REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S LACROSSE RULES COMMITTEE
JUNE 10-11, 2025, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee chair and staff liaison welcomed the committee and thanked them for their time.

2. **Review meeting schedule, agenda, committee operations manual, and NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) directives.** The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee reviewed the schedule, agenda and the committee operations manual. The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee operations manual includes policies and procedures for committee services, such as document retention, confidentiality, conflict of interest, rules writing and voting procedures. The rules committee was reminded of PROP's 2014 directive that encourages all rules committees to consider at least a one-year delay for Division II and III institutions before implementing any rules changes that have financial or facility implications. In addition, the committee reviewed PROP's directive regarding implementing a rule to address illegal participation by suspended players and coaches.

3. **Review and approval of 2024 annual meeting report and April 16, 2025, videoconference report.** The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee reviewed and approved the 2024 annual meeting report and April 16, 2025, videoconference report as written.

4. **Active official report.** The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee heard a report from Brian Abbott, active official, which included a review of the officiating performance from the past season, work and collaboration with the National Intercollegiate Lacrosse Officials Association, and feedback on rules changes that were implemented for the 2024-25 season.

5. **Secretary-rules editor report.** The secretary-rules editor provided a report to the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee. The secretary-rules editor was impressed with the officiating and rules enforcement this season, however expressed concern with the rise of sportsmanship issues. The secretary-rules editor also mentioned the clarifications and interpretations that were released; the rules committee supported these clarifications and interpretations and approved them as written.

6. **National coordinator of officials' report.** The national coordinator of officials reviewed a thorough report to the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee. The in-season training videos continue to be a great tool for officials and coaches, with weekly videos being created and distributed. Similar to last season, video review is still having a learning curve but has become an asset for coaches and officials. The national coordinator of officials also mentioned a few editorial tweaks that need to be implemented into the rules book for the upcoming season.

7. **NCAA championships updates.** NCAA Divisions I, II and III men's lacrosse championship managers provided updates on the 2025 Lacrosse Championships. Updates included record attendance for the championships, healthy television ratings and growth of the game and championship as a whole. Updates were also provided regarding the site of the 2026 Lacrosse Championships.

8. **USA Lacrosse report.** A representative from USA Lacrosse provided a report to the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee. The report included the current initiatives USA Lacrosse is taking, growth of the game, and the increase in coaching and membership numbers. Also mentioned were the educational efforts and the frequent communication between the NCAA, NFHS and USA Lacrosse.

9. **National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) report.** A representative from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) provided a report to the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee. The report included a briefing on the NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee's rules changes that took place during their recent annual meeting and the rules change process for the NFHS. A geographical update on which states sponsor lacrosse, emerging states that are soon to sponsor, and total number of players competing at the high school level was also provided to the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee.

10. **Review of 2025 NCAA rules survey results and call for proposals.** The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee reviewed the results of the 2025 rules survey, and proposals that were submitted during the 2024-25 season. Although no proposed changes were approved, the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee discussed the idea of mandating the color of the goal nets to be black, and the game ball to be a brighter, more visible color, such as a fluorescent yellow or green. Concerns have arisen regarding the visibility of a white ball and white goal nets. Switching to a brighter game ball color, and a solid black goal net color would increase visibility and increase the safety of student-athletes. The Points of Emphasis for the 2025-26 season were also discussed.

11. **Selection of chair.** The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee re-elected Jerry Price of Princeton University as chair for 2025-26.

12. **Future meeting and videoconference dates.** The Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee confirmed that future meeting and videoconference dates would be determined at a later date.

13. **Other business.** Committee members Alec Jernstedt and James Purpura were recognized and thanked for their service on the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee.

Committee Chair: *Jerry Price, Princeton University*
Staff Liaison(s): *Connor Lancashire, NCAA Championships and Alliances*

NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee June 10-11, 2025, Annual Meeting
Attendees:
Kevin Conry, University of Michigan
Jake Coon, Rochester Institute of Technology.
James Greene, Big East Conference.
Alec Jernstedt, Grove City College.
Jason Lange, University of Montevallo.
Dana Lindstrom, Gwynedd Mercy University.
Jerry Price, Princeton University.
James Purpura, Virginia Military Institute.
Willie Scroggs, secretary-rules editor.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Brian Abbott, active official; Tom Abbott, national coordinator of officials; Lindsey Atkinson, NFHS, Caitlin Kelley, USA Lacrosse.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Connor Lancashire.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Will Hopkins, Greg Johnson, Dante Jones and Ryan Tressel.