Lacrosse is one of the least publicized sports in the United States, but its similarity to the more accepted games of hockey and soccer, and its unique style of play make it an exciting spectator sport.

Lacrosse is played with a ball and a crosse. The ball is made of India rubber sponge, and its small size (7¾ to 8 inches circumference) makes it difficult to handle for the players. Each lacrosse player is equipped with a crosse—a hockey stick, bent to form a crook and strung with a long net of gut or rawhide. The players wear rubber-elastic shoes and a helmet with a steel face guard for protection.

The field for the Lacrosse game is 110 yards long and between 60 and 70 yards wide. The goals are set 30 yards apart, and are 6 feet square.

A Lacrosse team consists of ten men, a goalie, three defensemen, three midfield players, and three attackers. The defensemen have positions of point, cover point, and first defense; the midfield men, right wing, center, and left wing; and the attackers, left attack, inside attack, and outside attack.

The game is run by two officials, a referee, and a judge. It is divided into two 15-minute periods, with a one-minute break between quarters and a ten-minute break between halves.

A Lacrosse game is started with a face-off similar to one in hockey. After the face-off, the teams attempt to throw the ball into the opponent's goal. The ball is carried up the field in the crosse, being thrown from teammate to teammate. The opposing team may get the ball by knocking it out of the crosse, or by body checking anyone carrying the ball or attempting to get the ball.

After each goal and at the beginning of each quarter, a face-off occurs. When the ball is thrown or tossed out of bounds, possession goes to the ball for a free throw in from the sideline.

Like many other sports with physical contact, Lacrosse has a penalty system. There are two types of penalties, technical and personal.

Technical penalties are less severe than personal ones and are only for failure to follow some of the rules. Technical penalties result in either a change in possession of the ball or a suspension of a player from the game for 30 seconds. An important technical penalty is for offsides. A team must have a minimum of three attackers on the opponent's half of the field and a minimum of four defenders on their side of the field. The more serious personal penalties are given for illegal body contact. This is a one- or two-minute suspension penalty.

Although Lacrosse is a fast-moving, rough game, each team is allowed only one time-out per period. Further time-outs, usually for substitutions, incur a penalty.

At the end of the 60 minutes of play, the team with more goals wins. In the case of a tie, two overtime periods of five minutes each are played. If neither team scores, the match is considered a tie.

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