New Pilot CLA Rules for 2003 Highlights of Rule Changes

CLA RULE	PREVIOUS RULE SUMMARY (OLD)	PILOT RULE SUMMARY (NEW)
RULE 6 Lacrosse Stick	Minimum stick length Bantam division up = 42" inches	Minimum stick length Bantam division up = 40" inches
RULE 31 Ball Out of Bounds	Ball out of bounds on a shot on goal, awarded possession to goalkeeper	Awarded possession to opponent of the team who last touched the ball
RULE 38 Checking from Behind	Minor or Major penalty	Minor, or Major + Game Misconduct penalty, or Match penalty
RULE 39 Crease Play	In Minor Lacrosse, pass back into goalkeeper once per possession allowed	In Minor Lacrosse, cannot pass back into goalkeeper at any time
RULE 40 Cross-Checking	Illegal cross-check undefined	Illegal cross-check defined as: (1) below the waist, (2) on top of the shoulder, (3) opponent not on their feet, and (4) non-ball carrier outside the dotted line
RULE 43 Face-offs	Players cannot enter large circle before ball leaves the two-foot face-off circle	Players cannot enter restraining lines before ball leaves the two-foot face-off circle
RULE 54 Injured Players	In Minor Lacrosse, a goalkeeper hit on the facemask, helmet or throat guard, play re-starts with a face-off	In Minor Lacrosse, a goalkeeper hit on the facemask, helmet or throat guard, play re-starts with possession to goalkeeper
RULE 64 Slashing	Legal stick-to-stick contact of opponent included gloves	Legal stick-to-stick contact of opponent excludes gloves
RULE 68 30-Second Rule	30-Second rule suspended during man-short play	30-Second rule in effect on all possessions
RULE 77 Major Penalties	Player assessed a major serves five minutes or release on two goals scored by the opposition	Player assessed a major serves entire five minutes, released on dead ball after penalty time expired. Substitution from bench allowed on two goals scored by the opposition
RULE 85 Calling of Penalties	With few exceptions, play re-starts with a face-off	Play re-starts after penalty with possession to non-offending team