



2022-23 and 2023-24 Women's Bowling Rules Changes

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Women's Bowling Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. These changes will be incorporated into the rules book for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons.

<u>Rule(s)</u>	<u>Rules Proposal and Rationale</u>
1.1.d.2 Warmup pair	<p>To limit the number of bowlers a team may send to the warmup pair at one time to two bowlers.</p> <p>Rationale: This has been a COVID-19 playing rules waiver for the past two seasons. Presently, there is no rule to prevent coaches from sending their entire bench to the warmup pair to delay their opponent's ability to warmup.</p>
2.4 Use of rosin	<p>To ban the use of rosin from being applied directly onto the ball during a match.</p> <p>Rationale: This would align NCAA women's bowling with the United States Bowling Congress rules on the use of rosin.</p>
3.1 and 3.1.c Competition uniform	<p>To permit teams to wear uniform bottoms that differ in style and cut provided the color is identical (i.e., one bowler may wear pants and another may wear shorts) and to permit uniform bottoms of varying length.</p> <p>Rationale: To be more inclusive within the women's bowling uniform rules, the uniform bottoms will no longer be required to be the same provided the bottoms are the same color and to provide additional flexibility for institutions purchasing apparel. Any current uniforms would still be permissible under this proposal.</p>
7.7.a.1.c Single-day tournaments	<p>To permit the use of two approved formats during single-day tournaments.</p> <p>Rationale: This change provides tournament directors additional flexibility on potential tournament formats which were previously not permitted under the playing rules.</p>
7.7.b.1.a Multiday tournaments	<p>To permit multiday tournaments to have the option to utilize the same format over several days (i.e., two-day baker tournament).</p> <p>Rationale: This change provides tournament directors additional flexibility on potential tournament formats which were previously not permitted under the playing rules.</p>
7.7.b.1.a Two-day tournaments	<p>To permit all three NCAA approved formats to be utilized during two-day tournaments provided that all three do not occur on the same day.</p> <p>Rationale: This change provides tournament directors additional flexibility on potential tournament formats which were previously not permitted under the playing rules. This change would not permit the use of the mega-</p>

	match format during regular season competition. As a reminder, the mega match format is only permitted during conference championships and the NCAA tournament.
7.7.c.1.a Three-day tournaments	<p>To remove the requirement that three-day tournaments must end in two rounds of bracket play.</p> <p>Rationale: This has been a COVID-19 playing rules waiver for the past two seasons. There are often time constraints that typically occur on the last day of the tournament, so by not requiring a three-day tournament to end in bracket play this should provide additionally flexibility for tournament directors.</p>
7.9.h Bowling on the wrong lane	<p>To penalize dead ball bowling out of order on the wrong lane with a zero for the attempt starting with the first infraction.</p> <p>Rationale: Currently, there is no penalty for bowling on the wrong lane. In certain situations, a coach may attempt to obtain additional information on how a lane may be playing by having a bowler make an attempt while out of order under no penalty.</p>