KEY ITEMS.

- **Rules modifications.** The NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the following changes to the Men's Gymnastics Rules modifications: (see Action Item 2-a through e).

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee requests approval from PROP for the following changes to the Men's Gymnastics Rules modifications:

   a. **Modification 1D – Head judge signature on scoresheet.**

      (1) **Recommendation.** To require that the Head Judge validate and sign the final scoresheet.

      (2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

      (3) **Rationale.** The rules currently require the meet referee to sign the scoresheet. This change would require the head judge to also sign off on the competition results.

      (4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

      (5) **Student-athlete impact.** Minimal.

   b. **Modification 6-B – Halftime option.**

      (1) **Recommendation.** To permit during dual meet competition, that a three-minute break may occur following the Pommel Horse and the Vault events in place of the single six-minute halftime following the Still Rings.

      (2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

      (3) **Rationale.** This would provide another option without adjusting the total time of the break during competition.

      (4) **Estimated budget impact.** Minimal.
(5) **Student-athlete impact.** Minimal

c. **Modification 8 – Dark pant rule.**

(1) **Recommendation.** To permit the use of team colors for competition pants and not follow the FIG dark pant rule previously scheduled to go into effect September 1, 2022.

(2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** Following the FIG rule would restrict some teams from competing in competition pants made of their primary school colors. The men's gymnastics committee approved following the FIG dark pant rule with an effective September 1, 2022, during its June 2021 annual meeting.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** Minimal.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** Minimal.

d. **Modification 9A – Equipment and hand grip failure.**

(1) **Recommendation.** To permit up to five (5) minute rest if an athlete's hand grip breaks during competition before restarting their routine.

(2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** This rest would allow an athlete that has already begun their routine to properly re-grip and prepare to complete their full routine. Currently, if the gymnast is the last competitor in the rotation, they will be permitted a minimum of two minutes, with no maximum listed.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** Minimal.

e. **Modification 11 D-I – Apparatus and mats.**

(1) **Recommendation.** To replace the wording in Modification 11, items D through I with a single reference for 11 D to read as follows:

**Apparatus matting.** Padding for apparatuses for all six (6) events will follow FIG specifications (see FIG page 9 – General Rule 2.1, Article 2.1 – Paragraph Apparatus b.).
(2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** This is a significant editorial change to clear up discrepancies between the current FIG specifications and the language used in the NCAA rules modification document.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** Minimal.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** Minimal.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **2021 committee meeting report.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee approved the 2021 annual meeting report as written.

2. **Strategic plan.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee reviewed, updated and approved its strategic plan's short- and long-term goals.

3. **NCAA rules modifications.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee reviewed the NCAA rules modifications document and recommended rules modifications changes for the 2022-23 academic year (see Action Items 2-a through e). NCAA staff will update the rules modifications document for the membership by September 15.

   a. **Head judge signing scoresheet.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee recommended requiring that the head judge sign the official scoresheet at the conclusion of the competition.

   b. **Dual meet halftime option.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee recommended permitting a second halftime option during dual meet competition, to permit two three-minute breaks in place of the single six-minute halftime following the Still Rings. If used, the two three-minute breaks would occur following the Pommel Horse and the Vault events.

   c. **Dark pant rule.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee previously moved to follow the FIG dark pant rule effective September 1, 2022. The Men's Gymnastics Committee recommended to not to follow the FIG dark pant rule and permit institutions to use team color pants during competition.

   d. **Equipment and hand grip failure.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee recommended establishing a maximum amount of time for an athlete to rest and restart their routine when equipment or a hand grip breaks. There is currently no maximum time listed in the modifications.
e. **Apparatus and mats.** The Men’s Gymnastics Committee recommended following the FIG standards for all apparatus and mating specifications. This is a significant editorial change to the rules modifications document.

4. **2022 Championship review.** The Men’s Gymnastics Committee discussed this year’s championship and areas of improvement moving forward.

a. **Judges.** Craig Nesbitt, NCAA technical director and Nate Dotson, NCAA assistant technical director provided the Men’s Gymnastics Committee with an overview of this year’s championship and areas of improvement moving forward and the continuation of the assistant technical director role.

b. **Feedback.** The Men’s Gymnastics Committee reviewed the championship survey results and discussed enhancements that can be made for future championships.

