



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE  
MAY 2, 2022, ANNUAL RULES MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative items.** As part of the NCAA Women's Bowling Committee's annual meeting, the Women's Bowling Committee approved the following playing rules change proposals for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons. Subject to additional feedback from the membership, the Women's Bowling Committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the following items:

**a. Warmup pair (New Rule 2.1.a.4).**

- (1) Recommendation. To limit the number of bowlers a team may send to the warmup pair at one time to two bowlers.
- (2) Effective date. Immediately.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Use of rosin (Rule 2.4).**

- (1) Recommendation. To ban the use of rosin from being applied directly onto the ball during a match.
- (2) Effective date. Immediately.
- (3) Rationale. This would align NCAA women's bowling with the United States Bowling Congress rules on the use of rosin.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. Competition uniform (Rules 3.1 and 3.1.c).**

- (1) Recommendation. 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.
- (2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) 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.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**d. Single-day tournaments (Rule 7.7.a.1.c).**

(1) Recommendation. To permit the use of two approved formats during the single-day tournaments.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. This change provides tournament directors additional flexibility on potential tournament formats which previously were not permitted under the playing rules.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**e. Multiday tournaments (Rule 7.7.b.1.a).**

(1) Recommendation. To permit multiday tournaments to have the option to utilize the same format over several days (i.e., two-day baker tournament).

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. This change provides tournament directors additional flexibility on potential tournament formats which previously were not permitted under the playing rules.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**f. Two-day tournaments (Rule 7.7.b.1.a).**

(1) Recommendation. 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.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) 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-match format during regular season competition. As a reminder, the mega match format is only permitted during conference championships and the NCAA tournament.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**g. Three-day tournaments (Rule 7.7.c.1.a).**

(1) Recommendation. To remove the requirement that three-day tournaments must end in two rounds of bracket play.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) 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 additional flexibility for tournament directors.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**h. Bowling on the wrong lane (Rule 7.9.h).**

(1) Recommendation. To penalize dead ball bowling out of order on the wrong lane with a zero for the frame starting with the first infraction.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) 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.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

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*Staff Liaison(s):* Zach Christopher, NCAA Championships and Alliances.  
Andy Supergan, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

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<b>Attendees:</b>	
Glen Brittich, Elmhurst University.	
Kayla Jones, Long Island University.	
Dennis Kearney, Adelphi University.	
Loree McCary, Stephen F. Austin University.	
Jeff Walsh, Medaille College.	
Jana Woodson, Tulane University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Michael Fine, secretary-rules editor.	
Emily Parkins, women's bowling liaison, NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Zach Christopher.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Jackie Kawamoto and Andy Supergan.	