



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

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative items.** The NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee approved the following experimental rule for the 2022-2023 season. The Women's Basketball Rules Committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the following item:

- **Electronic Transmission of Data to the Bench Area (Rule 10-12.4.b).**

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

(2) Effective date. For the 2022-23 season.

(3) Rationale. This is a continuation of the experimental rule that was approved last season permitting live video in the bench area. This experiment was met with positive feedback and approval from coaches and other women's basketball stakeholders. Allowing conferences to experiment with video again next season will provide the Women's Basketball Rules Committee with additional data and feedback as it considers potential rules changes with regard to expanding the use of technology on the bench.

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

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Welcome, introductions and announcements.** The chair of the Women's Basketball Rules Committee welcomed the committee and invited guests and thanked them for their time. All attendees introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their background.

**2. Review meeting schedule, agenda, committee operations manual and PROP directive.** The meeting schedule and agenda were reviewed. The Women's Basketball Rules Committee also reviewed the operations manual, which included the NCAA conflict of interest policy, guidance for committee members regarding meeting reports, notes and email, voting procedures, principles for rules writing, and experimental playing rules guidelines. The

Women's Basketball Rules Committee was reminded of the directive from PROP from 2014. This directive encourages all rules committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay for Division II and Division III institutions before implementing any rules changes that have financial or facility implications.

3. **Review and approval of 2021 annual meeting report and February 8, 2022, videoconference report.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed and approved the reports as written.
4. **Secretary-rules editor report.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee heard a report from the secretary-rules editor, Jon Levinson, which included an overview of waivers and interpretations issued during the 2021-22 season. It was noted that 99 questions had been submitted through the "Ask Jon" section of the Central Hub during the 2021-22 season. In addition, 56 waivers were issued this season, which included waivers for bench technology (live video transmission to the bench), religious headwear, uniforms, medical apparel, game equipment, undershirts, sleeves, a daith piercing, a memorial/commemorative patch and collaborative replay. The Women's Basketball Rules Committee approved all interpretations that were issued during the season, as well as new approved rulings for inclusion in the 2022-23 Case Book. A revision to A.R. 28 was approved, as was an interpretation regarding replay and timeouts, with the new interpretation stating that when replay triggers a media timeout, they shall run concurrently. Finally, the Women's Basketball Rules Committee agreed to keep the same Points of Emphasis for next season that were in effect during the 2021-22 season. The secretary-rules editor congratulated Kathy Meehan on being named the WBCA Administrator of the Year, as well as Maggie Tieman on her induction into the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.
5. **National coordinator of officials' report.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee heard a recap of the 2021-22 season from the women's basketball national coordinator of officials, Penny Davis, who has been in the position for three years. It was noted that the national coordinator developed an instructional video for officials and coaches prior to the season, conducted virtual clinics with Division I coordinators and officials that was recorded and shared with Divisions II and III officials, produced 11 in-season officiating videos, conducted monthly videoconferences with coordinators of officials from all three divisions, and worked with the regional advisors to evaluate 223 officials who were on the watch list during the 2021-22 season. For the 2022 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament, 116 officials were selected, with 22 officials being new to the tournament and three officials being new to the Final Four. The percentage of correct calls in the tournament was 93.34 percent (an increase from 93.12 percent in 2021).
6. **NCAA vice president of women's basketball update.** Lynn Holzman, NCAA vice president of women's basketball, provided a recap of the 2022 Division I women's basketball championship, noting that it was the most watched championship since 2012, the most watched championship game since 2004, and the most watched basketball game (men or women) since 2008. Viewership increased 18 percent from the 2021 championship. A gender

equity update was also provided, and it was noted that enhancements had been made regarding the student-athlete experience (gifts and mementos), branding and signage, the addition of the First Four, additional staffing, additional activations by corporate partners, and equal pay for men's and women's officials.

