



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S LACROSSE RULES COMMITTEE
AUGUST 9-10, 2017, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome, introductions and announcements.** Willie Scroggs, secretary-rules editor, and staff liaison Ty Halpin welcomed the committee and thanked them for their time and effort to help improve the sport. Mr. Scroggs filled in to help run the meeting for Bob Scalise, chair, who was unable to attend the annual meeting in person. The committee welcomed the new members attending their first committee meetings.
- 2. Review schedule, agenda and committee operations manual.** NCAA staff reviewed the Committee Operations Manual and highlighted important policies for committee services, such as document retention, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, rules writing and voting procedures.
- 3. Review report from 2016 annual meeting.** The committee reviewed and approved the annual meeting report from 2016 as distributed.
- 4. Review Playing Rules Oversight Panel directive.** Mr. Halpin reviewed a directive from PROP asking all rules committees to review the experimental rules guidelines and consider adding a policy that fits for men's lacrosse. The committee discussed this and given that the fall season is an excellent testing ground, the committee agreed this should be the segment that is used for experimentation. Additionally, the group agreed that suggestions or requests for experimentation from institutions or conferences should be made in advance of the annual meeting each August.
- 5. Experimental Rule – 60-second Shot Clock.** The committee approved the experimental use, in the fall (non-competition) season only, of a 60-second shot clock. In the experimental rule, the shot clock will start when possession is established. Teams will continue to have 30 seconds to clear the ball and enter the attack area. If a team regains possession after satisfying the shot clock (hitting the goal pipe; goalkeeper makes a save, etc.) the clock will reset to the 60 seconds. The concept of adding an every-possession shot clock to the sport has been a topic of

conversation for the committee in recent years. The group is asking teams to experiment with a shot clock to study the impact, with an eye on consistency. The more data that is collected will assist the committee as it recommends rules in the future.

- 6. US Lacrosse report.** Rick Lake joined the committee and shared several initiatives and updates from US Lacrosse. The committee appreciated his participation in the meetings and hearing about the continued effort to grow the sport at the youth level.
- 7. Secretary-rules editor report.** Mr. Scroggs took the floor and reviewed several memorandums and interpretations delivered during the past year. He also noted several proposals that were provided for future consideration.
- 8. National coordinator of officials report.** Tom Abbott reviewed a report distributed to the committee noting several items during the season, including evaluations of officials and the process for assigning the various NCAA championship events. Mr. Abbott noted plans to increase the amount of content made available on the Arbiter Sports website. Additionally, it was noted that the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association would no longer be overseeing the assigning and management of regular-season officiating after the 2018 season. Mr. Abbott will continue to keep the group updated as appropriate.
- 9. NCAA championship updates.** Anthony Holman and Will Hopkins, NCAA staff, joined the committee for portions of the meeting and provided updates on the bracketing and overall health of the NCAA championships.
- 10. NCAA injury surveillance data and report.** Dr. Erin Wasserman from the Datalys Center presented injury surveillance data for men's lacrosse. There were some positive notes in terms of the overall rate of injury decreasing. The committee also offered assistance to increase the number of institutions participating.
- 11. Review of 2017 rules survey.** The committee thoroughly reviewed the survey and the group created a list of items for future consideration at the 2018 annual meeting. In particular, the committee spent a significant amount of time discussing the shot clock and plays around the crease area in an effort to continue to improve the sport. Additionally, the size of the substitution box (currently 20 yards in length) was discussed and will continue to be studied.
- 12. Identify 2018 points of emphasis.** The committee decided to continue the focus on student-athlete safety (e.g., contact to the head, etc.) and refining the standard for the stalling warning as points of emphasis for the upcoming season. The group also added an additional point of emphasis regarding respect for the game. There is concern that unsportsmanlike conduct in and around the game is trending in a negative manner. Coaches and administrators must lead the way, particularly during pregame warm-ups, to curb this type of behavior between student-athletes and in some cases between coaches.

13. Future meetings and teleconference dates. The committee reviewed the list of proposed dates for teleconferences for the 2017-18 academic year and selected August 7-10, 2018, as the date for the 2018 in-person annual meeting.

14. Other business. Mr. Halpin thanked Doug Misarti, Kenyon College, and Bob Scalise, Harvard University, for their service to the committee. The group nominated Dino Mattessich, Hofstra University, to serve as chair of the committee, effective September 1, 2017.

15. Adjournment. The committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, August 10, 2017.

Committee Chair: Bob Scalise, Harvard University, Ivy League.
Staff Liaison(s): Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances.

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Attendees:
Jonathan Basti, Sacred Heart University; Northeast Conference.
Dino Mattessich, Hofstra University; Colonial Athletic Association.
Doug Misarti, Kenyon College; North Coast Athletic Conference.
Rob Randall, Nazareth College; Empire 8 Athletic Conference.
Bob Shillinglaw, University of Delaware; Colonial Athletic Association.
Vincent Smith, Colorado Mesa University; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
John Svec, Siena College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Marty Watters, University of the South; Southern Athletic Association.
Tom Abbott, National Coordinator of Officials.
Willie Scroggs, Secretary-Rules Editor.
Absentees:
Bob Scalise, Harvard University; Ivy League.
Guests in Attendance:
Brian Abbott, Active Official.
Rick Lake, US Lacrosse.
Dr. Erin Wasserman, DatalysCenter.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

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Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances.
Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances.
Greg Johnson, Communications.
Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances.