

## **NOTICE TO BRINE CONSUMERS (Regarding Brine Mantra)**

Dear Valued Consumer:

Many of you are aware of a recent Rules Change affecting one of our Brine Women's lacrosse head/sticks...the Mantra. The U.S. Lacrosse Women's Rules committee has deemed the Mantra (top strung) illegal despite having:

1. Passed all of the crosse specifications set forth in the Official Rules for Girls & Women's Lacrosse,
2. Been tested by the U.S. Lacrosse designated lab in May of 2009 with a resulting report that the Brine Mantra satisfied all specification requirements,
3. Been actively used in play since June of 2009,
4. Been examined by each member of the Rules Committee with their conclusion that it does not violate any rule.

The U.S. Lacrosse Women's Rules Committee has without notice, declared the Brine Mantra illegal for play, effective immediately, when strung along the top of the sidewall. It is important to note that **the head itself is, and remains, a perfectly legal head**. The action taken by the U.S. Lacrosse Rules Committee relates only to the manner in which the head is strung. Although the Rules Committee and their designated lab examined the Brine Mantra strung in precisely the same manner to which they now object, they now claim it provides the player with a competitive advantage at the draw and that they needed to take immediate action, without notice to Brine, and without any grandfather or grace period. In our experience, such action is unprecedented when involving an issue that is not safety related.

We stand behind our product line and regret that this U.S. Lacrosse action will result in an unnecessary inconvenience for retailers, consumers, women lacrosse players and families. We encourage you to provide feedback on this Rules Change directly to U.S. Lacrosse via their website at [www.uslacrosse.org](http://www.uslacrosse.org).

Since we value you, our loyal Brine consumer, Brine will re-string any Brine Mantra head that was sold fully strung along the top of the sidewall at no charge to ensure compliance as mandated by the U.S Lacrosse Rules Committee within 48 hours of receipt. Consumers are responsible for all shipping charges to and from Brine's designated stringer. Please provide a return ship label, paid postage and an email address in the box with your Mantra head. Please ship to:

Youngs Brothers

Attn: Mantra Stringing  
6589 US Highway 11  
Canton, NY13617

Brine is proud to maintain our long-standing commitment to serving our customers with innovative, cutting edge products to further the great sport of lacrosse.

Sincerely,

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Warrior and Brine Lacrosse