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2024 Men's Lacrosse Rules Results

Methods

- This was a survey of athletic directors, conference commissioners, game officials, and head coaches aimed at obtaining their feedback on new rules changes and support for potential new rules topics/areas of emphasis.
- The survey was designed to take no more than 10-15 minutes and was administered online through the QuestionPro survey software.
- The survey was open from April 22 to May 27, 2024.
- The survey was distributed via email to almost 850 coaches and game officials. The link to the survey was posted to an online survey dashboard designed for athletics directors, conference commissioners and senior woman administrators to provide rules feedback during the 2023-24 academic year. A notice about the use of the survey dashboard was emailed to all athletics directors and conference commissioners in fall 2023 and again in late January 2024. The survey availability was highlighted in the NCAA Weekly and follow-up emails were sent to coaches and officials. Of the 1,285 possible participants, there were 321 completed surveys (25 percent response rate).

SURVEY RESPONSE TABLE

TITLE	RESPONSES	POSSIBLE	RESPONSE RATE
DI Head Coach	26	76	34%
DII Head Coach	20	80	25%
DIII Head Coach	79	242	33%
Total Coaches	125	398	31%
DI Director of Athletics	1	76	1%
DII Director of Athletics	7	80	9%
DIII Director of Athletics	14	242	6%
Total ADs	22	398	6%
DI Conference Commissioner	3	10	30%
DII Conference Commissioner	3	9	33%
DIII Conference Commissioner	4	28	14%
Total Commissioners	10	47	21%
Game Official	164	442	37%
Game Officials	164	442	37%
TOTAL	321	1,285	25%

Notes: The *Composition and Sport Sponsorship of the NCAA Membership* [webpage](#) was used to identify the number of institutions that indicated an intent to sponsor men's lacrosse during the 2023-24 academic year. Conference sponsorship information was pulled using Member Reports data.

NEW RULES FOR THE 2024 SEASON

1. The requirement that players must leave the field of play if their helmet comes off during live play has helped ensure players are wearing their helmet properly.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	269	84%	22	100%	8	80%	156	96%
Disagree	31	10%	0	0%	1	10%	6	4%
No Opinion	20	6%	0	0%	1	10%	1	1%
Total	320		22		10		163	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	83	66%	17	65%	14	70%	52	66%
Disagree	24	19%	5	19%	2	10%	17	22%
No Opinion	18	14%	4	15%	4	20%	10	13%
Total	125		26		20		79	

2. Video review has been a positive addition to men's lacrosse.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	161	51%	5	23%	5	56%	105	65%
Disagree	45	14%	5	23%	2	22%	22	14%
No Opinion	112	35%	12	55%	2	22%	35	22%
Total	318		22		9		162	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	46	37%	19	73%	4	20%	23	29%
Disagree	16	13%	4	15%	2	10%	10	13%
No Opinion	63	50%	3	12%	14	70%	46	58%
Total	125		26		20		79	

NEW RULES FOR THE 2024 SEASON

3. The committee should focus on expanding video review.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	111	35%	1	5%	3	33%	69	43%
Disagree	113	36%	11	50%	4	44%	65	40%
No Opinion	94	30%	10	45%	2	22%	28	17%
Total	318		22		9		162	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	38	30%	14	54%	7	35%	17	22%
Disagree	33	26%	5	19%	2	10%	26	33%
No Opinion	54	43%	7	27%	11	55%	36	46%
Total	125		26		20		79	

4. The coach's challenge has been a positive addition to the video review criteria.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	155	49%	4	19%	5	56%	98	60%
Disagree	37	12%	4	19%	2	22%	18	11%
No Opinion	125	39%	13	62%	2	22%	47	29%
Total	317		21		9		163	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	48	39%	18	69%	6	32%	24	30%
Disagree	13	10%	2	8%	1	5%	10	13%
No Opinion	63	51%	6	23%	12	63%	45	57%
Total	124		26		19		79	

