2025-26 Men's Lacrosse Rules - Survey Results

Methods

• This was a survey of head coaches, athletics directors, senior woman administrators, conference commissioners, conference coordinators of officials and officials. The purpose was to obtain feedback for potential new rules topics/areas of emphasis.

• The survey was designed to take no more than 10 minutes and was administered online through the Qualtrics survey software.

• The survey was open from April 21 to May 17, 2026.

• The survey was distributed via email to coaches, officials and conference coordinators of officials. The survey link was posted to an online survey dashboard webpage designed for athletics directors conference commissioners to provide rules survey feedback during the 2025-26 academic year. A notice about the use of the survey dashboard was included in the NCAA Weekly to all athletics directors and conference commissioners prior to the survey launch. Of the 2,109 possible participants, there were 440 completed surveys (21 percent response rate).

Note: Items shaded in blue represent a response percentage at or above 60%.

Key Findings

• More than 60% of Divisions II and III head coaches along with 88% of athletics directors and 72% of officials indicated they are not in favor of other items being reviewable under video review. However, nearly 70% of Division I head coaches are in favor of other items being reviewable under video review.

• Two-thirds of athletics directors and over 60% of Divisions II and III head coaches indicated a second unsportsmanlike conduct should result in disqualification for the remainder of the game.

• Overall, 65% of head coaches and 67% of officials reported they do not think a player should be subject to additional sanctions after receiving a 2-minute, non-releasable foul due to direct contact to the head.

• The majority of head coaches (79%), athletics directors (92%) and game officials (75%) are not in favor of changing the shot clock reset to a different number.

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QUANTITATIVE DATA

5/21/2026

Title	Recorded	Possible	Response Rate
DI Head Coach	32	77	42%
DII Head Coach	37	79	47%
DIII Head Coach	86	234	37%
TOTAL COACHES	***155***	***390***	***40%***
DI Athletics Director	2	72	3%
DII Athletics Director	4	84	5%
DIII Athletics Director	12	236	5%
TOTAL ATHL. DIRECTORS	***18***	***392***	***5%***
DI Conf. Commissioner	0	11	0%
DII Conf. Commissioner	1	10	10%
DIII Conf. Commissioner	5	26	19%
TOTAL COMMISSIONERS	***6***	***47***	***13%***
DI Senior Woman Admin.	1	71	1%
DII Senior Woman Admin.	1	74	1%
DIII Senior Woman Admin.	3	219	1%
TOTAL SWAs	***5***	***364***	***1%***
Conference Coordinator	4	11	***36%***
Game Official	252	905	***28%***
TOTAL	**440**	**2,109**	**21%**

Note: The 'N' for head coaches, athletic directors, senior woman administrators and conference commissioners was pulled from the NCAA Member Reports application. Throughout the report, data are provided for groups in which the n $\geq$ 10.

POSSIBLE RULES CHANGES

Would you be in favor of the following proposed rules changes?

1. Changes to the rules of the goal mouth.

HEAD COACH	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	*42%*	64	*47%*	15	*36%*	13	*42%*	36
No	*43%*	66	*44%*	14	*42%*	15	*43%*	37
No Opinion	*16%*	24	*9%*	3	*22%*	8	*15%*	13
TOTAL	*100%*	154	*100%*	32	*100%*	36	*100%*	86

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		Division III	
Yes	*24%*	4	*27%*	**3**
No	*53%*	9	*36%*	4
No Opinion	*24%*	4	*36%*	4
TOTAL	*100%*	17	*100%*	11

**Includes all divisions*

GAME OFFICIAL	Overall	
Yes	*32%*	80
No	*53%*	132
No Opinion	*15%*	38
TOTAL	*100%*	250

Displayed to Divisions II and III only

2. During the 4th quarter, when a team is leading by 12 or more goals, the clock shall only stop for injuries, official or team timeouts and video reviews.

HEAD COACH	Overall		Division II		Division III	
Yes	*48%*	59	*51%*	19	*47%*	40
No	*40%*	49	*32%*	12	*43%*	37
No Opinion	*12%*	15	*16%*	6	*10%*	9
TOTAL	*100%*	123	*100%*	37	*100%*	86

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		Division III	
Yes	*94%*	15	*100%*	12
No	*6%*	1	*0%*	0
No Opinion	*0%*	0	*0%*	0
TOTAL	*100%*	16	*100%*	12

**Includes all divisions*

3. Attempted shots taken from beyond the midline will be treated the same as a pass by the clearing team.

HEAD COACH	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	*29%*	45	*34%*	11	*28%*	10	*28%*	24
No	*68%*	105	*66%*	21	*72%*	26	*67%*	58
No Opinion	*3%*	4	*0%*	0	*0%*	0	*5%*	4
TOTAL	*100%*	154	*100%*	32	*100%*	36	*100%*	86

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		Division III	
Yes	*56%*	10	*58%*	7
No	*28%*	5	*17%*	2
No Opinion	*17%*	3	*25%*	3
TOTAL	*100%*	18	*100%*	12

