



2021 Men's Lacrosse Rules Waivers due to COVID-19

Due to challenges resulting from COVID-19, playing rules waivers for several sports have been granted for the 2021 spring season. The playing rules waivers are consistent with the guidance included in the previously published NCAA Resocialization of Collegiate Sport documents. In this regard, the NCAA playing rules committees and staff will continue to monitor any additional developments and make adjustments as appropriate.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Waivers</u>
1-12	To permit each team area to extend outward 10 additional yards towards the goal line extended. Rationale: Enhance physical distancing; Reduce the spread of germs.
2-6	In emergency situations, to permit a game to be started and completed with two officials. Rationale: Allow for the completion of contests due to potential positive tests of an official.
2-7	To limit the pregame head coaches meeting, which takes place at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start, to one head coach and one official. Rationale: Enhance physical distancing; Reduce the spread of germs.
4-1	To limit the coin toss to one captain from each team and one official. The coin toss shall be conducted with each captain standing five yards from the official standing at the center of the field. Rationale: Enhance physical distancing; Reduce the spread of germs.
4-2	To limit the pregame faceoff meeting to one representative from each team and one official to explain any special ground rules. Rationale: Enhance physical distancing; Reduce the spread of germs.

4-3.b	<p>To establish the following faceoff procedure for officials to conduct quick and efficient faceoffs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Officials should put the ball on the ground and back away.2. Instruct the players to go 'Down' for the faceoff. Both players shall immediately align correctly.3. Officials shall give the 'Set' command and then blow the whistle to start play. <p>Play-On Technique – As a reminder, the play-on technique allows the offended team the opportunity to gain possession of the ball. Do not let these situations drag on. If possession is not quickly gained by the offended team, then the whistle should be blown, and the ball is awarded to the team that was fouled. Officials are being asked to have zero tolerance when players are not aligned properly.</p> <p>Rationale: Reduce the spread of germs.</p>
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