

NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY RULES COMMITTEE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

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The NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Committee is providing this information to outline the rules process and key topics for the annual meetings. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact chairman Joe Gervais (jgervais@uvm.edu), Secretary-Rules Editor Jeff Fulton (ncaafulton@gmail.com) or Ty Halpin, NCAA director of championships (thalpin@ncaa.org).

1. 2021-22 Committee Members

- Mark Osiecki, Wisconsin
- Yariv Amir, Colgate
- Lee-J Mirasolo, Harvard
- Erik Martinson, North Dakota
- Joe Gervais, Vermont (chair)
- Trevor Large, Canisius
- Steve MacDonald, St. Cloud State
- Randy Sieminski, SUNY-Canton
- Michael Mudd, Worcester State
- Tracy Johnson, St. Olaf
- Keith Maurice, Trinity (Conn.)
- Ashley Kilstein Scire, Wentworth

Non-voting:

- Frank Cole, national coordinator (men's)
- Tom DiFusco, national coordinator (women's)
- Jeff Fulton, secretary-rules editor

Outside Guests:

- Mike Murphy, NHL
- Paul Culina, Maine, athletic trainers' representative
- Two active officials (one men's, one women's)

2. Rules Process/Timeline

April/May: A detailed rules survey will be distributed after AHCA meetings. NCAA staff will follow-up with all conferences to be sure all have the opportunity to provide feedback and to ensure a strong response rate.

May: The committee will hold a teleconference call in advance of the rules meeting to ensure all data/feedback/information is available for the committee.

June 14-17: Annual meeting in Indianapolis. The rules committee and all division/gender championship committees meet during this time frame. Commissioners are also included in portions of the meetings.

June 20: All proposals will be distributed to the NCAA membership for comment (head coaches and conference commissioners).

Mid-July: The rules committee will hold a teleconference to review the results of the comment period. The rules committee has several options at this point, including:

1. Make adjustments to its initial proposals.
2. Table or rescind a proposal; or
3. Move forward with the proposals as initially drafted.

Late July: The Playing Rules Oversight Panel meets via teleconference to consider the committee's final proposals, including the results of the comment period. Once approved by the Panel, the rules will be in effect for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons.

3. Major Topics for Discussion

Listed below are the major topics that have been discussed by the rules committee or items that conferences, coaches, etc. have requested to receive consideration. Given the limited time at the convention, these are the topics that the committee plans to discuss; additional items are included on the next page.

- **Overtime (3-on-3)**
- **Major penalty only as an option for hitting from behind/contact to the head**
- **Faceoffs – current procedure**
- **Video Replay – Challenge system with minor penalty if incorrect, but would allow video on the bench to assist coaches**
- **End of game definition**