



2021 Field Hockey Waivers Due to COVID-19

Due to challenges resulting from COVID-19, playing rules waivers for several sports have been granted for the 2021 fall season. The playing rules waivers are consistent with the guidance included in the previously published NCAA Resocialization of Collegiate Sport documents. In this regard, the NCAA playing rules committees and staff will continue to monitor any additional developments and make adjustments as appropriate.

<u>Rule(s)</u>	<u>Waivers</u>
6.1	No coin toss occur and the visiting team will make choice of side of the field or starting with the ball. Rationale: Reduce the spread of germs.
2.a	Extend the substitution box from 3 meters to 5 meters. Rationale: Enhance physical distancing.
5.1.h.10	Only shooters in the shoot-out and one coach per team may be on the field and must remain beyond the center line and socially distanced at all times when it is not their turn to shoot. Rationale: Enhance physical distancing.
6.10	Extend the team area beyond the 23-meter line to the goal line to give more space in the team area for participants. The team coaching staff must remain between the center line and the 23-meter line (the current team bench area). Rationale: Enhance physical distancing.
9.c	Require verbal confirmation between the score table and the umpire regarding goals and cards issued during the game. Rationale: Reduce the spread of germs.