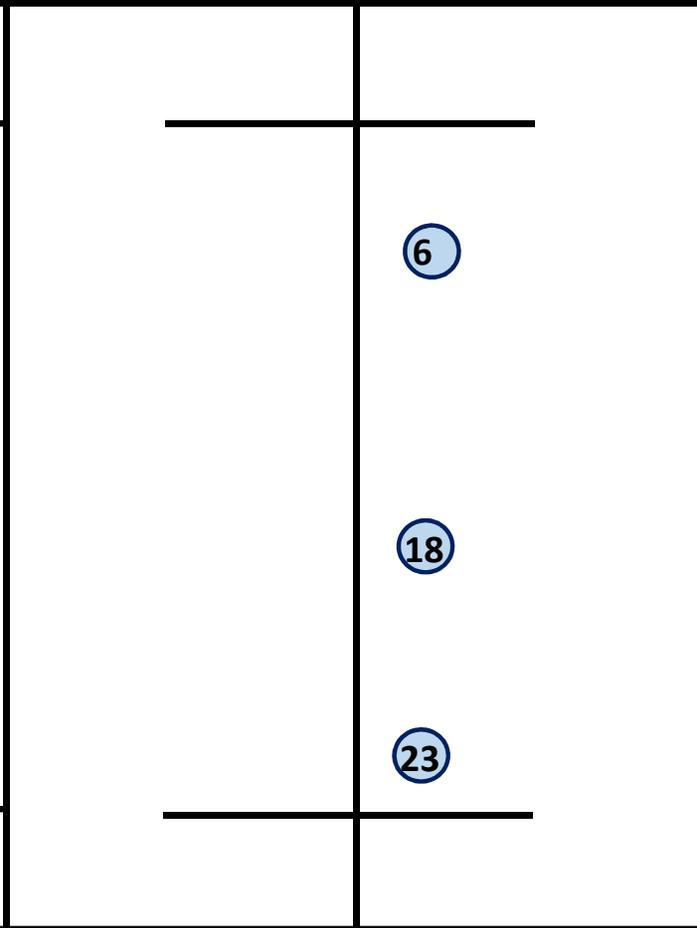
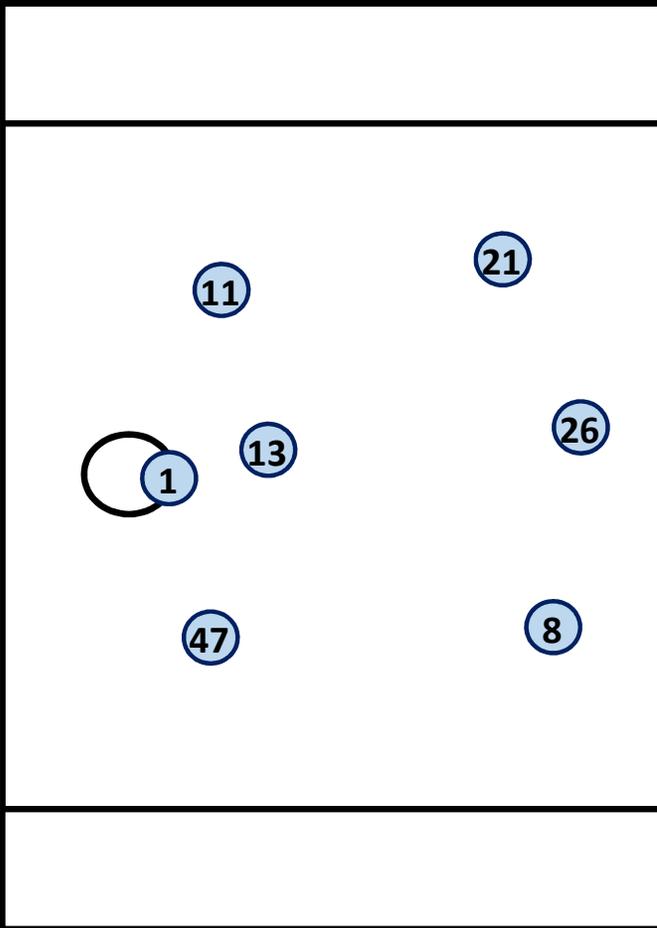
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Penalty Stacking – 7.2 SITUATION L

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Blue 18 is flagged for slashing. Ten seconds later, Blue 13 is flagged for slashing. Ten seconds later, Blue 21 cross-checks an opponent to the head. Ten seconds later Blue 8 commits an illegal body check on a defenseless player.

Blue 18 and Blue 13 receive 1 minute releasable each. Blue 21 receives 2 minutes NR. Blue 8 receives 3 minutes NR. Order can be determined, so Blue 8 is the “stacked” player.

Blue needs to have seven players on the field. Blue 32 enters the field.

Play restarts. After thirty seconds, the White team scores a goal.

Blue 18 is released to his bench. Blue 13 is released to the field. Blue 21 remains in the penalty area. Blue 8 enters the penalty area.

Blue is two men down on the ensuing faceoff.

Penalty Stacking

(Order of Stacking)



- **7.2 SITUATION M:** During a live ball situation, A1 and A2 are each assessed one-minute non-releasable penalties and A3 and A4 are each assessed one-minute releasable penalties. The officials cannot determine the order in which the fouls occurred. A1, A2 and A3 begin serving their penalties immediately which makes Team A three players down. A4 waits in the bench area as the stacked player. After 28 seconds of the penalty time has elapsed, a goal is scored by Team B. **RULING:** A3 is released and A4 begins serving his penalty time with Team A still three players down. After 32 more seconds of penalty time has elapsed, A1 and A2 are both released and Team A is one player down. After 28 more seconds of penalty time has elapsed, A4 is released and Team A is again at full strength.

