



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S LACROSSE RULES COMMITTEE
MAY 31, JUNE 14-16, 2022, ANNUAL MEETING VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items. The NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee approved the following experimental rule for the 2023 season. The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the following item:

- **Video review experimental rule.**

(1) Recommendation. To allow conferences to implement video review to correct errors related to timing, goals, and no goals. Video review can also be used to determine if any player on the attacking team has entered the goal circle and if the act was the result of a foul. This review may only be in response to a goal or no-goal signal. Each team will receive two challenges per game.

(2) Effective date. January 1, 2023.

(3) Rationale. To allow the use of video technology to reduce specific errors which could materially impact the result of a game.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Varies depending on existing equipment.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Enhance the student-athlete experience.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome, introductions and announcements. The chair of the Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee welcomed the committee and invited guests and thanked them for their time.

2. Review meeting schedule, agenda, committee operations manual and NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel directives. The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee reviewed the meeting schedule and agenda. The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee also reviewed the operations manual, which included the NCAA conflict of interest policy, guidance for committee members regarding meeting reports, notes and email, voting procedures, principles for rules writing, and experimental playing rules guidelines. The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee was reminded of the directives of PROP from 2009 and 2014. These directives outline the two-year rules process and reasons a rules committee could propose a rules change

in a non-rules change year, and encourage all rules committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay for Division II and Division III institutions before implementing any rules changes that have financial or facility implications.

3. **Review reports from 2021 annual meeting and videoconferences.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee reviewed and approved the reports as written.
4. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel report.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee heard a report from Matt Killcullen, PROP liaison to the Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee, which reviewed topics of discussion from PROP's annual meeting in January. This report focused on PROP's directive to rules committees on the prohibition of tobacco products, uniform trends and the NCAA staff's goal to foster and promote equity, diversity and inclusion through the rules process.
5. **NCAA Injury Surveillance Program data and report.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee heard a presentation on the women's lacrosse injury data provided by the Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention in conjunction with the NCAA's Injury Surveillance Program and NCAA Sport Science Institute.
6. **World Lacrosse report.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee heard a report from the CEO of World Lacrosse. The CEO reported women's lacrosse has grown from 70 to 77 countries in the last year. The CEO also reports women's lacrosse is being proposed for the 2028 Olympic Games.
7. **USA Lacrosse report.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee heard a report from USA Lacrosse. The USA Lacrosse representative reported that youth participation in the sport has not recovered to numbers prior to the pandemic. They also reported there were no proposals for headgear or changing to four quarters for high school.
8. **National Federation of State High School Associations report.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee heard a report from Lindsey Atkinson, liaison to the NFHS Girl's Lacrosse Rules Committee. It was noted 25 states sponsor girls' lacrosse and Wisconsin is adding it in 2024. The NFHS has launched a national effort to recruit officials in all sports.
9. **Secretary-rules editor report.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee heard a report from the secretary-rules editor. The secretary-rules editor report included a recap of the feedback on the rules changes from the 2021-22 season and a review of interpretations, corrections, waivers and sanctions issued. The secretary-rules editor noted the number of waivers and interpretations was less than in previous years.
10. **National coordinator of officials' report.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee heard a report from the national coordinator of officials, which included challenges of scheduling Thursday postseason games, games on consecutive days and the Division III championship field expansion.

- 11. Active official report.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee heard a report from the active official. The active official shared that in-season observations were again well received by officials. The active official also shared the rules changes implemented for the 2022 season were able to be implemented without incident.
- 12. Review of 2022 carding survey.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee reviewed the results from the 2022 carding/score verification survey. The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee noted the survey participation was less than half the number of games played in the season and want to explore other options for gathering this data, including having the institutions submit the data instead of the officials.
- 13. Review 2021-22 rules survey results.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee reviewed the results from the 2022 rules survey. It was noted that the overall response from the survey participants was positive in regard to the rules changes.
- 14. Review 2022 rules proposals.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee reviewed and considered two rules proposals for the 2023-24 season. The proposals will be included on the 2023 survey.
- 15. Identify 2022-23 points of emphasis.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee identified the following items as points of emphasis for the 2022-23 season: Dangerous play; flopping/embellishment; charge/block; and pick/screen.
- 16. Future annual meeting and videoconference schedule.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee will determine dates for the 2023 in-person annual rules meeting at a future time.
- 17. Selection of chair.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee selected Kim Wayne as chair for the 2022-23 academic year.
- 18. Other business.** The outgoing Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee members were recognized and thanked for their service to the committee and the Association.
- 19. Adjournment.** The Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee adjourned at 11:02 a.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, June 29.

Committee Chair: Kathy Railey, Stevenson, Middle Atlantic Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Jay Fitzwater, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee May 31, June 14-16, 2022, Annual Meeting Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Melissa Ackerman, Case Western Reserve University.	
Amy Foster, Cornell University.	
Nicole Ham, Southern New Hampshire University.	
Liza Kelly, University of Denver.	
Meghan McDonogh, Catholic University.	
Amanda Moore, East Carolina University.	
Kathy Railey, Stevenson University.	
Stefanie Smith, secretary-rules editor.	
Kimberly Wayne, Davidson College.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Lindsey Atkinson, National Federation of State High School Associations.	
Adrian Boltz, Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention.	
Avinash Chandran, Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention.	
Melissa Coyne, national coordinator of officials.	
Alicia Jackson, World Lacrosse.	
Caitlin Kelley, USA Lacrosse	
Matt Killcullen, Mercy College.	
Ericka Leslie, active official.	
Jim Scherr, World Lacrosse.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Jay Fitzwater.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
LaGwyn Durden and Greg Johnson.	