

# 2009-2010 NCAA Rule Changes

These changes are based on a word-by-word comparison of the 2008 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules to the 2009–2010 version. Many of these changes were not “grayed” in the new rule book.

## Rule 1

- 1-14-c Changed “bench area” to “team area.”
- 1-21-b Deleted “It is recommended strongly that the jersey numbers be increased to heights of not less than 10 inches on the front and 12 inches on the back, when team jerseys are replaced by 2009.” and changed the required sizes in the remaining text to 10 and 12.
- 1-21-b 2008 A.R. 20 moved to rule text.
- 1-24 The word “Rules” was added to the phrase “Men’s Lacrosse Committee.”

## Rule 2

- 2-9 The word “momentarily” was changed to “periodically.”
- 2-12-a The word “quarter” was changed to “period.”

## Rule 3

- A.R. 1 The phrase “a nonreleasable foul” was changed to “penalty time.”
- 3-8 Deleted “and” from paragraph 2, sentence 2.

## Rule 4

Minor rewording to A.R.s 5, 46, 59, 75, and 84.

- 4-3 Exception (4) updated to be consistent with removal of “set” from face-off
- 4-3 In para 2, “wing” deleted from before the word “player.”
- Note 3 Phrase “center field area” replaced with “midfield area” throughout.
- Note 4 Exception for simultaneous personal fouls with equal penalty time added
- Note 4 Exception for rule 4 A.R. 22 added.
- A.R. 6 Revised to cover different simultaneous foul scenarios.

- 4-4-a Para 1 reworded to clarify that on a face-off, players may line up sideline-to-sideline behind the restraining line.
- 4-4-a Para 2 revised to list all conditions that end the face-off.
- 4-4-a Para 3 revised to be consistent with revisions to Para 1 and 2, plus makes clear that midfielders can substitute before the face-off ends.
- A.R. 26 Old A.R. 25 from 2008 becomes A.R. 26 and is moved to 4-5-h
- 4-6-e Entire new section on restarts added.
- 4-7-b Sentence added stating that if a player loses his crosse and the ball stays in it, it's withholding.
- 4-9-q New line added to update "Goal not counted" section to include pulling the strings after a goal and before the official requests the crosse.
- A.R. 53 Changed "across midfield" to "outside the attack area."
- A.R. 60 Updated to be consistent with the new 2008 rules regarding the start of the 10-second count.
- A.R. 90 Wording changed to make it more general and to make consistent with the rules regarding touching the goal after a shot.
- 4-24 Para 2, reworded for clarity.
- 4-26-c-1 Changed "where" to "from which."
- A.R. 112 Changed "after" to "before."
- 4-28 Text regarding routine inspections was deleted. The suggestion had been to move this to its own section, which did not happen and which may be corrected later by an NCAA rules bulletin.
- 4-29 The word "that" replaced with "the requesting head coach's."
- 4-31 Deleted references to other rules.

## **Rule 5**

Minor rewording to A.R.s 3, 8, and 9 and to sentence to of 5-8 Para 2.

- 5-4 Changed "The body checking of" to "Initiating contact with" in all cases. Deleted phrase "by a player, in which contact is made."
- 5-5 Reworded to make clear that the only illegal crosse that can return to the game (if adjusted) is a deep pocket.

- A.R. 5 Deleted the phrase “and the crosse is found to be illegal.”
- A.R. 13 Made clear that B1 is not the goalie.
- 5-10 Clarified that USC for “threatening, profane or obscene language or gestures” can be called before or after the game as well as during.
- A.R. 28 Major rewording to improve clarity.

## **Rule 6**

Minor rewording to A.R.s 1, 2, 8, 20, 21, 33, 35, 49, 50, 51, 60

- 6-4-a-4 New subsection stating that a player may not “Hold the crosse of the opponent using any part of his body.”
- A.R. 28 Clarifies that a goalkeeper can’t be guilty of a technical for playing with a broken crosse since play is supposed to stop in that situation.
- 6-6-f-2 Clarifies that 20 seconds to return to field after a timeout begins when team calling timeout returns to the field, plus minor rewording.
- 6-6-f-6 Added “authorized by officials.”
- 6-6-o Changed “overtime” to “sudden victory.”
- 6-6-x Changed “Failing” to “failure.”
- A.R. 37 Revised A.R. stating that if a player going to the goal loses equipment and scores, goal is disallowed and ball is awarded to that player’s team.
- A.R. 40 Deleted A.R. 40 from 2008, which stated “A1, in possession of the ball, loses a piece of his required equipment and immediately gets rid of possession, taking himself out of the scrimmage area to retrieve his equipment. RULING No foul.” This is under review by the NCAA, and it is likely that its omission was accidental and that it will be reinstated by a bulletin prior to the season.
- 6-6-aa Added new text “aa. When no player from the team awarded possession picks up the ball and moves to the position of the restart within 5 seconds of when the officials are ready to restart play. (Note This only applies to situations in which Rule 6-6-f does not apply.)”
- 6-7-b Changed “bench” to “team” and deleted “or her.” Expanded section to include all legal reasons for leaving area during play “A coach or player may leave the team/coaches area and enter the table area only (1) To exchange a crosse with a player on the field in the opposite end of the field from that team’s bench during a live ball or dead ball; or (2) To seek information from the timer or scorekeeper during a dead ball.”

- 6-8 Note 2, changed to “Note 2: A player may not kick, step on or grasp his opponent’s crosse.”
- A.R. 45 Deleted “In a crowded scrimmage area.” This A.R. was not rewritten to align with the revised 4-7-b, since now if the ball stays in the crosse it’s withholding and an immediate turnover.
- A.R. 54 Rewritten to align with new 2008 rule regarding start of 10-second count.
- 6-12 Changed “a player applying the check” to “an opponent.”
- A.R. 59 Major rewrite. It appears that they were trying to make it legal to lock an arm and drive it against the opponent’s crosse, but they left out the crucial detail about the arm moving relative to the body.

## Rule 7

Minor rewording to A.R.s 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 15, 18, 21, 25, 36, 55, 61, and 64 and to 7-11 and the last paragraph of 7-13.

- 7-1-b-4 New subsection clarifying what happens when there is a loose-ball personal: “For a personal foul during a loose ball, the whistle is sounded immediately. Exception: If there is a loose-ball personal foul in the attack area while a flag is down, a second flag is thrown and play continues (See Rule 7-9).” This settles the question about what to do when there is a loose-ball personal in the attack area with no flag down: throw the flag and blow the whistle; it’s **not** a flag-down situation.
- A.R. 7 Clarifies that when the in-home serves a penalty that does not count toward the limit of 5 personal fouls.
- 7-3 Added the word “where” after “spot”; deleted “live-ball,” making clear that for **any** simultaneous foul situation in which both teams serve penalty time, there is no free clear awarded.
- A.R. 11 Some minor rewording. Deleted the phrase “The ball should not be moved to the corner of the attack area,” but the conclusion of the A.R. does not change.
- 7-9 Clarified restart after FDSW.
- A.R. 69 New A.R.
- Signals Added signals for “free clear” and “tipped ball.”