NEW RULES FOR THE 2024 SEASON

5. If a coach successfully challenges a play, they should continue to retain that challenge. If their challenge is unsuccessful, the coach should continue to lose a timeout.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	245	77%	11	50%	6	67%	150	91%
Disagree	21	7%	2	9%	1	11%	6	4%
No Opinion	53	17%	9	41%	2	22%	8	5%
Total	319		22		9		164	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	78	63%	19	76%	15	75%	44	56%
Disagree	12	10%	2	8%	5	25%	5	6%
No Opinion	34	27%	4	16%	0	0%	30	38%
Total	124		25		20		79	

6. Allowing only official reviews (excluding contact to the head or neck area) in the last four minutes of regulation and the duration of overtime should continue.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	208	65%	11	50%	5	50%	132	81%
Disagree	43	13%	2	9%	2	20%	17	10%
No Opinion	69	22%	9	41%	3	30%	14	9%
Total	320		22		10		163	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	60	48%	16	62%	11	55%	33	42%
Disagree	22	18%	8	31%	2	10%	12	15%
No Opinion	43	34%	2	8%	7	35%	34	43%
Total	125		26		20		79	

NEW RULES FOR THE 2024 SEASON

7. One challenge per half is the right number.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	234	73%	8	36%	6	60%	143	87%
Disagree	20	6%	2	9%	1	10%	8	5%
No Opinion	61	19%	11	50%	2	20%	13	8%
Other	6	2%	1	5%	1	10%	0	0%
Total	321		22		10		164	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	77	62%	20	77%	13	65%	44	56%
Disagree	9	7%	2	8%	2	10%	5	6%
No Opinion	35	28%	3	12%	5	25%	27	34%
Other	4	3%	1	4%	0	0%	3	4%
Total	125		26		20		79	

FUTURE RULES CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS (SHOT CLOCK)

8. The shot clock should always reset to 60 seconds when the offensive team retains possession in the offensive half after successfully clearing the ball regardless of the time remaining on the shot clock.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	212	69%	11	52%	6	67%	118	74%
Disagree	80	26%	7	33%	1	11%	36	23%
No Opinion	16	5%	3	14%	2	22%	6	4%
Total	308		21		9		160	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	77	65%	17	71%	11	61%	49	64%
Disagree	36	31%	7	29%	3	17%	26	34%
No Opinion	5	4%	0	0%	4	22%	1	1%
Total	118		24		18		76	

9. The initial 80-second shot clock is the right length of time.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	279	89%	17	81%	9	90%	146	91%
Disagree	27	9%	2	10%	0	0%	11	7%
No Opinion	7	2%	2	10%	1	10%	3	2%
Total	313		21		10		160	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	107	88%	22	85%	18	95%	67	87%
Disagree	14	11%	3	12%	1	5%	10	13%
No Opinion	1	1%	1	4%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	122		26		19		77	

FUTURE RULES CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS (SHOT CLOCK)

10. What is your preferred length of time (in seconds) for the initial shot clock? [\[Only for those that 'Disagree in Q9\]](#)

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
50 seconds	0	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 seconds	19	70%	1	50%	-	-	8	73%
70 seconds	5	19%	1	50%	-	-	3	27%
Other	3	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	27		2				11	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
50 seconds	0	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
60 seconds	10	71%	1	33%	1	100%	8	80%
70 seconds	1	7%	1	33%	-	-	-	-
Other	3	21%	1	33%	-	-	2	20%
Total	14		3		1		10	

FUTURE RULES CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS (DIVE)

11. Penalties for goal-crease prohibitions are adequate for the offense.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	266	84%	18	86%	7	78%	152	94%
Disagree	32	10%	0	0%	0	0%	8	5%
No Opinion	17	5%	3	14%	2	22%	1	1%
Total	315		21		9		161	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	89	72%	17	65%	14	74%	58	73%
Disagree	24	19%	5	19%	4	21%	15	19%
No Opinion	11	9%	4	15%	1	5%	6	8%
Total	124		26		19		79	

