



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S LACROSSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JULY 27-28, 2026, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside the Playing Season – Four-Hour Limitation on Skill Instruction – Eliminate Limitation on Skill Instruction – Men's Lacrosse**
 - a. Recommendation. The NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee recommends the NCAA Division I Cabinet adopt expedited legislation, for men's lacrosse, to eliminate the four-hour limitation on skill instruction outside the playing season.
 - b. Effective date. Immediate.
 - c. Rationale. This recommendation eliminates the four-hour restriction on skill instruction. It maintains the limit of eight hours of countable athletically related activities outside the playing season but provides institutions with autonomy to determine which activities to conduct within the eight-hour CARA limit each week outside the playing season.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. Minimal, for there is no increase in the weekly hour time allotment.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. 2025 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2025 annual meeting report.
- 2. 2026 championship review.**
 - a. **Selection criteria.** The committee reviewed the current selection criteria and added clarifying language stating the RPI value along with adding secondary criteria of trend of performance and competitive in losses. The committee also received an update from the coaches group point person, Lars Tiffany, about the selections metric they are proposing called Powerwise. After reviewing that metrics output versus what the committee selected, the committee noted some differences and suggested more follow-up regarding what the coaching community thinks about the metric now that they have seen those differences.

- b. **Bracket review.** Committee members reviewed the 2026 bracket and noted that despite their wanting to expand the bracket, sponsorship is not yet such to support proposing to do so. The committee will continue to monitor sponsorship.
 - c. **Surveys.** The committee reviewed the surveys and noted some of the challenges that hosts have with hotels for preliminary rounds along with other challenges.
 - d. **2026 championship awards presentation.** The committee reviewed and was pleased with the 2026 championship awards presentation.
 - e. **Locker rooms.** The committee reviewed the locker room challenge at the finals site and thought Virginia as the host did a great job developing a plan and executing the best possible outcome with the resources presented. While it is not ideal to have teams in tents, they were well constructed and included all the amenities needed.
 - f. **Schedule.** The committee reviewed the schedule for this past year and thought it worked out well and agreed that no changes are necessary.
 - g. **Preliminary rounds.** The committee reviewed the preliminary rounds and noted excellent attendance at the Richmond site. Members also commented on the playing surface challenge at Hofstra and would like staff to inquire if that has been fixed as they are slated to host again in 2028.
- 3. **Broadcast updates.** The committee met with the broadcast group and reviewed the broadcast numbers, which were outstanding this year.
- 4. **2027 automatic qualifiers.** The NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee recommends that all 10 eligible conferences receive one automatic qualification spot for the 2027 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship. Conferences receiving one automatic qualification spot are: America East Conference, ASUN Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Coastal Athletic Association, The Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Northeast Conference and the Patriot League.
- 5. **Legislative update.**
 - a. **Overview of sport oversight committees' recent legislative changes and proposals.** The committee received an overview of recent sport oversight committees' legislative changes that were adopted during the April and June 2026 legislative cycles, introduced into the October 2026 legislative cycle and other recent general legislative changes.
 - b. **Proposal No. 2026-48 -- Recruiting -- Precollege Expenses -- Complimentary Admissions To Away-from-home Athletics Events -- After Commitment -- Basketball** In preparation for the Cabinet's October review of Proposal No. 2026-48 (Recruiting -- Precollege Expenses -- Complimentary Admissions to Away-from-home Athletics Events - - After Commitment -- Basketball), to specify that after an individual has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or a settlement related benefits agreement, or after the institution has received the individual's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the institution may provide the individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) with a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to an away-from-home athletics

event in a facility in the locale of the individual's home or educational institution, the oversight committee discussed whether the proposal should apply to men's lacrosse. The oversight committee supports the proposal applying to men's lacrosse.

- c. **NCAA Division I CLR Guidelines and Directives specific to the Minto Cup and Mann Cup Feedback.** The committee reviewed the Requests to Waive Outside Competition Legislation [Bylaw 17.31.1] – Directive specific to men's lacrosse student-athlete participation in the Minto Cup and Mann Cup and provided feedback to retain the flexibility provided by the directive.
6. **Rules Subcommittee update.** The Division I Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee reviewed and approved five rules changes submitted by the Division I Men's Lacrosse Rules Subcommittee, which included:
 - a. The standard ball color becoming a fluorescent green or yellow, similar to hex code #ccff00. This is allowable for the 2027 season and will be fully required by the 2028 season.
 - b. Changing overtime play to proceed for 15-minute periods or until a goal is scored. Timeout and challenge rules remain unchanged.
 - c. A coach's challenge may be requested to initiate a review of a goal that could potentially be negated by the following:
 - Offsides;
 - Too many players on the field;
 - Player in possession of the ball stepped on a boundary line (defined as the lines that completely surround the field, the midline and the restraining lines).

The challenge may only be requested if the goal was scored within 15 seconds of when the violation occurred and no whistle has sounded between the potential violations listed above and the goal. In the event that the clock is not burned into the video feed, officials may use a stopwatch while reviewing the play at actual speed to determine the 15-second count.

 - d. Officials may initiate video review of potential contact to the head/neck without having originally made a call.
 - e. On a play where officials have originally made a call for contact to the head/neck, they may rescind the penalty if video review confirms there was no illegal contact.
 7. **Future sites review.** Brown University and the U.S. Naval Academy will be hosting the quarterfinals May 22-23, 2027. Drexel University will host the men's championships May 29-31, 2027. The committee also received an update on the upcoming future bid cycle slated to

open in the next few months and be for the 2029, 2030 and 2031 championships.

8. **2027 championship site visit review.** The committee is looking forward to bringing the championship back to Philadelphia.
9. **Future annual meeting schedule.** The committee inquired for staff to look to move the annual meeting into June. Staff will review and determine best date(s) for the coming year
10. **Joint meeting with the Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee.** The committee met jointly with the Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee to provide relevant updates, specifically from their annual meetings. The committees plan to meet jointly on an annual basis.

Committee Chair: Matthew Colagiovanni, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.

*Staff Liaison(s): Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.
Shelby Sonnefeldt, Division I Governance and Member Services.
Ryan Tressel, Championships and Alliances.*

Division I Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee July 27-28, 2026, Annual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Tom Abbott, NCAA Coordinator of Officials (nonvoting member).	
J.B. Clarke, Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Association (nonvoting member).	
Matthew Colagiovanni, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.	
Christine Copper, U.S. Naval Academy (nonvoting member).	
Nick Gannon, Drexel University.	
Jeremy Gibson, Lehigh University.	
James Greene, Big East Conference.	
Jamie Mullin, University of Syracuse.	
Brad Ross, Bryant University.	
Willie Scroggs, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor (nonvoting member).	
Alanna Wren, University of Pennsylvania.	
Absentees:	
Shawn Lyght, University of Notre Dame.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Aaron Katzman, Mallory Kenny, David Seidman, Lars Tiffany and Lindsay Tomaini.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Will Hopkins, Shelby Sonnefeldt and Ryan Tressel.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Leslie Havens, Connor Lancashire, Jarom McLiver, Nick Moller and Sara Thurber.	