



REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE
MAY 4-5, 2022, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items. The NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee approved one rules change proposal for the 2022-23 season and two experimental rules change proposals. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the following items.

a. Rule 4-10.2 (Flopping).

(1) Recommendation. To remove the required initial warning and assess a Class B technical foul when a player commits a flop.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. Flopping continues to be a major concern in our game, and the Men's Basketball Rules Committee felt that the current penalty of an initial warning for flopping has not deterred players from continuing to flop. An immediate penalty for flopping is needed to curb this behavior. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee will also provide additional guidance to players, coaches and officials to better define flopping. This rules change has been reviewed and supported by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Competition Committee as well as the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Rule 5-10.c (Media timeout format).

(1) Recommendation. To allow conferences that have five media marks in the second half to utilize a standard media timeout format with media breaks at the 17-, 14-, 11-, 8- and 4- minute marks.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. This experimental rule is designed to help standardized the traditional "floater" media mark in the second half. The goal of this experimental rule is to not have those back to back media breaks which often create a choppy flow to the game.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

c. 10-4.2.d (Live video).

(1) Recommendation. To allow conferences to experiment with preloaded and live video on the bench during conference games and tournaments.

(2) Effective date. For the 2022-23 season for live or preloaded video.

(3) Rationale. This is a continuation from the experimental rule last year that permitted live video in the bench area. This experimentation was met with approval from the coaches and other stakeholders. Allowing conferences to experiment with live video next season will provide the Men's Basketball Rules Committee with additional data and feedback with regard to expanding the use of technology on the bench.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Varies depending on the technology/equipment used.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Opening remarks and review of meeting schedule.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee congratulated the chair, Bob Huggins, on being named to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee also congratulated the secretary-rules editor, Art Hyland, on receiving the NABC Metropolitan Award for his service to men's basketball. The chair reviewed the Men's Basketball Rules Committee's scope of responsibilities as well as the timeline for the annual meeting.
2. **Review committee operations manual.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed the operations manual and noted the voting procedures and conflict of interest policy.
3. **Review of 2021 annual meeting report and approval of January 25, 2022, videoconference report.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed and approved the 2021 annual meeting report and the January videoconference report.
4. **NCAA injury surveillance data and report.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed the 2022 NCAA injury surveillance report. It was noted that the lack of participation from member institutions was related to athletic training staffs given additional responsibilities related to COVID-19 which limited their additional time to submit injury data to the surveillance program. Work is being done to increase participation to pre-pandemic levels.

5. **Review 2022 rules survey.** The secretary rules-editor reviewed the results of the annual rules survey. Of note, the Men's Basketball Rules Committee was concerned with the overall response rate with only 37 percent of head coaches responding to the survey which was slightly up from the previous year. Staff will work closely with the Division I men's basketball conference administrators in an effort to promote a greater return rate from the Division I head coaches on future surveys. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee also discussed the timing of when the rules survey gets distributed.
6. **Men's Basketball Competition Committee and Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reports.** Dan Leibovitz, chair of the Men's Basketball Competition Committee, thanked the Men's Basketball Rules Committee for the opportunity to present the discussions from the Men's Basketball Competition Committee. The Men's Basketball Competition Committee met during the Final Four as well as on April 14. Dan Leibovitz reported the following recommendations from the Men's Basketball Competition Committee:
 - a. Eliminate the required initial warning for flopping and assess a class B technical foul.
 - b. Consider experimenting with advancing the ball.
 - c. To continue the live video on the bench experimental rule for conference regular season and conference tournament competition.
 - d. Consider experimenting with a standard media break format for conference and NIT games with five media marks in the second half. The breaks would occur at the 17-, 14-, 11, 8-, and 4-minute marks.
 - e. There was no support for a widened lane or a straight or modified six foul rule. There was some conversation regarding the possibility of permitting an additional foul if a game should go into overtime.
 - f. The Men's Basketball Competition Committee had a lengthy discussion about amending the men's basketball rules to require the game to be played with quarters rather than halves. The committee concluded that there are still many difficult challenges with moving to a four-quarter format.
 - g. A coach's challenge was discussed as a rule change possible and, based on insights from the NBA, the Men's Basketball Competition Committee felt that further discussions and moving forward with a coach's challenge should be undertaken only with an abundance of caution.
7. **Conference coordinator of official's report.** Mike Eades, coordinator of officials for the Southeastern Conference, thanked the Men's Basketball Rules Committee for allowing the

coordinators to be represented at the meetings. Mike Eades reported that the coordinators recommended the Men's Basketball Rules Committee consider rules topics including:

- a. Providing a clearer definition of flopping and to assess a greater penalty for flopping.
 - b. Noted that the traveling interpretation provided by the Men's Basketball Rules Committee last year made it easier and more consistent for officials adjudicating certain traveling plays.
 - c. During replay reviews, keeping teams in the paint area to prevent "free timeouts" from occurring during those review situations.
 - d. Emphasize enforcing the rules related to fouls which occur during inbounds plays that are designed to stop or keep the clock from starting. Often times, the weakest shooter is fouled, and a flagrant foul should be called, but for the most part a common foul is called.
 - e. Emphasize that a flagrant foul should be called on close-out plays where the defender illegally occupies space on the court and prevents a shooter from landing on a spot to which he is entitled.
8. **Active officials report.** Bert Smith, an active Division I men's basketball official, thanked the Men's Basketball Rules Committee for allowing him to represent college basketball officials at the meeting. Bert Smith provided several suggestions, including the following:
- a. Adopt the FIBA rule which allows either offensive or defensive players to touch the ball when a shot that hits the rim, is on the rim, or within the cylinder.
 - b. The throw-in spot for all backcourt violations should be at the 28' mark with a 20 second shot clock reset.
 - c. Add an "injured player" stoppage as an ~~option~~ opportunity to go to a media break.
 - d. Support removing the warning for flopping and immediately assessing a class B technical foul.
9. **NCAA national coordinator of men's basketball official's report.** The national coordinator of men's basketball officials reviewed the recent achievements and challenges with the national officiating program. It was noted that fouls are at a five-year low and is consistent in trends being seen at the NBA as well.

The Men's Basketball Rules Committee noted the continued improvements and requested that the national coordinator continue the efforts by coordinators and officials over the past

several years to reduce physicality. Additional focus/attention should be given to the directive to reduce physicality to create freedom of movement – noting the following problem areas that need focus:

- a. Rule 10-1.4 – Hand checking/body bumping the ball handler.
- b. Post Play – Calling the first displacement foul especially on backdown plays.
- c. Screening – enforce all screening rules.
- d. Traveling – Especially perimeter and post travels.
- e. Eliminating flopping from the game – enforce the rules!
- f. Continue to enforce all cylinder rules.
- g. The consistent enforcement of bench decorum, the coaching box and unsporting conduct rules.
- h. Enforce the rules.

10. Review of technology rules experiment. The secretary-rules editor reviewed the results of the experimental rules for the 2021-22 season. Conferences during the regular season experimented with the live and preloaded video in the bench area. Lastly, in the National Invitation Tournament, teams were given access to live video. The feedback from the teams who participated in the National Invitation Tournament was positive and they supported the idea of implementing video in the future. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee felt at this time, given that conference investment in technology has varied and that coaches needed more time to become familiar with using replay equipment on the bench, it was best for the game to move forward again with the experimental rule for the 2022-23 season on a conference basis. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee also recommended use in multi-team events where the parameters would be the same and agreed upon by the participating teams. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee would permit nonconference opponents to use live video if both conferences are participating in the experiment rule and both institutions agree. This would provide the rules committee more feedback ~~on~~ when considering whether to permit live/preloaded video to be used in the bench area in the future.

11. Secretary-rules editor report. The secretary-rules editor reviewed several reports including an historical document summarizing rules changes and statistics dating back to 1947, the 2021-22 rules change proposals and Divisions I, II and III statistical trends from the 2021-22 season and the 2021-22 COVID-19 interpretations.

In addition, the secretary-rules editor reviewed several rules interpretations and clarifications from the 2021-22 season including those listed below.

- a. Center circle. (Rule 1-4.2) The Men's Basketball Rules Committee clarified that if players are at least 36-inches off the center circle, they are permitted to move during a jump ball.
- b. In-bounds fouls. (Rule 4-15.c.1.d) On in-bounds plays late in the game, the Men's Basketball Rules Committee wants the rules to be called as written on intentional fouls that occur away from the ball for the purpose of stopping the clock or preventing it from starting.
- c. Flopping. (Rule 4-10.1.c.4) The Men's Basketball Rules Committee reaffirmed its intention to eliminate flopping from the game and provided additional guidance on how to enforce the current flopping rules. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee recommended a rules change to remove the required warning for a flop and to assess a Class B technical foul on the first flop. In addition, the Men's Basketball Rules Committee agreed to provide a clearer definition of "flopping".
- d. Legal guarding position. (Rule 4-17.4) The Men's Basketball Rules Committee approved an interpretation that a back-peddling defensive player satisfies the requirement of having two feet on the floor facing an opponent to be in legal guarding position.
- e. Media timeout format. (Rule 5-10.c) The Men's Basketball Rules Committee approved an experimental rule to allow conferences as well as the NIT to standardize the five media breaks in the second half by designating the breaks to occur at the 17, 14-, 11-, 8-, and 4-minute marks. This is designed to help prevent the back-to-back media breaks in a short period of time that often creates a choppy flow in the game.
- f. Shortened timeouts. (Rule 5-14) The Men's Basketball Rules Committee approved an interpretation that during player injuries and instant replay reviews, players must be located in their designated bench areas.
- g. The ball awarded to the wrong team. (Rule 7-6.13) The Men's Basketball Rules Committee clarified the present rule which requires that a mistake must be rectified before the throw-in ends when the ball is awarded to the wrong team. In practice, that is not feasible to correct so officials normally correct this error after the throw-in ends. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee determined that it must be corrected before the first dead ball with timing issues adjusted.
- h. Momentum carrying a player out of bounds. (Rule 9-3.1.b) The Men's Basketball Rules Committee clarified that when a player's momentum carries the player out of