- 7. NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Competition Committee report.** Kathy Meehan, chair of the Women's Basketball Competition Committee, and member of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, provided an overview of the Women's Basketball Competition Committee's March 30 meeting held in Minneapolis during the Women's Final Four. The majority of the meeting was focused on goals outlined in the women's basketball strategic plan, specifically ways to enhance and promote the women's basketball officiating program. The Women's Basketball Competition Committee recommended to the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee that they establish and provide funding for an annual Next Generation Officiating Seminar. A pilot was conducted in Minneapolis after it was identified during a budget comparison of men's and women's basketball that a seminar was being conducted at the Men's Final Four with the goal of educating and growing the pipeline of officials. It was determined that a similar program would be beneficial to women's basketball and would align with the women's basketball strategic plan. The seminar would be conducted each spring in the host community of the Women's Final Four and invitations would be sent to 60 officials (high school officials and officials who are in the first three years of collegiate who aspire to work toward the NCAA level). Finally, during the Women's Basketball Competition Committee's March 30 meeting, updates were received on playing rules proposals and the implementation of the gender equity recommendations.
- 8. Conference coordinator of officials' report.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee heard a report from Debbie Williamson, conference coordinator of women's basketball officials, which focused on feedback regarding the 2021-22 points of emphasis. It was noted that Division I coordinators do not support a new rule for flopping, and that rules should be enforceable, especially with a point of emphasis to enforce the rules as written. Additionally, the nine Division I coordinators agreed that the restricted-area arc and lower defensive box should be eliminated from the game.
- 9. Active officials' report.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee heard a report from Maggie Tieman, active official, which included feedback on the 2021-22 rules changes and points of emphasis. In addition, new rules changes were suggested, which included permitting a shooter to shoot three free throws on a missed three-point basket due to contact caused by the defense pushing through a screen, permitting only players on the floor to call live ball timeouts, eliminating the lower defensive box, and issuing a one shot technical foul if a foul is committed before the release of a throw-in.
- 10. Review NCAA injury surveillance data and report.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed the most recent women's basketball injury data provided by the Datalys Center in conjunction with the NCAA's Injury Surveillance Program and the NCAA Sport Science Institute.

- 11. Review 2021-22 statistics and trends.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed statistics and trends from the 2021-22 season and noted that points per game and three-point shooting percentages had slightly decreased for all three divisions.
- 12. Review 2022 rules survey.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed the results from the 2022 rules survey and noted that the response rate for coaches was up nearly 10 percent from last year at 54 percent. There was positive feedback on the new rules changes that went into effect during the 2021-22 season.
- 13. Review bench technology experimental rules data.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed data and feedback from the conferences that experimented with live video on the bench during the 2021-22 season. Overall, the feedback from participating teams and conferences was positive and they supported using video on the bench in the future. The Women's Basketball Rules Committee agreed to continue with the experimental rule during the 2022-23 season, as outlined in the Action Items section of this report. Additionally, the Women's Basketball Rules Committee agreed that the experimental rule could be used in nonconference games provided both conferences are using the experimental rule and there is mutual agreement from both institutions.
- 14. Review of rules proposals and discussion items.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee reviewed 40 rules proposals and determined which items warrant further discussion and consideration during next year's annual meeting, which will be a rules-change year. In addition, the Women's Basketball Rules Committee approved a waiver for the Southeastern Conference to utilize a collaborative instant replay review process that is not limited to the designated courtside table for conference games during the 2022-23 season. This waiver request was previously approved for the 2021-22 season.
- 15. Future meeting dates.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee scheduled its 2023 annual meeting for May 2-5, 2023. Monthly videoconferences for 2022-23 will be scheduled in December, January, and February.
- 16. Selection of committee chair.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee elected Velaida Harris, Weber State University, as chair for the 2022-23 academic year.
- 17. Other business.** Three outgoing Women's Basketball Rules Committee members were recognized and thanked for their service: Leanna Bordner; Lynn Bria; and Keith Mondillo. In addition, the Women's Basketball Rules Committee recognized and thanked Jason Burton who will be rotating off the committee due to his institution transitioning to Division I.
- 18. Adjournment.** The Women's Basketball Rules Committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, May 5.

*Committee Chair:* Lynn Bria, Stetson University  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Rachel Seewald, NCAA Championships and Alliances

NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee May 4-5, 2022, Annual Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Leanna Bordner, Illinois State University.	
Lynn Bria, Stetson University.	
Jason Burton, Texas A&M University, Commerce.	
Kim Dweck, Johnson & Wales University, Providence.	
Velaida Harris, Weber State University.	
Alex Lang, Brooklyn College.	
Jon Levinson, secretary-rules editor.	
Keith Mondillo, Gwynedd Mercy University.	
Alan Nakamura, Biola University.	
Tara Owens, Central State University.	
Kelcey Roegiers, Georgia State University.	
Tiffany Tucker, University of North Carolina, Wilmington	
Amy Vachon, University of Maine.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference, PROP representative.	
Penny Davis, national coordinator of officials.	
Kathy Meehan, St. John's University.	
Maggie Tieman, active official.	
Debbie Williamson, conference coordinator of officials.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Rachel Seewald.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Lynne Andrew (women's basketball), Lynn Holzman (women's basketball), Greg Johnson (strategic communications) and Bri Rigney (championships and alliances).	