



Tidbits for April 4, 2019

1. **FACEOFF VIDEO AVAILABLE** – US Lacrosse has made their “Faceoff Fundamentals Webinar” recording available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZavgtROZQ8>. Gordon Corsetti and Josh Blaisdell give a great presentation on all aspects of the faceoff – how to set it up and what to look for after the whistle. Highly recommended.
2. **ADMIN STUFF #1:** Where do I get the Coaches Cards??? [Coaches Cards](#) can be found on our website under [REFERENCE AND TRAINING MATERIALS](#). You can also find a link on Arbiter under the Main page Announcements. The file is a PDF that you can print on both sides of a sheet of paper (card stock is best, but anything works) to create 8 cards. These cards, along with our Arbiter pictures, are essential for coaches to properly identify us when filling out evaluations.
3. **A SUBMITTED QUESTION:** Why are there Crew Chief EVALUATIONS on ArbiterSports, and why is it just the Referee who gets to submit them?

Answer: We implemented the evals as a training aide to identify tendencies and patterns not just among individuals, but the association as a whole. We’re not looking for “gotchas” to hold against anyone. Since we have all been through certification, we each have knowledge and expectations of mechanics and rules application that coaches typically don’t see. Ultimately, this is a way of getting TONS of feedback from practiced eyes, which has previously required an observer in the stands.

We considered a “360 degree” setup, but were concerned by the sheer volume of data, so we chose to limit responses to the Referee position. Time will tell whether we can handle more info, and whether the data we receive is useful enough to justify the effort.

4. **ADMIN STUFF #2.** Last week we put out a memo regarding laxity in performing admin duties, and Jim Quirke has suggested we put together a handbook that can be distributed by email or at training sessions. We’ll be working on that over the next week or two, so be on the lookout. In the meantime, nearly all the info you need can be found on our website, www.INLaxRef.org. The two most critical pages are [POLICIES](#) and [REFERENCE AND TRAINING MATERIALS](#), both of which are under the “Member Resources” tab. In addition, we’ve added links for [Coaches Cards](#) and the [Ejection Report](#) to the Announcements section on Arbiter.

Stay Tuned for more Zebra News throughout the season, and send your questions and contributions to our Rules Committee at: ZebraNews@INLaxRef.org

Thanks,

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