



## NCAA FIELD HOCKEY PLAYING RULES Video Referral Guidance

This guidance will cover how to request a Video Review, the steps the umpires will take to evaluate the video, and possible outcomes. It is intended to supplement the written guidance from FIH, which is in Appendix A of the NCAA Modifications. Please review that document thoroughly. This is the same information as in the video guidance for Video Review.

The primary purpose of the Video Referral system is to assist umpires in their decision-making and to help reduce significant errors that could impact a match's result.

The Match Umpires are the only persons who can refer decisions for Video Review- directly or after a permitted team referral request.

### **TEAM REFERRALS**

Team referrals are restricted to decisions within the 23-meter areas relating to the award (or non-award) of goals, penalty strokes, and Penalty Corners and, during a shoot-out competition, whether a shoot-out should be re-taken. The award of personal penalty cards may not be the subject of a team referral.

Any team player on the field of play at the time of the incident can request a team referral. The player must do so immediately after the incident or decision which is to be referred by using the 'T' signal and verbally confirming this to the Umpire.



The player requesting the team referral must inform a Match Umpire of the exact nature of the decision (or non-decision) that their team wishes to be reviewed within a maximum of 20 seconds.

If no question is received within 20 seconds, the team referral will automatically default to a review of the last decision or non-decision relating to the award (or non-award) of a goal, penalty stroke, Penalty Corner, or re-take of a shoot-out.

These are the only outcomes of a Team Referral.

These are the only possible outcomes of Team Referrals:

- 'Goal' • 'No Goal'
- 'Penalty Stroke' • 'No Penalty Stroke'
- 'Penalty Corner' • 'No Penalty Corner'
- 'Shoot-out to be re-taken' • 'No Shoot-out re-take'
- 'No Advice Possible'
- plus advice on any observed breach of the Rules.

## Match Umpires

2.1 The Match Umpires may refer decisions to the Video Umpire when they are not convinced that they have made, or are able to make, the correct decision regarding the awarding or disallowing of goals, the award / non-award of penalty stroke decisions or **serious misconduct incidents anywhere on the field of play.**

If possible, the engaged Umpire signals the decision they consider to be correct.

Play and time should be stopped before referring to the Video Umpire.

The engaged Umpire indicates that Video review is requested by a clear hand signal (rectangular television screen shape).

If there is no video review umpire. The on-field umpires will move to the video screen to decide on the call.

#### Best Practice

- The umpire who did not make the call in question should look at the video first.
- If the video is not of the quality to make a decision, stop the process immediately
- Look at the video at full speed first.
- Find the best angle to see the situation.
- Be mindful of the time it is taking.
- You may not be able to get it “right” if the video does not show clear reasons to overturn the call on the field stands.
- Return to the field and indicate the call. There is no need to talk to the coaches.

#### **Video Review process with Video Umpire**

The engaged Umpire (or their colleague) communicates with the Video Umpire through radio contact clearly explaining what they wish to be advised upon.

The Video Umpire confirms that the request has been received and understood by repeating the question back to the field umpires.