



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA FIELD HOCKEY RULES SUBCOMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.** The NCAA Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee approved the following rules change proposal for the 2022 season. The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the following items:

**a. Cage Style Mask Restriction (Rule Modification 8.1.b).**

(1) Recommendation. To permit the use of a cage style face mask, only inside of the 23-meter area of the field.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. The current wording of Rule Modification 8.1.b. notes that "a caged frame cannot be worn in the field of play." This recommendation intends to clarify that the use of the cage face mask is permitted only within the 23-meter area. A player wearing a caged mask must pass the ball prior to exiting the 23-meter area. Additionally, a player wearing a caged mask may not engage an opponent with the ball outside the 23-meter area.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

**1. Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed the Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee and invited guests and thanked them for their time and commitment to the game.

**2. Review of 2022 and 2023 rules process and timeline.** The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee reviewed the timelines for the 2022 and 2023 rules process. The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee reviewed the potential next steps in the process of developing a standing field hockey rules committee and the necessary steps that is needed to consider the creation of an NCAA field hockey rules book. Staff reminded the Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee of the current NCAA bylaws indicating the International Field Hockey (FIH) rules are used for NCAA competition with NCAA modifications.

3. **NCAA rules interpreter update.** The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee received a report from the NCAA field hockey rules interpreter, which included a summary of recent rules changes approved by the FIH rules group and the potential impact on the collegiate game. The report also included one rules modification recommendation, listed below in Informational Item No. 5, to permit the use of the caged mask during a penalty corner and requiring that the cage style mask be removed prior to engaging in play outside of the 23-meter area. The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee chair, as well as other members of the Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee, expressed appreciation for the rules interpreter's commitment and service to NCAA field hockey and wished them well in their retirement from the game.
4. **NCAA national coordinator of officials update.** The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee received a report from the national coordinator of officials, which included a brief overview of the championship and discussed the need for continued education for officials to improve the view referral process moving forward during the regular season and championships.
5. **Review of proposed NCAA ruled modifications.** The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee reviewed nine proposed rules modifications and recommended one change for approval (see Action Item No. 2-a). The proposed modification maintains the current permissive use of a cage style mask used during the penalty corner. The modification is also proposed because the international rules have changed to not allow the cage style mask to be use on the field of play.
6. **Selection of Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee chair.** The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee selected Carolyn King-Robitaille as chair for the 2022-23 academic year.
7. **Future meeting and teleconference dates.**
  - a. The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee will conduct a virtual meeting in late July or early August 2022 prior to the 2022 season.
  - b. The Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee annual meeting will be January 31, 2023.

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*Committee Chair: Lynn Farquhar, Saint Joseph's University.*

*Staff Liaison(s): Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating.*

NCAA Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee February 1, 2022, Annual Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Victory Brady, Bryn Mawr College.	
Chrissy Chappell, Connecticut College.	
Lynn Farquhar, Saint Joseph's University.	
Jennifer Gilbert, Miami University (Ohio).	
Steve Horgan, NCAA rules interpreter.	
Carolyn King-Robitaille, Saint Anselm College.	
Becca Main, Quinnipiac University.	
Jennifer Munson, Southern New Hampshire University.	
Caitlyn Prandato, Harvard University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Tim Vaughan.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Ben Brownlee.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Caleb Kolby and Bri Rigney.	