12. Penalties for goal-crease prohibitions are adequate for the defense.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	268	86%	17	81%	7	78%	152	96%
Disagree	25	8%	1	5%	0	0%	5	3%
No Opinion	19	6%	3	14%	2	22%	2	1%
Total	312		21		9		159	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	92	75%	21	81%	14	74%	57	73%
Disagree	19	15%	2	8%	4	21%	13	17%
No Opinion	12	10%	3	12%	1	5%	8	10%
Total	123		26		19		78	

FUTURE RULES CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS (DIVE)

13. Current goal mouth violations should be expanded to include the entirety of the crease (i.e. goal scorers must NEVER enter the larger goal-crease area).

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	93	30%	11	52%	7	70%	41	26%
Disagree	196	63%	6	29%	1	10%	111	70%
No Opinion	24	8%	4	19%	2	20%	7	4%
Total	313		21		10		159	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	34	28%	4	15%	5	26%	25	32%
Disagree	78	63%	19	73%	13	68%	46	59%
No Opinion	11	9%	3	12%	1	5%	7	9%
Total	123		26		19		78	

FUTURE RULES CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS (FACE OFF)

14. The faceoff rules currently allow for fairness for both faceoff players.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	234	75%	18	86%	5	56%	136	85%
Disagree	56	18%	0	0%	1	11%	18	11%
No Opinion	24	8%	3	14%	3	33%	6	4%
Total	314		21		9		160	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	75	60%	8	31%	14	74%	53	67%
Disagree	37	30%	16	62%	3	16%	18	23%
No Opinion	12	10%	2	8%	2	11%	8	10%
Total	124		26		19		79	

15. Overall, the current faceoff officiating mechanics have allowed for the ball in get back into play quickly and fairly.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	242	77%	18	86%	8	89%	141	88%
Disagree	58	19%	0	0%	0	0%	16	10%
No Opinion	13	4%	3	14%	1	11%	3	2%
Total	313		21		9		160	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	75	61%	11	44%	14	74%	50	63%
Disagree	42	34%	14	56%	5	26%	23	29%
No Opinion	6	5%	0	0%	0	0%	6	8%
Total	123		25		19		79	

FUTURE RULES CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS (FACE OFF)

16. The rules for withholding the ball from play (Rule 6-11) should be enforced at all times, including the faceoffs.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	221	71%	12	60%	8	89%	124	78%
Disagree	49	16%	1	5%	0	0%	22	14%
No Opinion	42	13%	7	35%	1	11%	14	9%
Total	312		20		9		160	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	77	63%	17	68%	11	58%	49	62%
Disagree	26	21%	7	28%	4	21%	15	19%
No Opinion	20	16%	1	4%	4	21%	15	19%
Total	123		25		19		79	

17. The faceoff players should be required to only play the ball and not make contact with the opposing faceoff player without playing the ball.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	166	53%	12	57%	8	80%	101	63%
Disagree	118	37%	4	19%	1	10%	50	31%
No Opinion	31	10%	5	24%	1	10%	9	6%
Total	315		21		10		160	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	45	36%	7	27%	6	32%	32	41%
Disagree	63	51%	15	58%	9	47%	39	49%
No Opinion	16	13%	4	15%	4	21%	8	10%
Total	124		26		19		79	

OTHER ITEMS

18. The rules around the uniform number should be changed to require only that the number clearly contrast with the color of the uniform (This would not make any current uniforms illegal).

