



## **NCAA MEN'S LACROSSE RULES INTERPRETATIONS, APPROVED RULINGS AND OFFICIATING MECHANICS**

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*[Note: Shaded areas indicate new or altered language from previous versions interpretations and case play document.]*

Please note the comments, interpretations and approved rulings that appear below are intended to assist in clarifying situations that are not explicitly covered in the 2023 and 2024 Online Only Version of the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Book for the 2024 season.

### Rules Book Correction

The following should be added to Rule 4-35:

Should there be a technical issue with the video review system (i.e., the video review technology is not functioning, or the camera(s) is not positioned on the goal) a coach shall not lose their challenge. However, if the result of the review is inconclusive and the call on the field stands, the coach shall lose their challenge.

### Rules Interpretations

An illegal body check that causes a helmet to come off does not result in a simultaneous foul. There has been some confusion through the fall segment into the start of the season. An exception to Rule 7-6 will be added in the next edition of the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Book to clarify that this situation is not a simultaneous foul. The rules change requiring players to leave the field of play when their helmet comes off was added to due to the trend of players not wearing helmets as designed.

### Officiating Mechanics

In order to consistently adjudicate the restart of play in situations where the helmet comes off a player during live play in the scrimmage area, officials will be utilizing their beeper (timing device) which will provide roughly 20 seconds for players to leave the field and the restart of play. Situations such as injury or location of the field may impact the duration

of the restart, but the goal of this officiating mechanic is to allow for consistency on restarts.

In addition, the rules committee is asking for support from the table crew to assist with the release of players in the substitution area as it relates to serving penalty time as well as the requirement to leave the field of play until the next dead ball following a helmet coming off during live play in the scrimmage area.

The faceoff mechanic for the 2024 season will be same as last year with additional focus on officials varying the cadence of the faceoff.

With the introduction of video review for the 2024 season, prior to the game, officials will discuss with the host if video review is available. If available, officials will review the system to ensure understanding of what angles they may have access to. It is important for officials and coaches to discuss video review during their pregame meeting so that all parties understand what will be available during the game.

To view the entire 2024 men's lacrosse video review parameters, please click [here](#).

The online version of the NCAA 2023 and 2024 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Book is currently available on RefQuest+ and the NCAA Publications website to reflect any changes from last season. Please feel free to contact Willie Scroggs ([williescroggs@unc.edu](mailto:williescroggs@unc.edu)) or Tom Abbott ([laxstripes@hotmail.com](mailto:laxstripes@hotmail.com)) with any questions.