



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL RULES SUBCOMMITTEE AND
DIVISIONS II AND III MEN'S BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE
MAY 4-6, 2026, JOINT ANNUAL MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome, introductions and announcements.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee chairs welcomed those rules committee members virtually. The chair also thanked the invited guests for their time and insights they will share with the committee. The chairs reviewed the Men's Basketball Rules Committee's scope of responsibilities as well as the timeline for the annual meeting.
2. **Review meeting schedule, agenda, guiding principles and operational items.** The meeting schedule and agenda were reviewed. The Men's Basketball Rules Committee also reviewed the NCAA conflict of interest policy, guidance for committee members regarding meeting reports, notes and email as well as the experimental playing rules guidelines.
3. **Review and approval of 2025 annual meeting report.** The reports were approved as written.
4. **Secretary-rules editor report.** Jeff O'Malley, secretary-rules editor, presented a report to the Men's Basketball Rules Committee. He reviewed interpretations issued during the 2025-26 basketball season. The committee approved all interpretations and clarifications issued during the season, along with two additional rulings for inclusion in the 2025-26 Men's Basketball Case Book. O'Malley also reviewed proposals submitted by the membership. The committee engaged in candid discussion on several topics, including quarters versus halves, widening the lane, and potential future expansions of the coach's challenge. One item the committee agreed and committed on for the membership for the upcoming 2026-27 season from the conversations: All preseason exhibition games and public scrimmages must be conducted in full accordance with NCAA playing rules.
5. **Active officials' report.** Paul Szalc, an active Division I men's basketball official thanked the committee for the opportunity to represent men's basketball officials. The rules committee received a recap of the 2025-26 season and the new rules changes. He added suggestions regarding future rules change topics.
6. **Conference coordinator of officials' report.** John Higgins, Coordinator of Officials for the COC-MBB, thanked the committee for the opportunity to provide feedback during their annual meeting. The committee received a review of the 2025-26 season, while also receiving feedback on assorted items and topics being discussed by the rules committee.

- 7. National coordinator of officials' report.** Chris Rastatter, men's basketball national coordinator of officials, provided an officiating report to the rules committee. The report included a review of the 2025-26 season, the continued enhancement of men's basketball officials and new points of emphasis for the 2026-27 basketball season, including or the 2026-27 season, officials will prioritize enforcement in the following areas: post play physicality, offensive three-second violations, freedom of movement and traveling.
- 8. National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) report.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee heard a report from Monica Maxwell, Director of Sports for the NFHS, regarding recent rules changes approved by the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee, as well as the current state of the game at the high school level.
- 9. Review of 2025-26 statistics, trends, game length and review summary.** J.D. Hamilton, Assistant Director for Playing Rules and Officiating, reviewed key trends, foul reports and statistics, the game length and review summary from the 2025-26 season, as well as previous seasons.
- 10. Review 2026 rules survey results.** NCAA staff and the secretary-rules editor reviewed the results of the 2026 rules survey. Similar to previous years, the rules committee was concerned with the low response rate for the survey with only 17% of all head coaches responding, and a total survey response rate of 16%.
- 11. Review rules proposals and discussion items.** The Division I Men's Basketball Rules Subcommittee and Divisions II and III Men's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed 148 proposals that were submitted through the Call for Proposals period. The committees identified the proposals that warranted further consideration during the 2027 annual meeting (rules change year), as well as those proposals that should be included in next year's survey.
- 12. NCAA senior vice president of basketball update.** Dan Gavitt, NCAA senior vice president of basketball, thanked the committee for their work and provided a recap of the 2026 Division I men's basketball championship.
- 13. Future meeting schedule.** The Men's Basketball Rules Committee agreed on a future meeting schedule. Next year's annual meeting will take place May 3-6, 2027.
- 14. Other business.** All preseason exhibition games and public scrimmages must be conducted in full accordance with NCAA playing rules.
- 15. Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 4:58 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, May 6.

Committee Chairs: Paul Brazeau, Atlantic Coast Conference and Bert Epting, Anderson University (South Carolina)

Staff Liaison(s): J.D. Hamilton, Playing Rules and Officiating

NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee May 4-6, 2026, Joint Annual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Vince Alexander, Clayton State University.	
Ryan Abelman, student-athlete, Northern Arizona University.	
Paul Brazeau, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Troy Cicero, student-athlete, Loyola University Maryland.	
Scott Corley, Belmont University.	
Tony Dominguez, Western Washington University.	
Bert Epting, Anderson University (South Carolina).	
Fran Fraschilla, public member.	
Tim Fusina, Waynesburg University.	
Greg Gard, University of Wisconsin.	
Garth Glissman, Southeastern Conference.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Brandon Johnson, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.	
Rob Lanier, Rice University.	
Myndee Kay Larsen, The Summit League.	
Nates Oats, University of Alabama.	
Jeff O'Malley, secretary-rules editor.	
Chris Rastatter, national coordinator of officials.	
Ashley Robinson, Jackson State University.	
Adam Stockwell, Hamilton College.	
Brian Thornton, Big 12 Conference.	
Dale Wellman, Nebraska Wesleyan University.	
Absentees:	
Chris Holtmann, DePaul University.	
Shantay Legans, University of Portland.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University.	
John Higgins, conference coordinator of officials.	
Monica Maxwell, National Federation of State High School Associations.	
Paul Szelc, active official.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
J.D. Hamilton.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Alex Dickey, Dan Gavitt and Greg Johnson.	