



Future Playing Rules Changes with a Potential Financial Impact
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Sport	Year Effective	Year Approved	Rules Change
Baseball	2023-24 DI and 2024-25 – DII and DIII	Summer 2022	Recommended immediately and required effective January 1, 2024, for Division I and January 1, 2025, for Divisions II and III, that facilities for collegiate baseball have protective fencing or netting on the field side of the dugout at a height not less than 3-feet from the field level.
Baseball	2023-24 DI and 2024-25 – DII and DIII	Summer 2022	Require for Division I by January 1, 2024, and for Divisions II and III by January 1, 2025, the use of a visible clock(s) during all times of the game to enforce all timing rules equitably.
Softball	2026-27	Summer 2022	Beginning January 1, 2027, require sideline and home run fences constructed of a hard material (e.g., wood, concrete or brick) to be padded. Padding must begin not higher than 1 foot off the ground and extend to the top of the wood, concrete or brick or 6 feet from the ground, whichever is shorter.

Recently Implemented Playing Rules Changes with a Potential Financial Impact

SPORT	YEAR	RULES CHANGE
Baseball	2021-22	Beginning with the 2022 season, permit the use of an exclusively one-way electronic communication device from the dugout to the field for the purpose of relaying the pitch or play call. The use of an in-ear communication device shall be limited to the defensive position of the catcher.
Baseball	2021-22 – DII and DIII	Beginning with the 2022 season for Division II and Division III institutions, require that bat barrel compression testing be conducted prior to each regular season series or single date of competition. All bats used in competition must pass the barrel ring test and barrel compression testing.
Women's Basketball	2021-22	Beginning with the 2021-22 season for Divisions I, II and III institutions, increase the distance of the three-point line from 20 feet, 9 inches to 22 feet, 1¾ inches from the center of the basket to the outside edge of the three-point field goal line and 21 feet, 7⅞ inches in the corners.
Women's Lacrosse	2021-22	Beginning January 1, 2022, the jersey number must be of a color that is clearly in distinct contrast with the color of the jersey, irrespective of any border around the number.
Swimming and Diving	2021-22	For facilities built or renovated after September 1, 2021, the pool markings will meet the USA Swimming standards. Pool bottom markers shall be a minimum of 10 inches wide and be located in the middle of each racing lane. The line shall a dark contrasting uninterrupted line for the length of the course and shall end with a distinctive cross line 2.00 meters (6 feet 7 inches) from the end wall. The end wall target shall be flush and in the shape of a "T" or a cross. The end wall target shall be the same width as the bottom markers and shall be in the center of each lane. The end wall target shall extend at least 3 feet 4 inches below the level of the water surface.
Swimming and Diving	2021-22 – DII and DIII	Beginning with the 2021-22 season for Divisions II and Division III institutions, the number of recommended officials will change to a required number of officials. For dual, double-dual, triangular and quadrangular meets, the required number will be two. For championship and invitational competition, the required number of officials will be four.)
Men's Basketball	2021-22	Beginning with the 2021-22 season for Divisions I, II and III institutions, increase the distance of the three-point line from 20 feet, 9 inches to 22 feet, 1¾ inches from the center of the basket to the outside edge of the three-point field goal line and 21 feet, 7⅞ inches in the corners.
Men's Lacrosse	2021-22	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.
Men's Lacrosse	2021-22	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)

Softball	2021-22	Beginning January 1, 2022, require barrel compression testing to be conducted according to accepted protocols at a minimum prior to the start of each tournament, series, doubleheader, or single midweek game during the regular season.
Softball	2021-22	Beginning with the 2022 season, permit (not required) video review of designated plays as outlined in Appendix G. In games using video review, each head coach has two challenges to initiate a review of plays designated in Appendix G for the entirety of the game. The challenge must be indicated before the next pitch, before the pitcher and all infielders have clearly vacated their normal fielding position and left fair territory, or before the umpires have left the field of play. Additionally, the crew chief may initiate a review of these plays at their discretion beginning with the sixth inning in any game.
Baseball	2020-21	Beginning January 1, 2021, all catcher's chest protectors must bear the manufacturer's certification indicating satisfaction of NOCSAE and SEI testing standards to protect against commotio cordis. (CSMAS recommendation)
Baseball	2020-21	For 2020-21, require a visual inspection of bats to check for cracks, dents, etc.
Men's Lacrosse	2020-21	Beginning with the 2021 season, all goalkeepers must use chest protectors designed for lacrosse 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)
Women's Lacrosse	2020-21	Beginning January 1, 2021, goalkeepers will be required to wear chest protectors that meet the NOCSAE standard and contain the SEI certification mark. (CSMAS recommendation)
Outdoor Track and Field	2020-21	Beginning January 1, 2021, all newly constructed or resurfaced outdoor tracks shall be surveyed for a curb and shall have a regulation curb in place for competition.
Baseball	2019-20 - DI	Beginning with the 2020 season for Division I institutions, require that bat barrel compression testing be conducted prior to each regular season series or single date of competition. All bats used in competition must pass the barrel ring test and barrel compression testing.
Baseball	2019-20	Beginning with the 2020 season, the bat barrel shall be predominantly of a color(s) contrasting to the color of the baseball between the 18-inch mark and the end cap.
Men's Basketball	2019-20 - DI	Beginning with the 2019-20 season for Division I institutions, increase the distance of the three-point line from 20'9" to 22' 1 and 3/4" at the top of the key and to 21' 7 and 7/8" in the corners.
Men's and Women's Basketball	2019-20	Reset the shot clock to 20 seconds after an offensive rebound that does not go into the backcourt before team control is gained by the offensive team.
Women's Bowling	2019-20	Beginning with the 2019-20 season, all skirts, skorts or kilts with less than a 15-inch out seam are required to have at least a four (4)-inch inseam.

