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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Men's Lacrosse Coaches and Officials.

FROM: Don Zimmerman, secretary-rules editor  
NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee

Warren Kimber  
National Coordinator of Officials.

SUBJECT: Preseason Updates.

This communication is intended to provide:

1. **Preseason Education.** As a reminder, the NCAA has produced a preseason video, which is available at the following link:

[http://s3.amazonaws.com/ncaa/web\\_video/lacrosse/2011/2011\\_mlax\\_preseason.html](http://s3.amazonaws.com/ncaa/web_video/lacrosse/2011/2011_mlax_preseason.html)

Additionally, all communication documents and guidance is and will be available at the following link in the men's lacrosse tab:

[www.ncaa.org/playingrules](http://www.ncaa.org/playingrules)

2. **Faceoff Mechanics.** The following mechanic will be in place as we start the season in the continued effort to have the faceoff conducted fairly while also limiting the number of violations.

Immediately after meeting with captains, officials shall summon both teams' faceoff personnel to the center of the field to review rules and mechanics pertaining to the faceoff. Coaches are permitted and encouraged to accompany their players for this brief meeting. In addition, prior to the opening face off, the official will repeat instructions to those players taking the opening face off as has been done in the past. The officials may, if they feel it will be helpful, give the instructions other times during the game but they are not required to do so.

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- 3. Faceoff Reminder.** The committee has received a few questions regarding proper placement of the crosse during the faceoff. The applicable language in Rule 4 reads:

“The official shall make certain that the reverse surfaces of the crosses match evenly and are perpendicular to the ground.”

The committee has always interpreted this as the ball being placed in the middle of the crosses which will again be the case in 2011.

- 4. Misplaced Rule.** Please note that Targeting the Head/Neck was inadvertently placed under Rule 6 (Technical Fouls). This rule was approved and intended to be included in Rule 5 (Personal and Expulsion Fouls). Regardless, the rule as written is correct and the penalties listed in effect.

Thank you for your attention to this mailing and good luck as you prepare for the season.

TH:nb

cc: Selected NCAA Staff Members