Methods

• This was a survey of athletic directors, conference commissioners, head coaches and umpires aimed at obtaining their support for potential new rules topics/areas of emphasis.

• The survey was designed to take no more than 15-20 minutes and was administered online through the QuestionPro survey software.

• The survey was open from April 25 to May 19, 2024.

• The survey was distributed via email to over 3,500 coaches and officials. The link to the survey was posted to an online survey dashboard designed for athletics directors and conference commissioners to provide rules feedback during the 2023-24 academic year. A notice about the use of the survey dashboard was emailed to all athletics directors and conference commissioners in fall 2023 and again in late January 2024. The survey availability was highlighted in the NCAA Weekly and follow-up emails were sent to coaches and officials. Of the 4,799 possible participants, there were 996 completed surveys (21 percent response rate).
# Survey Response Table

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# Proposed Changes

Please indicate your level of support for the following statements regarding proposed rules changes:

1. Require the use of the double first base (Rule 1.7) in all NCAA competitions.

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2. Permit, at an institution’s discretion, the use of an 18-inch base (Rule 1.7).

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PROPOSED CHANGES

Please indicate your level of support for the following statements regarding proposed rules changes:

3. Amend Rule 1.12.d to allow bat sensor technology during competitions.

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|-----------|---------|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ADs     | HEAD COACHES | COMMISSIONERS | UMPIRES |
| Support   | 394     | 39 | 109 | 4 | 242 | 42 |
| Oppose    | 375     | 66 | 106 | 11 | 192 | 33 |
| No Opinion| 218     | 36 | 28  | 10 | 144 | 25 |
| Total     | 987     | 141| 243 | 25 | 578 |  |

4. Require bat testing (Rule 1.12.g) to be conducted before each contest day (i.e. prior to the first game of a doubleheader).

| RESPONSE  | OVERALL |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---------|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|           | ADs     | HEAD COACHES | COMMISSIONERS | UMPIRES |
| Support   | 557     | 49 | 89  | 8  | 411 | 71 |
| Oppose    | 306     | 78 | 128 | 18 | 82  | 14 |
| No Opinion| 125     | 15 | 26  | 1  | 84  | 15 |
| Total     | 988     | 142| 243 | 27 | 577 |  |

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5. Require an umpire to be present for oversight or to administer the bat testing process.

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6. Amend the suspension rule (Rule 2.26.e) for pitchers to differentiate the length of a suspension for a pitcher who is ejected as a starting pitcher (4 games) versus a pitcher who is ejected as a relief pitcher (2 games). Further, to specify that a player who is ejected as a pitcher is only required to serve a one game suspension before returning to play a position other than pitcher (e.g. a starting pitcher who is ejected may return to play as an outfielder or pinch hitter upon serving a one game suspension).

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**PROPOSED CHANGES**

*Please indicate your level of support for the following statements regarding proposed rules changes:*

7. Allow one-way electronic communication to be sent to from the 1st or 3rd base coach's box, or from the defensive position of catcher. The current rule (Rule 5.2) only allows transmission to be sent from the dugout.

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8. Select the option most preferred regarding Rule 5.8.b.4 – the 10-run rule. In all scenarios, each team must play an equal number of innings unless shortened because the home team has no runs or only part of its half of the final inning.

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9. Amend the language of a player leaving their position rule (Rule 5.16.c) as specified.

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10. Change the existing runners' lane (Rule 7.11.p) to include the 15-inch (or 18-inch) width of first base in fair territory.

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11. Require umpires to check pitchers for foreign substances (Rule 9.2) after each half inning.

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12. Eliminate the limit on the number of warm-up pitches (Rule 9.2.i) between innings for a returning pitcher. The same principle should also be extended to warm-up pitches by a new/relief pitcher.

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## PROPOSED CHANGES

*Please indicate your level of support for the following statements regarding proposed rules changes:*

13. Establish a 150 second limit on pitching changes and to eliminate the number of warm-up pitches permitted. (Currently, the limit is eight.)

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14. To allow one re-entry per player, per game. This would exclude the pitcher and designated hitter. Currently, a player that is subbed out is effectively done for the remainder of game. (Rule 5.5)

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PROPOSED CHANGES

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15. Insert [specified] language within the video review protocols (Appendix E) to specify that all obvious errors that may have a significant impact on the outcome of a game may be reviewed and corrected.

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16. Permit a hitter one reset from the action per at-bat. (Appendix F)

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**PROPOSED CHANGES**

*Please indicate your level of support for the following statements regarding proposed rules changes:*

17. Change the time by which the batter must be in the batter’s box and alert to the pitcher from 10 seconds to 8 seconds. (Appendix F)

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18. Permit an umpire to call time and reset a pitch clock if a pitcher becomes set before a hitter is alert to the pitcher. (Appendix F)

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Please indicate your level of support for the following statements regarding proposed rules changes:

19. Reduce the pitch clock from 20 seconds to 18 seconds. (Appendix F)

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20. Implement shift rules specifying that the four infielders must be within the boundary of the infield and must be on the appropriate side of the infield (e.g. 38 and SS on the left side of second base) when the pitcher is on the pitcher’s plate.

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### PROPOSED CHANGES

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21. Effective January 1, 2025, the use of one or more visible clocks will be permissible during the game to enforce all timing rules. (Appendix F)

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### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

22. Please select the response below you feel is best regarding when a contest should stop based on the number of runs.

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## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

23. Select which situations you would be in support of adding to the list of reviewable plays: (Select all that apply)

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<td>Interference or obstruction regardless of location.</td>
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24. Select which policies related to the action clock and pace of play you support: (Select all that apply)

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

25. Select which situation you would be in support of related to challenges initiated by the head coach:

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<td>408</td>
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