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving	2019-20 - DI	Beginning with the 2019-20 season for Division I institutions, the number of recommended officials will change to a required number of officials. For dual, double-dual, triangular and quadrangular meets, the required number will be two. For championship and invitational competition, the required number of officials will be four.
Beach Volleyball	2019-20	Beginning with the 2020 season, require a referee stand with platform, podium ladder or platform workstation for each competition court in order for a contest to be countable.
Women's Volleyball	2019-20	Beginning with the 2019 season, the jersey number must be of a color that is clearly in distinct contrast with the color of the jersey, irrespective of any border around the number.
Women's Volleyball	2019-20	Beginning with the 2019 season, the jersey may contain a single conference logo. The logo may not exceed 3x5 or 4x4 square inches. The conference logo must not obstruct the player's number.
Indoor Track and Field	2018-19	Beginning December 1, 2018, all newly constructed or resurfaced indoor tracks must be surveyed for a curb and shall have a regulation curb in place for competition.
Wrestling	2018-19	Beginning with the 2018-19 season, all wrestling mats must comply with the ASTM Specification Standard for wrestling mats. (Rule 1.2 in the NCAA Wrestling Rules Book).
Men's and Women's Basketball	2017-18	Coaching box shall be extended 10' toward the center line to so that it is 38' (instead of 28').
Women's Basketball	2017-18	Restricted-area arc shall be 4' instead of 3' (making it the same as the men's restricted-area arc).
Softball	2017-18	By the 2018 season, the field side of the dugout must be protected by netting or fencing not less than 6 feet from the floor of the dugout except for the designated entrances and exits to the field. (Rule 2.10 in the NCAA Softball Rules Book).
Softball	2017-18	By the 2018 season, foul poles on institutional fields must be a minimum of 10 feet high and be either white or optic orange. (Rule 2.12 in the NCAA Softball Rules Book).
Ice Hockey	2016-17	Effective with the 2016-17 season, all institutions must have a goal anchoring system with pegs 8 to 10 inches in depth. A limited waiver process will be available to allow some relief in cases where institutions are unable to comply. (Rule 2.1 in the NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Book).
Men's Lacrosse	2016-17: DII/DIII	A visible shot clock is permissible for use in all games. By the 2016 season, all Division I institutions and by the 2017 season, all Division II and III institutions must have a visible shot clock available for competition. 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. (Rule 1-25 in the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Book).
Women's Lacrosse	2016-17 – DI 2017-18 – DII and DIII	By the 2017 season for Division I institutions, and by the 2018 season for Division II and Division III institutions, require that a visible 90-second possession clock be in place. It is recommended that two visible clocks be utilized at either end of the field; however, one visible clock at mid-field will satisfy the requirement of this rule.
Soccer	2016-17	Beginning with the 2016 season, video review is permissible (not required) in three specific situations. The use of video review must be agreed upon by both head coaches before the start of the game. During the game, video

		<i>review can be initiated by the referee only. In order to use video review, the review equipment must be provided by the home institution and available at the scorekeeper's table or field level. Indisputable video evidence, in the judgment of the referee, must be present for the call on the field to be overturned.</i>
<i>Soccer</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>For fields constructed or renovated in 2016 or thereafter, the halfway line and center circle lines must be visible. (Rule 1.4 in the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Book).</i>
<i>Softball</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>By the 2017 season: *For institutionally owned fields with a 4-foot fence, the fence must be a minimum of 210 feet down the foul lines and 230 feet to center field <u>OR</u> the field can be renovated with a taller fence that meets the standards listed under renovated facility. The maximum distance to center field is 235 feet. *For municipal fields with a 4-foot fence, it is highly recommended the fence be a minimum of 210 feet down the foul lines and 230 feet to center field with a maximum distance to center field is 235 feet. (Rule 2.11 in the NCAA Softball Rules Book).</i>
<i>Track and Field</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>Cones not more than 15 centimeters in height shall be placed on the lane lines immediately before the intersection of each lane line and the break line. Cones of this height, separated as described in Rule 1-1.6, shall be used to mark the inside of any single outer alley used for a race between the start of the alley and the break line. (Rule 1-1.10 in the NCAA Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track and Field Rules Book).</i>
<i>Division III Men's Volleyball</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>Effective for the 2017 season, a 3-meter visible restraining line is required to be placed on the playing surface five feet from the sideline on the bench side of the court. The line will extend from the end of the bench. The line can be permanent or taped.</i>
<i>Women's Volleyball</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>For facilities constructed after 2016, a free zone of three meters is required. (Appendix A in the NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules Book).</i>