5. **College Gymnastics Association meeting review.** The CGA president reviewed topics from the College Gymnastics Association meetings, including a judging proposal for the regular season, potential changes to the NCAA championship format. The Men’s Gymnastics Committee discussed the proposals and directed NCAA staff to provide guidance to the coaches association on proper avenues to pursue proposals that do not fall under the purview of the Men’s Gymnastics Committee.

a. **Judging proposal for regular season meets.** The CGA in collaboration with the NGJA put forward a recommendation to move toward a new judging assigning system for the regular season that would be grandfathered in over the course of three years. Following discussion, the Men’s Gymnastics Committee decided additional data regarding the potential financial impact on institutions would be needed before gaining full committee support. The NGJA president agreed to put together a financial analysis for the Men’s Gymnastics Committee to further evaluate.

b. **No exhibition routines for televised meets.** Per the rules modifications document, exhibitions are currently discouraged during the regular season. The Men’s Gymnastics Committee will continue to monitor the use of exhibition routines during the 2022-23 regular season and gather membership feedback to better determine if more restrictions are needed moving forward.

c. **Grip break time minimum institute.** See Action Item 2-d.

6. **Future championship format.**

a. **USA Gymnastics/NCAA Partnership.** An update was provided to the Men’s Gymnastics Committee on the progress of the USPOC Think Tank pilot program exploring a joint men’s and women’s championship. The Men’s Gymnastics Committee then with through
a SWOT analysis exercise to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of conducting a joint championship.

b. **Men’s gymnastics championship format.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee discussed possible format changes to the men's gymnastics championship. It was decided that no action needed to be taken at this time as the group continues to explore the possibility of a joint championship.

c. **Selections.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee decided not to change the selection criteria is needed at this time but will continue to evaluate as the future format of the men's gymnastics championship becomes clearer.

7. **Vendors.**

   a. **American Athletic, Inc.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee met with representatives from official equipment supplier AAI. The representative from AAI answered equipment questions from the Men's Gymnastics Committee and provided information on updates to the AAI equipment.

   b. **Equipment contract.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee discussed equipment needs for the championship moving forward and the products and services that should be supplied by the next contracted supplier when the NCAA goes out to RFP in 2023.

   c. **ProScore.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee supports continuing its longstanding relationship with ProScore to provide scoring services at the championships.

   d. **Road to Nationals.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee supports the continued use of Road to Nationals and have found it to be very responsive and a great resource.

8. **2023 championships.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee made recommendations for the 2023 championships at Pennsylvania State University:

   a. **Schedule of events.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee recommended returning to the same schedule of events as the 2021-22 championships with the return of an in-person student-athlete banquet.

   b. **Site visit.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee chair and NCAA championships liaison will plan a site visit to Penn State University in the early fall.

   c. **Hotels.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee provided feedback for team and headquarter hotels for the 2023 and 2024 championships. NCAA staff will share team hotel information with all head coaches.

   d. **Recommendations.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee did not have any additional
recommendations at this time for the 2023 championships at Penn State University.

e. **Broadcast coverage.** Penn State University plans to engage with the Big Ten Network to broadcast the 2023 championships finals. The Men's Gymnastics Committee prefers a 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. start time.

f. **Podium.** The championship host has begun sourcing bids for a podium and information was shared regarding the funding assistance available to the host to secure the podium.

9. **Automatic qualification.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee review the Big Ten's automatic qualification form noting they are now in the second year of their two-year grace period and the 2022-23 season will be the first year of the two-year waiting period for the ECAC with the addition of two new member institutions.

10. **Division III playing/practice legislative proposal.** With the addition of two additional Division III schools, the Division III institutions are exploring options to align playing and practice rule with Division I due to concerns of student-athlete fairness and safety.

11. **Manual review.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee directed NCAA staff to make the necessary updates for the pre-championships, committee operations, participant, and host operations manuals.

12. **Committee.** The Men's Gymnastics Committee reviewed and approved the committee timeline and roster for the 2022-23 season, noting two new committee members will begin service on September 1, 2022.

   a. **Conference liaisons.** Matt Davis will continue to serve as the liaison for the Eastern College Athletic Conference and Justin Spring will serve as the conference liaisons for the Big Ten Conference and the liaison for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation will continue to be Thom Glielmi.

   b. **Committee chair.** With the current Men's Gymnastics Committee chair's term ending August 31, 2022, the Men's Gymnastics Committee voted unanimously to appoint Allison Wright as the new committee chair beginning September 1, 2022.

13. **Future meetings.** The 2023 annual meeting will take place June 13-14 in Indianapolis.
Committee Chair: Carey Hoyt, The Ohio State University.
Staff Liaison(s): Alyssa Rice, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

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