

2018 Men's Lacrosse Rules Survey Report

QUANTITATIVE DATA

August 2, 2018

Title	n	N	%
DI Head Coach	62	71	87%
DII Head Coach	52	72	72%
DIII Head Coach	146	236	62%
TOTAL COACHES	260	379	69%
Commissioner	28	47	60%
Official	191	251	76%

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Please share your opinion about the sport in general.

1. Do you believe the OVERALL (all age levels) health of the sport is:

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	85%	53	92%	48	95%	139	92%	240
Negative	10%	6	4%	2	3%	5	5%	13
No Opinion	5%	3	4%	2	1%	2	3%	7
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	146	100%	260

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Positive	71%	20	97%	185	94%	205
Negative	4%	1	2%	3	2%	4
No Opinion	25%	7	1%	2	4%	9
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	190	100%	218

2. Do you believe the health of the sport at the NCAA level is:

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	94%	58	96%	50	99%	144	97%	252
Negative	5%	3	0%	0	1%	1	2%	4
No Opinion	2%	1	4%	2	1%	1	2%	4
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	146	100%	260

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Positive	82%	23	97%	186	95%	209
Negative	11%	3	1%	1	2%	4
No Opinion	7%	2	2%	4	3%	6
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

3. Would you describe the balance between offense and defense in today's game as acceptable?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Yes	81%	50	77%	40	90%	132	85%	222
No	8%	5	21%	11	6%	9	10%	25
No Opinion	11%	7	2%	1	3%	5	5%	13
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	146	100%	260

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Yes	50%	14	84%	161	80%	175
No	18%	5	10%	19	11%	24
No Opinion	32%	9	6%	11	9%	20
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

4. Which area do you believe has the advantage?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Offense	100%	5	73%	8	78%	7	80%	20
Defense	0%	0	27%	3	22%	2	20%	5
TOTAL	100%	5	100%	11	100%	9	100%	25

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Offense	80%	4	63%	12	67%	16
Defense	20%	1	37%	7	33%	8
TOTAL	100%	5	100%	19	100%	24

5. From a health and safety perspective do you believe current playing rules and officiating guidance are:

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Positive	84%	52	85%	44	88%	128	86%	224
Negative	6%	4	6%	3	8%	11	7%	18
No Opinion	10%	6	10%	5	5%	7	7%	18
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	146	100%	260

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Positive	48%	13	99%	189	93%	202
Negative	22%	6	1%	1	3%	7
No Opinion	30%	8	1%	1	4%	9
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	191	100%	218

SHOT CLOCK

Please share your opinion on the following:

1. The committee should institute an every-possession shot clock.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	71%	44	73%	38	54%	79	62%	161
No Support	23%	14	17%	9	37%	54	30%	77
No Opinion	6%	4	10%	5	8%	12	8%	21
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	145	100%	259

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	56%	15	76%	146	74%	161
No Support	26%	7	17%	32	18%	39
No Opinion	19%	5	7%	13	8%	18
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	191	100%	218

1a. What options/stipulations would you support for an every-possession shot clock?

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
90 seconds from the time possession is established	36%	16	35%	13	48%	38	42%	67
120 seconds from the time possession is established	5%	2	3%	1	4%	3	4%	6
90 seconds from the time the ball is cleared	16%	7	19%	7	8%	6	13%	20
60 seconds from the time the ball is cleared	11%	5	19%	7	27%	21	21%	33
Other	32%	14	24%	9	14%	11	21%	34
TOTAL	100%	44	100%	37	100%	79	100%	160

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
90 seconds from the time possession is established	33%	5	38%	56	38%	61
120 seconds from the time possession is established	13%	2	4%	6	5%	8
90 seconds from the time the ball is cleared	27%	4	17%	25	18%	29
60 seconds from the time the ball is cleared	27%	4	30%	44	30%	48
Other	0%	0	10%	15	9%	15
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	146	100%	161

1b. If an every-possession shot clock is used, a two-point shot must be instituted.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	27%	12	32%	12	32%	25	31%	49
No Support	57%	25	54%	20	49%	39	53%	84
No Opinion	16%	7	14%	5	19%	15	17%	27
TOTAL	100%	44	100%	37	100%	79	100%	160

Every-Possession Shot Clock CONTINUED

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	27%	4	28%	41	28%	45
No Support	73%	11	55%	80	57%	91
No Opinion	0%	0	17%	25	16%	25
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	146	100%	161

2. The current shot clock rules/mechanics are adequate.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	24%	15	23%	12	44%	64	35%	91
No Support	58%	36	67%	35	46%	67	53%	138
No Opinion	18%	11	10%	5	10%	14	12%	30
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	145	100%	259

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	37%	10	40%	77	40%	87
No Support	19%	5	48%	92	44%	97
No Opinion	44%	12	12%	22	16%	34
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	191	100%	218

