

2020 Men's Lacrosse Rules Survey Results

1. What is your position?

Answer	%	Count
DI Head Coach	14%	66
DII Head Coach	12%	56
DIII Head Coach	37%	175
DI Conference Commissioner	1%	6
Game Official	32%	154
DII Conference Commissioner	1%	5
DIII Conference Commissioner	3%	14
Total	100%	476

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE SPORT

2. Please share your opinion about the sport in general. Would you describe the balance between in the game offense and defense as acceptable?

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Positive	82%	84%	86%	83%	100%	57%	89%
Negative	11%	7%	5%	0%	0%	0%	1%
No Opinion	8%	9%	9%	17%	0%	43%	10%
Total	66	56	174	6	5	14	154

Shot Clock: Share your opinion on the following:

3. Under the current rules, the shot clock starts and is reset to the same number every time a new shot clock is initiated. Is this procedure adequate?

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	42%	48%	58%	83%	60%	71%	60%
No Support	55%	48%	39%	0%	20%	0%	38%
No Opinion	3%	4%	3%	17%	20%	29%	1%
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4. 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, and continue to run down from the reset number.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	77%	80%	83%	83%	60%	57%	80%
No Support	21%	18%	16%	0%	20%	0%	19%
No Opinion	2%	2%	1%	17%	20%	43%	1%
Total	66	56	173	6	5	14	154

5. Once the ball has cleared across the midline, and the offensive team has possession (either team or player possession) it should not be allowed to return to the defensive half, as caused by the offensive team, regardless of time.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	50%	38%	50%	67%	80%	15%	64%
No Support	38%	55%	47%	0%	0%	8%	31%
No Opinion	12%	7%	2%	33%	20%	77%	5%
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FACEOFF Share your opinion on the following:

6. Current faceoff rules continue to be an issue. Changes should be made.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	59%	32%	38%	33%	60%	31%	25%
No Support	27%	48%	47%	0%	20%	15%	68%
No Opinion	14%	20%	16%	67%	20%	54%	8%
Total	66	56	174	6	5	13	151

7. Currently, upon the 3rd faceoff violation of a half, the violating team in-home shall serve a 30 second foul. Should the rule be changed to state the violating player shall serve penalty time?

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	62%	70%	68%	17%	80%	54%	50%
No Support	20%	20%	22%	33%	0%	8%	41%
No Opinion	18%	11%	10%	50%	20%	38%	10%
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8. The committee should eliminate faceoffs after goals. The team that was scored upon would be given a free clear or the opportunity to clear the ball from the endline.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	18%	9%	16%	17%	40%	46%	8%
No Support	65%	79%	78%	50%	40%	15%	88%
No Opinion	17%	13%	6%	33%	20%	38%	5%
Total	66	56	175	6	5	13	152

9. During the faceoff, on the initial move, both players are required to pull to the left and not clamp the ball.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	38%	24%	26%	50%	40%	15%	34%
No Support	39%	62%	63%	17%	20%	15%	53%
No Opinion	23%	15%	11%	33%	40%	69%	13%
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10. During the faceoff, faceoff players should stand and not be permitted to be on their knee(s). Hands and feet would be the only body parts permitted on the ground.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	42%	21%	31%	17%	40%	23%	24%
No Support	39%	64%	54%	33%	40%	15%	63%
No Opinion	18%	14%	15%	50%	20%	62%	13%
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11. Once the whistle blows to start play, the wing players must maintain a distance of 10 yards from the faceoff players until the ball becomes loose.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	11%	20%	26%	50%	60%	46%	39%
No Support	70%	68%	62%	17%	20%	15%	55%
No Opinion	20%	13%	12%	33%	20%	38%	7%
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RULES ITEMS Share your opinion on the following:

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

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	9%	9%	11%	50%	60%	38%	10%
No Support	85%	88%	85%	33%	20%	31%	81%
No Opinion	6%	4%	4%	17%	20%	31%	9%
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13. An official game should be defined at the end of the third period in case of inclement weather or other unusual factors.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	23%	44%	47%	100%	60%	77%	51%
No Support	47%	36%	34%	0%	0%	0%	25%
No Opinion	30%	20%	19%	0%	40%	23%	23%
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14. On a targeting play (contact to the head or neck) the penalty should be a two-minute non-releasable or an ejection based on the severity of the hit.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	42%	41%	54%	100%	80%	69%	70%
No Support	48%	45%	37%	0%	0%	0%	24%
No Opinion	11%	14%	9%	0%	20%	31%	5%
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15. The game should not end during a slow whistle as a result of a defensive penalty.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	40%	30%	48%	67%	40%	31%	42%
No Support	31%	45%	32%	0%	20%	15%	42%
No Opinion	29%	25%	20%	33%	40%	54%	16%
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16. On a successful shot, and the offensive team regains possession, the shot clock should be reset to:

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
40 seconds	24%	13%	11%	17%	40%	8%	8%
50 seconds	9%	13%	3%	0%	20%	0%	5%
60 seconds	42%	39%	43%	17%	20%	17%	53%
80 seconds (current rule)	24%	36%	44%	67%	20%	75%	34%
Total	66	56	174	6	5	12	154

CLEARING

17. The 20 second clearing count is an adequate number for the ball to cross the midline while in possession of the offensive team?

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	98%	96%	93%	100%	80%	62%	98%
No Support	0%	2%	7%	0%	0%	0%	1%
No Opinion	2%	2%	1%	0%	20%	38%	1%
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18. Retaining the dive has been positive change for the game?

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	26%	41%	33%	67%	80%	38%	34%
No Support	56%	48%	57%	17%	0%	0%	59%
No Opinion	18%	11%	10%	17%	20%	62%	6%
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19. Which area do you believe has the advantage?

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Offense	86%	100%	89%	0%	0%	0%	50%
Defense	14%	0%	11%	0%	0%	0%	50%
Total	7	4	9	0	0	0	2

TIMEOUTS

20. On a dead ball out of bounds, and a timeout is taken by the defensive team, the shot clock should remain at the time of stoppage and NOT reset.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	67%	71%	74%	83%	60%	46%	42%
No Support	30%	25%	23%	17%	20%	8%	54%
No Opinion	3%	4%	3%	0%	20%	46%	4%
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21. Adding the visible goal mouth has been positive change for the game?

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	36%	43%	33%	83%	80%	62%	63%
No Support	50%	46%	51%	17%	0%	0%	31%
No Opinion	14%	11%	15%	0%	20%	38%	6%
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22. The goal mouth area should be completely painted in like the goal crease in ice hockey.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	15%	23%	17%	67%	20%	15%	48%
No Support	59%	57%	65%	17%	20%	31%	27%
No Opinion	26%	20%	18%	17%	60%	54%	25%
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23. The penalties associated with offensive goal mouth violations are adequate.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	29%	43%	36%	50%	60%	46%	71%
No Support	59%	38%	47%	17%	0%	0%	22%
No Opinion	12%	20%	17%	33%	40%	54%	8%
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24. Diving should be removed from the game and the rules in relation to the dive should revert back to the 2017 and 2018 rules book.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	53%	45%	56%	17%	0%	0%	56%
No Support	32%	48%	38%	50%	80%	31%	33%
No Opinion	15%	7%	6%	33%	20%	69%	11%
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25. During the faceoff, wing players should be located:

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Closer to the face off spot	42%	23%	26%	17%	20%	9%	10%
Further away	2%	2%	2%	33%	40%	27%	6%
Same spot	57%	75%	73%	50%	40%	64%	84%
Total	65	56	175	6	5	11	152

Video Review: Share your opinion on the following:

26. Video review should be expanded to allow more review situations.

Question	DI Head Coach	DII Head Coach	DIII Head Coach	DI Conference Commissioner	DII Conference Commissioner	DIII Conference Commissioner	Game Official
Support	65%	45%	35%	67%	20%	15%	60%
No Support	24%	25%	37%	17%	40%	69%	31%
No Opinion	11%	30%	28%	17%	40%	15%	9%
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