



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Men's Lacrosse Head Coaches.

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SUBJECT: Experimental Rule – 60-Second Shot Clock.

As you are likely aware, the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee has approved experimental rules for this fall. These experimental rules will utilize a shot clock during each possession. The committee encourages your participation and will follow-up to request feedback as well. The purpose of these experimental rules is to gather data to be used in future discussions regarding the potential use of a shot clock.

To help with these experimental rules, the committee is sharing some guidance with two specific options for the fall. Please note that in **both options**, a 60-second clock will be used by the shot clock operator. Also, as always, a valid shot is defined as a shot taken from above the goal line extended that hits the goalkeeper or a goal pipe.

Option 1: Upon possession, the shot clock will be immediately started by the shot clock operator. The team in possession shall have until the shot clock reads 30 seconds to clear the ball into their offensive attack goal area. ***Once this has occurred, the remaining time on the clock will be the time left for the offensive team to take a valid shot.***

Note: For this option, officials are to instruct the shot clock operator to be aware of situations that will reset the clock during a clearing attempt. Specifically, any loose ball technical foul or play-on during a clearing attempt, by the riding team.

Option 2: Upon possession, the officials shall handle the mechanics of the 30-second clearing count as in previous seasons (20-second beeper and 10-second hand count). ***Upon entering the attack goal area, and upon the officials signal, the shot clock shall start and run in sync with the game clock. The offensive team will have 60 seconds from the moment they enter the attack goal area to take a valid shot.***

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In both options, the shot clock will be **always** reset to 60 seconds after a valid shot has been taken, regardless of which team gains possession. Also, please note that all other NCAA rules currently in effect shall also apply. In particular, should a penalty (slow whistle) occur (on the defensive team), the clock shall be reset to 60 seconds and play will continue.

Thank you for your time and attention to this guidance. Good luck during the fall season.

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cc: Selected NCAA Staff