3. In the current procedure, when a team satisfies the shot clock (e.g., save by goalkeeper, shot off of the pipe) and the offensive team regains possession, the shot clock should be RESET, but the shot clock should continue.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	71%	44	67%	35	63%	90	66%	169
No Support	23%	14	25%	13	27%	39	26%	66
No Opinion	6%	4	8%	4	10%	15	9%	23
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	144	100%	258

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	56%	15	72%	136	70%	151
No Support	11%	3	22%	41	20%	44
No Opinion	33%	9	7%	13	10%	22
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	190	100%	217

4. Should the definition of a shot be changed to say: "A valid shot is a ball thrown or kicked toward the goal that hits the pipe or goaltender, while he is still within the crease." Rationale: Eliminates the tactic of a "possession" shot which has no intent of scoring.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	63%	39	54%	28	56%	81	57%	148
No Support	18%	11	35%	18	34%	50	31%	79
No Opinion	19%	12	12%	6	10%	14	12%	32
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	145	100%	259

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	61%	17	62%	119	62%	136
No Support	18%	5	26%	50	25%	55
No Opinion	21%	6	12%	22	13%	28
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

5. When a team calls timeout in the offensive half of the field, when play is restarted, a shot clock procedure should be initiated.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	13%	8	23%	12	19%	27	18%	47
No Support	76%	47	65%	34	68%	99	69%	180
No Opinion	11%	7	12%	6	13%	19	12%	32
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	145	100%	259

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	63%	17	36%	69	39%	86
No Support	22%	6	49%	93	45%	99
No Opinion	15%	4	15%	29	15%	33
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	191	100%	218

FACEOFF

Please share your opinion on the following:

1. Current faceoff rules are adequate. No changes should be made.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	47%	27	73%	37	70%	99	65%	163
No Support	40%	23	22%	11	21%	30	25%	64
No Opinion	14%	8	6%	3	9%	13	10%	24
TOTAL	100%	58	100%	51	100%	142	100%	251

Current Faceoff Rules CONTINUED

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	46%	13	85%	160	80%	173
No Support	21%	6	10%	19	12%	25
No Opinion	32%	9	5%	10	9%	19
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	189	100%	217

2. The committee should keep all faceoff procedures the same, but move the two faceoff players further apart.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	27%	16	20%	10	14%	20	19%	46
No Support	53%	32	55%	27	71%	98	64%	157
No Opinion	20%	12	24%	12	14%	20	18%	44
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	49	100%	138	100%	247

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	22%	6	28%	52	27%	58
No Support	37%	10	54%	103	52%	113
No Opinion	41%	11	18%	34	21%	45
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	189	100%	216

3. The committee should eliminate faceoffs after goals. The team that was scored upon would be given a free clear after a goal is scored.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	20%	12	10%	5	14%	20	15%	37
No Support	67%	40	76%	38	81%	112	76%	190
No Opinion	13%	8	14%	7	5%	7	9%	22
TOTAL	100%	60	100%	50	100%	139	100%	249

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	39%	11	9%	17	13%	28
No Support	46%	13	88%	164	82%	177
No Opinion	14%	4	3%	6	5%	10
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	187	100%	215

RULES ITEMS

Please share your opinion on the following:

1. The committee should reduce the size of the substitution box to encourage more transitional play.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	75%	46	31%	16	32%	47	42%	109
No Support	16%	10	54%	28	55%	80	46%	118
No Opinion	8%	5	15%	8	13%	19	12%	32
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	52	100%	146	100%	259

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	36%	10	50%	96	48%	106
No Support	46%	13	40%	77	41%	90
No Opinion	18%	5	9%	18	11%	23
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

2. Penalty times should be increased to a minimum of one-minute penalties.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	11%	7	13%	7	11%	16	12%	30
No Support	77%	48	83%	43	83%	121	82%	212
No Opinion	11%	7	4%	2	6%	9	7%	18
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	146	100%	260

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	79%	22	13%	25	22%	47
No Support	14%	4	75%	142	67%	146
No Opinion	7%	2	12%	23	11%	25
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	190	100%	218

3. It should be legal to dive and score a goal, if the attacking player avoids contact with the goalkeeper.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	71%	44	85%	44	58%	84	66%	172
No Support	27%	17	10%	5	39%	57	30%	79
No Opinion	2%	1	6%	3	3%	5	3%	9
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	146	100%	260

Dive and Score Goal CONTINUED

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	71%	20	61%	116	62%	136
No Support	14%	4	34%	65	32%	69
No Opinion	14%	4	5%	9	6%	13
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	190	100%	218

4. If an attacking player dives away from the goal, scores and lands in the crease the goal should count.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	74%	46	90%	47	64%	94	72%	187
No Support	21%	13	6%	3	30%	44	23%	60
No Opinion	5%	3	4%	2	5%	8	5%	13
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	146	100%	260

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	57%	16	60%	115	60%	131
No Support	29%	8	35%	67	34%	75
No Opinion	14%	4	5%	9	6%	13
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