bounds, that player may return to the court and can be the first one to touch it when the player first re-establishes position with one foot inbounds.

- i. Use of Technology in the Bench Area During Competition. (Rule 10-4.2.d) The Men's Basketball Rules Committee agreed to continue reviewing and experimenting with the use of live/preloaded video the bench area during competition during conference regular season and conference tournament competition.
 - j. Dead ball technical fouls. (Rule 10-1 Penalty h) The Men's Basketball Rules Committee clarified that, in a dead ball situation, technical fouls with equal penalties that occur around the same time ("double fouls") will be cancelled. This clarifies situations during long dead ball scenarios where additional dead ball technical occur that are not related the original situation.
 - k. Advancing the ball. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee discussed the concept of advancing the ball in the last two minutes of the second half and in the last two minutes of overtime. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee did not support experimenting with advancing the ball. There was little interest in awarding the offense a possession with the ball in their front court in exchange for a timeout.
12. **Senior Vice President of Basketball Update.** Dan Gavitt, NCAA senior vice president of basketball, joined the meeting and complimented Men's Basketball Rules Committee's and the officiating community's collaborative efforts to continue to make significant positive impact in the game of college basketball. Dan Gavitt noted that the Men's Basketball Competition Committee and the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee were appreciative of the collaborative efforts between the three committees. Dan Gavitt supported the continual exploration of technology and how it can be used to improve our game. Dan Gavitt also provided a brief update on some of the major topics across the association. Lastly, Dan Gavitt thanked Art Hyland for his years of service to men's basketball.
13. **National Association of Basketball Coaches/NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Committee/Men's Basketball Rules Committee joint meeting.** As in previous years, the Men's Basketball Rules Committee met jointly with the National Association of Basketball Coaches board of directors and the Men's Basketball Championship Committee. The meeting has become an effective annual event to exchange ideas about the rules of college basketball.
14. **Men's Basketball Rules Committee/NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee joint meeting agenda.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee chair and secretary-rules editor conducted joint meetings with the chair and secretary-rules editor from the Women's Basketball Rules Committee to discuss rules changes both committees were considering so that both groups aligned where it made sense for both committees.

15. **Election of the chair.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee elected Rick Barnes to serve as the Men's Basketball Rules Committee chair for the 2022-23 academic year.
16. **Future virtual and in-person meeting dates.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee was reminded of the following future meeting schedule:
 - a. October 2022 (videoconference) – To be determined.
 - b. December 2022 (videoconference) – To be determined.
 - c. February 2023 (videoconference) – To be determined.
 - d. April 2022 (videoconference) – To be determined.
 - e. May 2-5, 2023 (in-person annual meeting) – Indianapolis.
 - f. May 8-10, 2024 (in-person annual meeting) – Indianapolis.
17. **Adjournment.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee acknowledged the excellent work of outgoing member Bob Huggins and thanked him for his service on Men's Basketball Rules Committee. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee had a small moment of appreciation for the work that Art Hyland has accomplished over the last 12 years as the men's basketball secretary-rules editor.

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Committee Chair: Bob Huggins, West Virginia University

Staff Liaison(s): Andy Supergan, NCAA Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
Rick Barnes, University of Tennessee.	
Jim Boone, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Paul Brazeau, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Jay Butler, Virginia Union University.	
Chris Clunie, Davidson College.	
Travis DeCuire, University of Montana.	
Rick Hartzell, Upper Iowa University.	
Karl Hicks, American Athletic Conference.	
Bob Huggins, West Virginia University.	
Art Hyland, secretary-rules editor.	
Jeff O'Malley, shadowing secretary-rules editor.	
Steve Schweer, Illinois College.	
Brian Streeter, Pennsylvania State Univ. Erie, the Behrend College.	
Gary Stewart, Stevenson University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
J.D. Collins, national coordinator of officials.	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference, PROP representative.	
Mike Eades, conference coordinator of officials.	
Dan Leibovitz, Southeastern Conference.	
Bert Smith, active official.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Andy Supergan.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Dan Gavitt (men's basketball), Greg Johnson (strategic communications) and Brad Taylor (men's basketball).	