

NCAA 2026 MEN'S LACROSSE VIDEO REVIEW PARAMETERS

The use of video review is a permissive rule and not required. However, if used, the rules outlined in Rules 4-33, 4-34, 4-35 and 4-36 must be followed. The Referee, and either the Umpire and/or Field Judge, may use the designated video monitor located at the table area to review the following:

1. To correct the game clock and/or shot clock when there is a malfunction or timing error.
2. To review the release of a shot at the end of a period in relation to the expiration of time for the game clock or the shot clock.
3. To review if a shot at the end of a period is deflected off of a defensive or offensive player before it enters the goal.
4. To review if a shot hits the camera mounted inside the goal cage.
5. To determine if a loose ball crosses the goal line.
6. To determine if the ball crosses the goal line before the dislodgement of the goal cage.
7. To determine if an offensive player's body made contact with or landed in the crease prior to the ball crossing the goal line.
8. To determine if an offensive player landed in the goal mouth prior to or after the ball crossed the goal line as a result of illegal contact by the defense.
9. To determine if an offensive player landed in the goal mouth as a result of illegal contact by the defender.
10. To determine if a goal was scored as a result of the head of the shooter's crosse coming off during the shot or follow through.
11. To determine whether a valid shot deflected off the goalkeeper or goal pipe to determine if the shot clock should be reset.

The television provider may provide a burn-in view of the game clock and shot clock, which are the official timing devices. Both the game clock and shot clock are required to be visible. Any artificial device (e.g., television graphic) is not to be used for this purpose. Conclusive video evidence must be present for the call on the field to be overturned. Video review shall be provided by the home team, independent of the team bench areas. If available, video review shall be used.

Video Review: Contact to the Head and/or Neck Area

Contact to the head and/or neck area may only be reviewed if the on-field official makes a call of contact to the head and/or neck area.

1. Officials may only use this procedure if a contact to the head and/or neck area is called on the field.
2. Officials will notify coaches before starting the review.
3. Officials have four penalty options to consider under this review:
 - a. Indirect contact to the head and/or neck area.
 - b. Direct contact to the head and/or neck area.
 - c. Excessive or flagrant contact to the head and/or neck area with possible expulsion.
 - d. May assess the appropriate releasable penalty (illegal body check, unnecessary roughness, etc.).

Officials are permitted to review a possible infraction that was not observed during play, however, only contact to the head and/or neck area may be considered. Should the officials determine that another infraction occurred, they may not assess that penalty by video review. However, if the

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officials determine that contact to the head and/or neck area did occur, they may enforce those penalties under this rule.

Video Review: Fighting, Flagrant Misconduct and Unsportsmanlike Conduct

SECTION 35. Fighting, flagrant misconduct and unsportsmanlike conduct may only be reviewed if the on-field official makes a call on the field.

1. Officials may only use this procedure if fighting, flagrant misconduct and unsportsmanlike conduct is called on the field.
2. Officials will notify coaches before starting the review.
3. Officials have four penalty options to consider under this review:
 - a. Fighting.
 - b. Flagrant misconduct.
 - c. Unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - d. May assess the appropriate releasable penalty (illegal body check, unnecessary roughness, etc.).

Officials are permitted to review a possible infraction that was not observed during play, however, only fighting, flagrant misconduct and unsportsmanlike conduct may be considered. Should the officials determine that another infraction occurred, they may not assess that penalty by video review. However, if the officials determine that fighting, flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct did occur, they may enforce those penalties under this rule.

Video Review: Coach's Challenge

A coach's challenge may only be requested for the reviewable items in Rule 4-33. A coach may use a challenge at any point in the game. Referee discretion may be used only during the last four minutes of regulation or any overtime period. A team will be permitted one coach's challenge each half and one coach's challenge for any overtime period. If a coach's challenge is unsuccessful, that team loses its challenge and will be charged a timeout. If the challenge is successful, they will retain that coach's challenge and timeout. Should a team no longer have any timeouts remaining a coach may not challenge a call on the field. Challenges do not carry over from each half or into any overtime period. Reviews in the last four minutes of regulation or any overtime period may be reviewed by either Referee discretion or a coach's challenge.

If a team wishes to challenge a goal called on the field, the head coach must challenge prior to the start of the next faceoff by throwing the red challenge flag.

If a team wishes to challenge a non-goal call, the head coach must throw the red challenge flag within 30 seconds and have it seen by one of the officials. A non-goal is defined as a scoring opportunity not determined as a goal by game officials.

The officials will use the shot clock to time the 30 second allowable period for the head coach to challenge. If within the 30-second time period, a goal is scored by either team and the challenge is affirmed, then the additional goal scored during the 30-second period of time will be disallowed. If within the 30-second time period, a penalty is called or a flag is thrown and even if the challenge is affirmed, the penalty(ies) will stand.

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If the challenge of a non-goal is affirmed (no goal stands), the time on the game clock shall remain the same as when play was stopped for review. If the challenge of a non-goal is overturned, the game clock shall be adjusted (back) to the time of when that disputed goal occurred.

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.

Sources: NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Rules Subcommittee, NCAA Divisions II and III Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee and 2025 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Book.