



NFHS Boys Lacrosse Official Scorer Guidelines

General Role: The Official Scorer is provided by the home team unless a third party is responsible. The scorer keeps a record of information during the game that is required for proper play of the game including but not limited to goals, penalties, and timeouts for both teams. Each team may have a statistician whose duties are to record statistics that goes beyond those of the Official Scorer.

Prior to the start of the game. The scorer should have a method for recording the information noted below. This could be a paper scorebook or an electronic version. Before the game the name, number, and position for each player who will be participating from either team should be recorded.

Goals. For a goal, the scorer records the number of the player scoring the goal, the period, and the time remaining in the period. Note that if a team puts the ball into its own goal, it is credited to the opponent as a “team goal” and not to any specific player on that team.

Assists. The scorer may award an assist if a player makes a direct pass to a teammate who then scores a goal without having to dodge or evade an opponent other than the goalkeeper. A goal may be unassisted but when there is an assist, only one assist may be awarded.

Penalties. When a time-serving penalty is reported, the scorer records the player’s number, violation, duration, quarter and time remaining in the quarter. When a coach is assessed a penalty or the penalty is on the bench, that should be recorded along with the number of player who serves the penalty, generally the in-home.

Fouling out and automatic ejection. Personal fouls are those receiving a 1, 2, or 3 minute penalty. When a player accumulates 5 minutes of personal fouls (regardless of the number of fouls), that player has fouled out of the game. The scorer must notify the nearest official immediately when a player has fouled out. The player will serve the penalty but then must exit to the bench area and another player may enter the field as a replacement. Technical fouls (30 sec. in length) have no bearing on fouling out of a game. A player or coach receiving two non-releasable unsportsmanlike conduct fouls is automatically ejected from the game. The scorer must notify the officials immediately when a player or coach receives a second non-releasable USC penalty. The second USC on a player is automatically 3 minutes, for a coach 1 minute. Officials may eject a player or coach on their first USC and will communicate that when reporting the penalty.

Time-outs. The scorer records the period in which each timeout is taken and the time remaining when it is taken. Time-outs between periods are charged to the previous period with 0:00 remaining.

Additional Statistics

The above information is the minimum required for playing a game and hence must be recorded by the official scorer. The official scorer, a separate statistician, team statisticians, or others may record more information including but not limited to: saves, shots, ground balls, faceoffs, clears, turnovers, and more. For a comprehensive description of these and other lacrosse related statistics, the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Statisticians' Manual (2022) is the definitive source which can be found at http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/Stats_Manuals/Lacrosse/mlax22.pdf