



**PLAYING RULES CHANGES RELATED TO COMMEMORATIVE/
MEMORIAL UNIFORM PATCHES SUPPORTING
RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
JULY 29, 2020**

In an effort to allow student-athletes the opportunity to use the uniform to voice their opinions and/or express support of racial and social justice, PROP reviewed the current uniform rules across all sports. Although the rules currently vary from sport-to-sport, PROP voted to direct all playing rules committees to implement the following policies for all sports effective with the 2020-21 seasons:

- As authorized by the institution or conference, allow a commemorative/memorial patch (e.g., names, mascots, nicknames, logos, and marks intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes).
- The patch must not exceed 4 square inches and must be placed on the front or sleeve of the uniform and may not interfere with any required markings.
- While not all team members are required to wear the patch, the patch must be identical for those who choose to wear the patch.
- As authorized by the institution or conference, allow other names/words intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes on the back of the jersey/uniform where the player name is traditionally located. The names/words may vary by team member.

**UPDATED PLAYING RULES CHANGES RELATED TO UNIFORM PATCHES
JUNE 30, 2021**

In an effort to create more consistency on uniforms and to allow for more decipherable patches, PROP approved the following permanent rules change for all sports effective with the 2021-22 seasons:

- Increase the maximum size of conference, institutional, commemorative, memorial and social justice patches from 2¼ to 4 square inches in all sports, with the exception of football and swimming and diving.
- In football, patches must not exceed 16 square inches in area.
- In swimming and diving, patches must not exceed 9 square inches in area.
- The number of allowable patches on the uniform remains unchanged.
- Patches are still required to be in the proper location on the uniform per each sport's playing rules.
- In accordance with NCAA Bylaw 12.5.4, manufacturer's logos in all sports remain restricted to a maximum of 2¼ square inches.