



Troubleshooting the Face-Off

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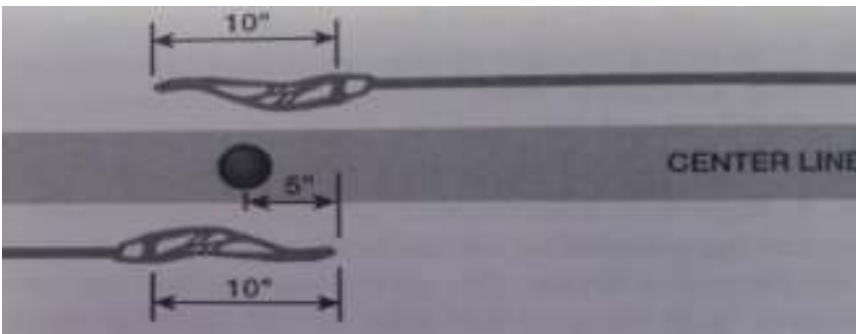
It has been reported that early in the season some faceoff players were using tape that was more than just an athletic type tape on the top six inches, such as **lizard tape**. The rule states “thick or sticky material is prohibited” on the top six inches of a faceoff player’s stick. Look for it as you are doing your pregame instruction and have it removed and replaced. The spirit of the rule is for the officials to be able to see the contrast in color, not for players to get a better grip.

– Rule 4 -3 b – 15

- Paint or single wrap of thin tape must be applied to the handle of the crosse for any player taking a face-off.
- Thick or sticky material is prohibited

Get Everyone Lined Up:

The positioning of the face-off players’ sticks must be administered as it is written in the rulebook (**Rule 3-3-B—4**). As a guide, align the top of the head of one face-off player’s stick with the ball stop of the other.



The clips in the [2017 NILOA Film Room – Troubleshooting the Face-Off](#) will illustrate just how many things officials are expected to officiate during this one, two, three, or four second duration play. In the clinic it was mentioned we need to think about our purpose and what we are going to officiate during this play. The clips will offer some points to consider while preparing for the faceoff.

[2017 NILOA Film Clip 3 – Troubleshooting the Face-Off](#)

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