REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S LACROSSE RULES SUBCOMMITTEE
JUNE 1-3, 2026, MEETING

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. **Legislative items.**

   - **None.**

2. **Nonlegislative items.** The NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Rules Subcommittee approved the following rules change proposals for the 2027 and 2028 seasons. The committee requests approval from the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee for the following items:

   a. **The Ball (Rule 1-16).**

      1. Recommendation. Allowable for the 2027 season, and required by the 2028 season, the standard ball color shall be a fluorescent green or yellow, similar to hex code #ccff00. Ball colors white, yellow, orange, lime green or pink can be used provided both coaches agree. The ball shall have a surface of smooth or slightly textured rubber. The ball shall meet the current NOCSAE standard. For the 2027 season, if the home team chooses to use the fluorescent green/yellow ball, that ball shall be used. The game ball color shall be stated in the game contract, but if not, the visiting team must be given at least one week's notice.

      2. Effective date. Allowable for the 2027 season, required by the 2028 season.

      3. Rationale. The fluorescent ball color provides increased visibility for student-athletes, officials, spectators and television audiences.

      4. Estimated budget impact. Minimal. As lacrosse balls are already a recurring expense, this purchase would not be unexpected for institutions. Due to the unique fluorescent color, and the fact that this color has not been historically mass produced by every manufacturer, there could be an increase in cost. Institutions would also have until the 2028 season to purchase lacrosse balls that comply with the new color.

      5. Student-athlete impact. None.

   b. **Overtime Play (Rule 4-31).**

      1. Recommendation. Change overtime play to proceed for 15-minute periods or until a goal is scored. Timeout and challenge rules remain unchanged.

      2. Effective date. Immediately.

3. Rationale. To create a more fluid continuation of regulation.

4. Estimated budget impact. None.

5. Student-athlete impact. None.

c. Video Review.

1. Recommendation. A coach's challenge may be requested to initiate a review of a goal that could be potentially negated by the following:

   - Offsides;
   - Too many players on the field;
   - Player in possession of the ball stepped on a boundary line (defined as the lines that completely surround the field, the midline and the restraining lines).

   The challenge may only be requested if the goal was scored within 15 seconds of when the violation occurred and no whistle has sounded between the potential violations listed above and the goal. In the event that the clock is not burned into the video feed, officials may use a stopwatch while reviewing the play at actual speed to determine the 15-second count.

2. Effective date. Immediately.

3. Rationale. Provides the opportunity to correct what unfairly led to a goal. Defines a time period that enables the defense to adjust.

4. Estimated budget impact. None.

5. Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Video Review.

1. Recommendation. Officials may initiate video review of potential contact to the head/neck without having originally made a call.

2. Effective date. Immediately.

3. Rationale. Player safety.

4. Estimated budget impact. None.

5. Student-athlete impact. None.

e. Video Review.

1. Recommendation. On a play where officials have originally made a call for contact to the head/neck, they may rescind the penalty if video review confirms there was no illegal contact.

2. Effective date. Immediately.

3. Rationale. Fairness.

4. Estimated budget impact. None.

5. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair and NCAA staff liaison welcomed the subcommittee and invited guests and thanked them for their time.

2. **Review meeting schedule, rules subcommittee roster, rules timeline, guiding principles and operational items.** The subcommittee reviewed the meeting schedule, rules timeline, NCAA conflict of interest policy, document retention policy and experimental playing rules guidelines.

3. **Review of 2025 annual meeting report.** The subcommittee reviewed and approved the 2025 annual meeting report as written.

4. **Active official report.** The designated men's lacrosse active official provided a report to the subcommittee that covered the training and educational practices throughout the season and the collaboration with the National Intercollegiate Lacrosse Officials Organization (NILOA).

5. **Secretary-rules editor report.** The subcommittee heard a report from Willie Scroggs, the NCAA men's lacrosse secretary-rules editor, which included the note of the 2026 season being relatively quiet surrounding any rules clarifications or interpretation, while also stating that the main rules topics have remain consistent year over year. The secretary-rules editor mentioned the Men' Lacrosse Rules Book needing an extensive review prior to the next print version being distributed in late 2026. Lastly, the secretary-rules editor reflected on his 12-year

tenure as the NCAA men's lacrosse secretary-rules editor with gratitude, fulfillment and confident the game of men's lacrosse is in a great place with a bright future.

6. **National coordinator of officials' report.** Tom Abbott, NCAA national coordinator of men's lacrosse officials, provided a report to the subcommittee that focused on a recap of the 2026 season, the current state of the rules and the need of the rules book to be more concise and reviewed prior to its next printing. The start of the season continues to provide some officiating hurdles from the cancellation or postponements of numerous games due to the early season weather conditions. Also mentioned was the collaboration with NILOA and the efforts put forth in obtaining new and upcoming officials. The national coordinator applauded all the work that was done regarding the weekly training videos on RQ+, stating that many officials and assignors provided many positive comments on the successful training and information from these videos. Lastly, the outgoing secretary-rules editor was thanked for all his work and collaboration over his tenure.

7. **Review of the NCAA injury surveillance data report.** The subcommittee heard a report from Dr. Avinash Chandran, Managing Director of the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program, that included an overview of men's lacrosse injury data from the past several academic years.

8. **USA Lacrosse report.** Caitlin Kelley, the USA Lacrosse representative, provided a report to the subcommittee that covered the initiatives taking place by USA Lacrosse to enhance the growth of the sport, while also providing an update on the 2028 Olympics that will feature lacrosse.

9. **NCAA championships updates.** Ryan Tressel, director of championships, and Will Hopkins, associate director of championships and NCAA sport leader of lacrosse, provided an update on the recent men's lacrosse championships that took place in Charlottesville, VA. The reports included the significant increase in television viewership and an overall recap of the 2026 championship weekend.

10. **Review of statistical trends.** The subcommittee reviewed the recent statistical trends for several key aspects of the sport.

11. **Review of 2026 rules survey and proposals.** The subcommittee reviewed the results of the 2026 rules survey, and the submitted rules proposals.

12. **Selection of Division I Men's Lacrosse Rules Subcommittee chair.** The subcommittee elected Kevin Conry, University of Michigan, as chair for the 2026-27 academic year.

13. **Future meeting and videoconference dates.** The subcommittee agreed to determine future videoconferences at a later date.

14. **Other business.** The subcommittee did not have any further business to discuss.

Committee Chair: Jerry Price, Princeton University, The Ivy League

Staff Liaison: *Connor Lancashire, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating*

NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Rules Subcommittee June 1-3, 2026, Meeting
Attendees:
Brian Abbott, active official (nonvoting member).
Tom Abbott, national coordinator of officials (nonvoting member).
Kevin Conry, University of Michigan.
James Greene, Big East Conference.
Dan Isaf, Bucknell University.
Shawn Lyght, University of Notre Dame. (nonvoting member).
Craig McDonald, Robert Morris University.
Jerry Price, Princeton University.
Willie Scroggs, secretary-rules editor (nonvoting member).
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Kody Campbell, Datalys Center.
Avinash Chandran, Datalys Center.
Caitlin Kelley, USA Lacrosse.
David Seidman, incoming secretary-rules editor.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Connor Lancashire.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Will Hopkins, Greg Johnson, Dante Jones, Mallory Mickus and Ryan Tressel.