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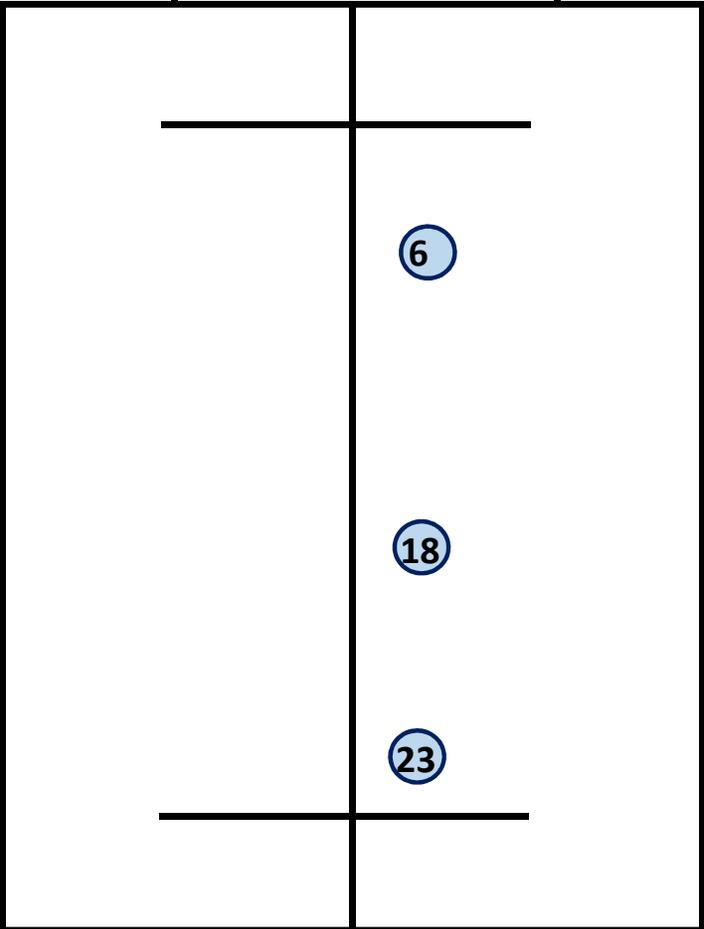
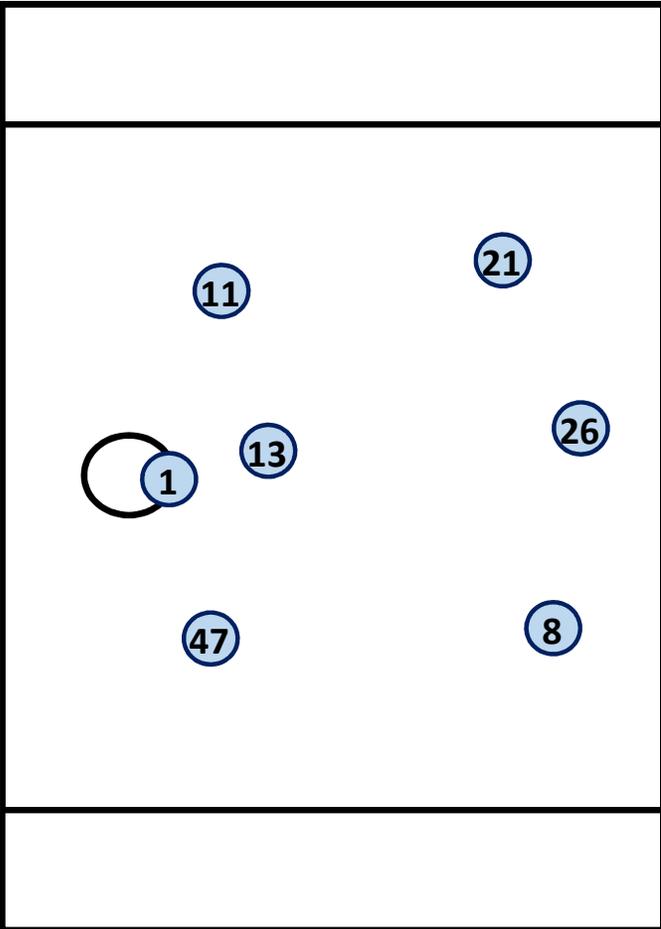
Penalty Stacking – 7.2 SITUATION M

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Blue 26 is flagged for slashing. Blue 13 is flagged for tripping. Blue 21 cross-checks an opponent to the head. Blue 8 commits an illegal body check on a defenseless player. The officials cannot determine order.

Blue 26 and Blue 13 receive 1 minute releasables each. Blue 21 receives 2 minutes NR. Blue 8 receives 3 minutes NR. Either Blue 26 or Blue 13 become the “stacked” player (least severe infraction).

Blue needs to have seven players on the field. Blue 32 enters the field.

Play restarts. After thirty seconds, the White team scores a goal.

Blue 26 is released to his bench. Blue 21 and 8 remain in the penalty area. Blue 13 enters the penalty area.

Blue is three men down on the ensuing faceoff. Blue 47 is allowed to take the face-off.