



2021 NCAA MEN'S LACROSSE

TABLE CREW REFERENCE SHEET – February 11, 2021

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(Please note the language highlighted in gray is updated from the January 2021 table crew reference sheet.)

TIMEKEEPER (GAME CLOCK OPERATOR)

- Be on-site at least 20 minutes before the game.
- Have a digital stopwatch available with the ability to count down and an air horn.
- Keep an accurate account of penalty time.
- Inform penalized player(s) when the penalty is expired.
- Start and stop clock on official's whistle and at the end of each period.

When available and functioning, an electronic clock shall be the official timepiece. Where there is no visible clock, the timekeeper shall notify the nearest official 20 seconds before the end of the periods and sound an air horn at the end of each period.

- Start the halftime clock on the official's signal and notify each team four minutes before the start of the second half.
- Do not sound air horn while the ball is in play (see "shot clock operator duties") except at the end of periods.
- Sound the horn twice at the next dead ball when:
 - A player enters the field from the "substitution area" before the rules permit.
 - A coach requests a stick check or count of crosses.
 - A player illegally exchanges his crosse.

SCORER

- Unless otherwise designated, the home team scorer shall be the official scorer.
- Scorer shall be on-site at least 20 minutes before the game and assume the following duties:
 - Keep a record of goals and assists by each team, record the name and number of each player.
 - Check the score with the referee at the end of each period.
 - Keep a record of timeouts by each team and notify nearest official if either team exceeds the allowed number.
 - Keep a record of the name and number of each player assessed a penalty, type of violation, time in quarter and duration of penalty.
 - Notify nearest official should any player accumulate five (5) minutes of personal fouls.
 - Assist the timekeeper in sounding the horn, under Section 11 of this rule.
 - Assume full duties of the timekeeper if the timekeeper is on the sideline.

RULES FOR SHOT CLOCK

- An 80-second visible shot clock is required for use in all games.
- It is recommended that two clocks be utilized at either end of the field; however, one clock may be used at midfield to satisfy the rule.
- Regardless of the time on the game clock, the shot clock is required to be able to be reset and run until the end of a quarter.
Note: This means the game and shot clocks must **not** be in sync.
- If the period ends during a shot clock situation, the shot clock is no longer in effect.
Exception: Should the period end during an extra man situation, with player possession, the existing time on the clock shall remain at the start of the next period.
- For more detailed instructions for the shot clock operator, please refer to page two of this reference sheet.

TIMEOUTS, INJURIES, INADVERTENT AND EQUIPMENT STOPPAGES

- If the offensive team calls a timeout, the shot clock will continue from the point of the timeout.
- If the defensive team calls a timeout, the shot clock will continue from the point of the timeout.
- For an injury of an offensive player, the shot clock will continue from the point of the stoppage of play.
- For an injury of a defensive player, the shot clock will reset to 80 seconds.
- For inadvertent whistles during a shot clock: the shot clock will restart at the point of the stoppage.

- If stoppage of play is for an offensive equipment issue, the shot clock will restart at the point of stoppage.
- For defensive equipment problems and the defensive player continues to participate in play, a flag will result. Play shall continue and the shot clock will not be reset until the next stoppage of play.

SHOT CLOCK OPERATOR INSTRUCTIONS

START the shot clock as follows:

- After player possession, by either team, after a faceoff.
- After a live ball turnover by one team and player possession by the opposing team.
- After a loose ball play-on situation and the offended team has gained possession.

NOTE #1: The officials shall signal with a reset signal on each of these situations for starting of the shot clock. Paying close attention to the official's signals is paramount.

NOTE #2: Do not rush to reset the shot clock if a player does not have clear possession or if the officials have not signaled for a reset of the shot clock.

STOP the shot clock under the following situations:

- When an official's whistle blows to stop play.
Examples of this are:
 - A ball that goes out of bounds.
 - An injury or equipment problem.
 - Adjudication of a foul.
 - Timeouts.

EXPIRATION of the shot clock.

- At the expiration of the shot clock, the operator must sound the horn.

RESET the shot clock:

- Upon a change of possession.
- Upon a new restart, where a stoppage of play has occurred and possession has changed.
Note: This includes a restart where a team now has an extra man opportunity.

RESET and HOLD the start of the new shot clock upon:

- A valid shot that hits the goalkeeper or the goal pipe and player possession has yet to occur.
- A loose ball play-on where the play has continued, followed by possession by the offended team.

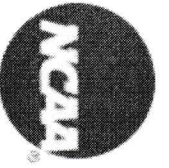
Allow the clock to run:

- During loose ball situations and possession has NOT changed.

Turn off the shot clock: NEVER.

PROCEDURE FOR SHOT CLOCK OPERATORS WHEN THE SHOT CLOCK MALFUNCTIONS OR IS UNAVAILABLE:

- Have a digital handheld timer with the ability to count down.
- Upon the official's signal (reset signal) starts the shot clock.
- Officials will adjudicate advancing the ball in 20 seconds.
- Verbally announce 10 second intervals and sound the horn at zero.
- All other in play situations are the same but must be timed with the hand held device.



2022 Major Rules Change for Men's Lacrosse

The following rules change was approved by the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel. This rules change is effective for the 2022 season.

[NOTE – Beginning with the 2022 season, all institutions must have two visible shot clocks with the ability to set/reset the clocks to two different times.

Also, beginning with the 2022 season, all field players must wear shoulder pads protectors certified to the NOCSAE commotio cordis protective device standard at the time of manufacture, or they must wear an alternative protective device certified to the NOCSAE commotio cordis protective device standard at the time of manufacture. (CSMAS recommendation)]

Rule	Rules Change and Rationale
4-15 Shot Clock Reset	<p>To establish a 60-second reset of the shot clock in the following situations unless stated otherwise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A valid shot retained by the offensive team in the offensive half of the field.• A loose ball technical foul where possession is retained by the offense in the offensive half, and the shot clock is at or below 60 seconds. If the shot clock is above 60 seconds, the reset shall be 80 seconds.• In a slow whistle flag down situation, the shot clock does not reset. However, once adjudicated, the shot clock will be reset to 60 seconds if the shot clock was at or below 60 seconds. If the shot clock was above 60 seconds, the shot clock will be reset to 80 seconds.• If there is a stoppage of play for a defensive injury, the shot clock shall be reset to 60 seconds if the shot clock is at or below 60 seconds at the time of the stoppage. If the shot clock is above 60 seconds, the reset shall be 80 seconds. <p>Rationale: To apply the concept of resetting the shot clock to a lower number to existing reset situations in our game. In an effort to enhance pace of play, the additional twenty seconds needed to clear the ball is not required when the offense is already in the offensive half of the field. This rules change coincides with the rules change set to go into effect in 2022 requiring each institution to have two shot clocks that can be set/reset to two different times.</p>