

Face-Offs / Draws

Due to social distancing protocols, NXT is implementing the following face-off and draw policies for all events for the Summer of 2020.

Boys High School Events:

No changes to the traditional face-off structure. Referees are encouraged to place the ball on the face-off X in advance of the players taking their positions, and to monitor the face-off from a minimum of six feet away.

Boys Youth Events (rising 8th grade and younger):

If both coaches and at least one referee agree to conduct traditional face-offs prior to the game, then face-offs may occur. Referees are encouraged to place the ball on the face-off X in advance of the players taking their positions, and to monitor the face-off from a minimum of six feet away.

If at least one coach and/or both referees do not wish to conduct traditional face-offs, then the game will feature alternate possessions at the start of the first and second half, with a free possession at midfield for the team awarded the ball. After each goal, the ball will be awarded to the team that just allowed the goal at goal line extended for a contested clear, with play resuming on the referee's whistle. If the team that allowed the goal is trailing by four or more goals, they will receive the ball at midfield for a free possession.

Girls Events

If both coaches and at least one referee agree to conduct traditional draws prior to the game, then draws may occur. If not, games will feature alternate possessions at the start of the first and second half, with a free possession at midfield for the team awarded the ball.

For games between 14U and older teams, after each goal the ball will be awarded to the team that just allowed the goal at goal line extended for a contested clear, with play resuming on the referee's whistle. If the team that allowed the goal is trailing by seven or more goals, they will receive the ball at midfield for a free possession.

For games between 13u and younger teams, after each goal, the ball will be awarded to the team that just allowed the goal at midfield for a free possession.