**Includes all divisions*

GAME OFFICIAL	Overall	
Yes	*50%*	125
No	*45%*	113
No Opinion	*6%*	14
TOTAL	*100%*	252

4. Change 80/60 to a single number. For example, 60 seconds.

HEAD COACH	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	*16%*	24	*13%*	4	*17%*	6	*16%*	14
No	*78%*	119	*78%*	25	*72%*	26	*80%*	68
No Opinion	*7%*	10	*9%*	3	*11%*	4	*4%*	3
TOTAL	*100%*	153	*100%*	32	*100%*	36	*100%*	85

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		Division III	
Yes	*33%*	6	*42%*	5
No	*56%*	10	*42%*	5
No Opinion	*11%*	2	*17%*	2
TOTAL	*100%*	18	*100%*	12

**Includes all divisions*

GAME OFFICIAL	Overall	
Yes	*35%*	88
No	*57%*	144
No Opinion	*8%*	20
TOTAL	*100%*	252

5. Change the shot clock reset to a different number.

HEAD COACH	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	*14%*	22	*19%*	6	*19%*	7	*10%*	9
No	*79%*	122	*74%*	23	*78%*	29	*81%*	70
No Opinion	*6%*	10	*6%*	2	*3%*	1	*8%*	7
TOTAL	*100%*	154	*100%*	31	*100%*	37	*100%*	86

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		Division III	
Yes	*8%*	1	*8%*	1
No	*92%*	12	*50%*	6
No Opinion	*0%*	0	*42%*	5
TOTAL	*100%*	13	*100%*	12

*Includes all divisions

GAME OFFICIAL	Overall	
Yes	*12%*	29
No	*75%*	188
No Opinion	*14%*	34
TOTAL	*100%*	251

Displayed to respondents answering 'Yes' to question 5 above.

6. Please select a shot clock reset number:

HEAD COACH	Overall	
30 Seconds	*29%*	6
45 Seconds	*67%*	14
70 Seconds	*5%*	1
No Opinion	*0%*	0
TOTAL	*100%*	21

*Includes all divisions

GAME OFFICIAL	Overall	
30 Seconds	*17%*	5
45 Seconds	*62%*	18
70 Seconds	*21%*	6
No Opinion	*0%*	0
TOTAL	*100%*	29

7. Should other items be reviewable under video review?

HEAD COACH	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	*41%*	64	*69%*	22	*32%*	12	*35%*	30
No	*59%*	91	*31%*	10	*68%*	25	*65%*	56
TOTAL	*100%*	155	*100%*	32	*100%*	37	*100%*	86

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		Division III	
Yes	*12%*	2	*9%*	1
No	*88%*	15	*91%*	10
No Opinion	*0%*	0	*0%*	0
TOTAL	*100%*	17	*100%*	11

*Includes all divisions

GAME OFFICIAL	Overall	
Yes	*28%*	71
No	*72%*	180
No Opinion	*0%*	0
TOTAL	*100%*	251

* Additional items that participants feel should be reviewable under video review (i.e. interference with the goalkeeper, offsides, etc.) can be found in the excel response file.

8. Currently, direct contact to the head results in a minimum of a 2-minute, non-releasable foul. Should the player be subject to additional sanctions (i.e., a misconduct foul)?

HEAD COACH	Overall		Division I		Division II		Division III	
Yes	*22%*	33	*25%*	8	*25%*	9	*19%*	16
No	*65%*	100	*59%*	19	*58%*	21	*71%*	60
No Opinion	*13%*	20	*16%*	5	*17%*	6	*11%*	9
TOTAL	*100%*	153	*100%*	32	*100%*	36	*100%*	85

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	Overall*		Division III	
Yes	*44%*	8	*58%*	7
No	*44%*	8	*25%*	3
No Opinion	*11%*	2	*17%*	2
TOTAL	*100%*	18	*100%*	12

*Includes all divisions

QUESTION 8 CONTINUED

GAME OFFICIAL	**Overall**	
Yes	*19%*	47
No	*67%*	169
No Opinion	*14%*	36
TOTAL	*100%*	252

9. A second unsportsmanlike conduct should result in the following:

HEAD COACH	**Overall**		**Division I**		**Division II**		**Division III**	
Disqualification-remainder of game	*58%*	90	*44%*	14	*61%*	22	*63%*	54
Ejection-player/coach miss next contest	*11%*	17	*9%*	3	*8%*	3	*13%*	11
No Opinion	*31%*	47	*47%*	15	*31%*	11	*24%*	21
TOTAL	*100%*	154	*100%*	32	*100%*	36	*100%*	86

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR	**Overall***		**Division III**	
Disqualification-remainder of game	*67%*	12	*67%*	8
Ejection-player/coach miss next contest	*17%*	3	*17%*	2
No Opinion	*17%*	3	*17%*	2
TOTAL	*100%*	18	*100%*	12

**Includes all divisions*

GAME OFFICIAL	**Overall**	
Disqualification-remainder of game	*58%*	146
Ejection-player/coach miss next contest	*34%*	85
No Opinion	*8%*	21
TOTAL	*100%*	252