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	206	66%	15	79%	7	78%	94	59%
Disagree	25	8%	2	11%	2	22%	12	8%
No Opinion	79	25%	2	11%	0	0%	52	33%
Total	310		19		9		158	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	90	73%	20	77%	13	68%	57	72%
Disagree	9	7%	4	15%	2	11%	3	4%
No Opinion	25	20%	2	8%	4	21%	19	24%
Total	124		26		19		79	

19. Any ball thrown or directed from the defensive half of the field is not considered a shot unless it goes into the goal or contacts the goalkeeper or goal post.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	140	45%	13	65%	4	44%	87	55%
Disagree	162	52%	5	25%	3	33%	70	44%
No Opinion	8	3%	2	10%	2	22%	1	1%
Total	310		20		9		158	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	36	29%	8	31%	4	22%	24	30%
Disagree	84	68%	17	65%	13	72%	54	68%
No Opinion	3	2%	1	4%	1	6%	1	1%
Total	123		26		18		79	

OTHER ITEMS

20. Due to concerns (e.g., player safety, valid goal, potential fouls or penalties), celebratory light shows that turn off and on repeatedly following a goal should not be permitted.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	149	48%	16	80%	4	40%	70	45%
Disagree	75	24%	2	10%	3	30%	45	29%
No Opinion	85	28%	2	10%	3	30%	41	26%
Total	309		20		10		156	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	59	48%	8	32%	13	68%	38	48%
Disagree	25	20%	6	24%	5	26%	14	18%
No Opinion	39	32%	11	44%	1	5%	27	34%
Total	123		25		19		79	

21. All stick penalties should be the same; one-minute non-releasable.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	144	47%	13	65%	5	56%	66	42%
Disagree	142	46%	5	25%	1	11%	85	54%
No Opinion	22	7%	2	10%	3	33%	5	3%
Total	308		20		9		156	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	60	49%	13	50%	10	53%	37	47%
Disagree	51	41%	10	38%	7	37%	34	44%
No Opinion	12	10%	3	12%	2	11%	7	9%
Total	123		26		19		78	

OTHER ITEMS

22. The rules committee should address the recent trend of bench celebrations and overall bench decorum with stricter penalties around this behavior.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	136	44%	14	70%	8	80%	75	48%
Disagree	122	40%	5	25%	2	20%	59	38%
No Opinion	49	16%	1	5%	0	0%	21	14%
Total	307		20		10		155	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	39	32%	7	28%	6	32%	26	33%
Disagree	56	46%	9	36%	10	53%	37	47%
No Opinion	27	22%	9	36%	3	16%	15	19%
Total	122		25		19		78	

23. Overtime should be 15 minutes to mirror the other period lengths.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	76	24%	4	20%	1	10%	29	18%
Disagree	214	69%	13	65%	8	80%	122	77%
No Opinion	21	7%	3	15%	1	10%	7	4%
Total	311		20		10		158	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	42	34%	12	46%	3	16%	27	35%
Disagree	71	58%	12	46%	14	74%	45	58%
No Opinion	10	8%	2	8%	2	11%	6	8%
Total	123		26		19		78	

OTHER ITEMS

24. Timeouts should not be permitted to be called during live play.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	28	9%	6	30%	1	11%	18	11%
Disagree	268	86%	11	55%	6	67%	134	85%
No Opinion	15	5%	3	15%	2	22%	6	4%
Total	311		20		9		158	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	3	2%	0	0%	1	5%	2	3%
Disagree	117	94%	25	96%	18	95%	74	94%
No Opinion	4	3%	1	4%	0	0%	3	4%
Total	124		26		19		79	

25. In a potential over and back situation, the offensive team's defensive players may only use their crosse to keep the ball in the offensive half of the field.

ANSWER	OVERALL		ADs		Conf. Commissioners		Game Officials	
Agree	172	55%	10	50%	4	44%	100	63%
Disagree	104	33%	3	15%	0	0%	49	31%
No Opinion	35	11%	7	35%	5	56%	9	6%
Total	311		20		9		158	

ANSWER	Head Coaches		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Agree	58	47%	7	27%	9	47%	42	53%
Disagree	52	42%	16	62%	7	37%	29	37%
No Opinion	14	11%	3	12%	3	16%	8	10%
Total	124		26		19		79	