5. If a goal is scored under the current rule and there is a foul on the defensive team, the goal should count and the penalty washed out.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	61%	37	63%	33	62%	91	62%	161
No Support	26%	16	29%	15	27%	39	27%	70
No Opinion	13%	8	8%	4	11%	16	11%	28
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	52	100%	146	100%	259

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	82%	23	38%	72	44%	95
No Support	7%	2	54%	101	48%	103
No Opinion	11%	3	8%	15	8%	18
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	188	100%	216

6. Video replay should be expanded to allow more goal review situations.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	60%	37	47%	24	36%	52	44%	113
No Support	27%	17	33%	17	47%	68	39%	102
No Opinion	13%	8	20%	10	18%	26	17%	44
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	51	100%	146	100%	259

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	29%	8	59%	113	55%	121
No Support	61%	17	33%	63	37%	80
No Opinion	11%	3	8%	15	8%	18
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

7. A cross-check/hold should be called on a player using the area between his hands on his crosse to hold an opponent.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	13%	8	19%	10	22%	32	19%	50
No Support	74%	46	71%	37	70%	101	71%	184
No Opinion	13%	8	10%	5	8%	12	10%	25
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	145	100%	259

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	57%	16	42%	80	44%	96
No Support	7%	2	49%	93	44%	95
No Opinion	36%	10	9%	17	12%	27
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	190	100%	218

8. A player shall not be called for warding off if he has two hands on his crosse.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	19%	12	27%	14	22%	32	22%	58
No Support	74%	46	69%	35	72%	105	72%	186
No Opinion	6%	4	4%	2	6%	9	6%	15
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	51	100%	146	100%	259

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	32%	9	35%	67	35%	76
No Support	21%	6	62%	119	57%	125
No Opinion	46%	13	3%	5	8%	18
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

9. Picks, both legal and illegal, should be a point of emphasis.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	62%	38	51%	26	60%	88	59%	152
No Support	21%	13	29%	15	27%	39	26%	67
No Opinion	16%	10	20%	10	13%	19	15%	39
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	51	100%	146	100%	258

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	75%	21	80%	153	79%	174
No Support	4%	1	12%	22	11%	23
No Opinion	21%	6	8%	16	10%	22
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

10. Equipment that creates a distraction (e.g., shiny helmets) should be prohibited.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	15%	9	21%	11	16%	23	17%	43
No Support	56%	35	62%	32	69%	101	65%	168
No Opinion	29%	18	17%	9	15%	22	19%	49
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	146	100%	260

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	57%	16	22%	42	26%	58
No Support	25%	7	55%	106	52%	113
No Opinion	18%	5	23%	43	22%	48
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

11. A timeout by the team in possession (coaches or players) should be allowed anywhere on the field.

HEAD COACH	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	32%	20	46%	24	44%	64	42%	108
No Support	65%	40	40%	21	51%	75	52%	136
No Opinion	3%	2	13%	7	5%	7	6%	16
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	146	100%	260

	COMMISSIONER		OFFICIAL		Overall	
Support	61%	17	54%	104	55%	121
No Support	25%	7	41%	79	39%	86
No Opinion	14%	4	4%	8	5%	12
TOTAL	100%	28	100%	191	100%	219

12. Should a flag down situation end when the ball becomes loose or hits the ground as it does in youth and NFHS Rulebooks?

HEAD COACH

	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	15%	9	12%	6	12%	17	12%	32
No Support	77%	48	87%	45	83%	120	82%	213
No Opinion	8%	5	2%	1	6%	8	5%	14
TOTAL	100%	62	100%	52	100%	145	100%	259

COMMISSIONER

OFFICIAL

Overall

Support	26%	7	12%	22	13%	29
No Support	30%	8	87%	165	80%	173
No Opinion	44%	12	1%	2	6%	14
TOTAL	100%	27	100%	189	100%	216

13. Currently, the Slow Whistle Rule (7-8) allows the following situation to occur: During the last minute of play the defensive team intentionally fouls, creating a loose ball. The current rule allows the teams to scrum for the loose ball, as time expires. The intentional foul, at the end of the game now goes unpenalized. As a result, time runs out and the offending team wins the game. Should the committee make up a rule change to avoid this situation (e.g., immediate whistle or extension of the game for a man-up opportunity)?

HEAD COACH

	Division I		Division II		Division III		Overall	
Support	44%	27	40%	21	51%	74	47%	122
No Support	36%	22	40%	21	34%	50	36%	93
No Opinion	20%	12	19%	10	15%	22	17%	44
TOTAL	100%	61	100%	52	100%	146	100%	259

COMMISSIONER

OFFICIAL

Overall

Support	65%	17	59%	113	60%	130
No Support	12%	3	28%	53	26%	56
No Opinion	23%	6	13%	25	14%	31
TOTAL	100%	26	100%	191	100%	217