



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY RULES COMMITTEE
JUNE 3-5, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items. The NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee approved the following rules change proposals for the 2019-20 season. The committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) for the following items:

a. Tied Games – Regular Season Tournaments (Rule 91.5).

- (1) Recommendation. To remove “advancement” from the tied-game procedure for regular-season tournaments.
- (2) Effective date. Immediately.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal removes the ambiguity from this rule for regular-season tournament play (e.g., third place or championship games) about which formats are permissible during regular-season tournaments when advancement is not necessarily required.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Tied Games – Regular Season Tournaments (Rule 91.5).

- (1) Recommendation. After the mandatory five-minute 5-on-5 sudden-death overtime period (Rule 91.1), tournaments may use overtime procedures outlined in Rule 91.2 (Tied Games – Regular Season – Conference Policy) or Rule 91.4 (Tied Games – Postseason Tournament Procedure).
- (2) Effective date. Immediately.
- (3) Rationale. To require that regular-season tournament games be played in the same manner as regular-season games. If the game is tied after regulation play, a five-minute 5-on-5 sudden-death overtime period must be played. If the game remains tied following this period, regular-season tournaments have the option of using one of the allowable overtime formats (e.g., shootout, 20-minute sudden-death overtime or five-minute 3-on-3 sudden-death overtime period followed by a sudden-death shootout). This corrects a potential unfair advantage teams had playing in regular-season

tournaments that allowed for 20-minute sudden-death overtime periods immediately following regulation play.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

c. Video Replay Criteria (Rules 93.4).

(1) Recommendation. A coach's challenge is no longer required to review a puck directed into the net by a high stick or to determine if a goal was scored by a puck deflecting off the protective netting above the glass.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. The review process is simplified with this rules change by permitting officials to review these types of plays rather than requiring a coach's challenge. There was some confusion about the review process in these situations in the current video replay criteria which potentially lengthened some reviews.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Video Replay Criteria (Rules 93.4).

(1) Recommendation. Both Offsides and Too Many Players infractions leading to a goal will require a coach's challenge. These plays may only be reviewed by a coach's challenge at any point in regulation or overtime play during the regular season. During the postseason (conference tournaments or NCAA tournaments), these plays are permitted to be reviewed without a coach's challenge.

(2) Effective date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. Requiring these two parts of the current video replay criteria be reviewable only by a coach's challenge will likely limit the number of stoppages for video reviews. This change also simplifies the video replay criteria as these are the only two plays that require a coach's challenge during the regular season.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome, introductions and announcements.** The chair welcomed the committee and thanked them for their time. Committee members and invited guests introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their background.
- 2. Review schedule, agenda and Committee Operations Manual.** The meeting schedule and agenda were reviewed. The committee reviewed the Committee Operations Manual, which included the NCAA conflict of interest policy, guidance for committee members regarding meeting reports, notes and email, voting procedures, principles for rules writing and experimental playing rules guidelines.
- 3. Review reports.** The committee heard reports on the following topics:
 - a. 2018 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed the 2018 annual meeting report and approved it as written.
 - b. Injury surveillance program.** The Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention presented to the committee on various aspects of injuries in men's and women's ice hockey. Participation rates are decent, given the small number of schools sponsoring the sport. Trends overall are similar to previous years. The committee offered any assistance to increase the participation numbers.
 - c. Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP).** NCAA staff noted a directive of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) from 2014. This directive encourages all rules committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay for Divisions II and III institutions before implementing any rules changes that have financial or facility implications. NCAA staff provided the reasons for which committees can make a rules change during a non-rules change year.
 - d. Secretary-rules editor/interpretations and memorandums.** The committee reviewed the memorandums and interpretations issued by the secretary-rules editor during the season. The committee supported all interpretations and clarifications made and shared appreciation for the secretary-rules editor's performance.
 - e. National coordinators of officials.** The men's and women's national coordinators of officials discussed activities of the officiating program, including a midseason meeting that has become a key element of the ongoing education and collaboration process. Both national coordinators plan to work with the secretary-rules editor to have the annual playing rules videos put together in July.

- f. Report from the active officials and conference supervisor of officials.** The men's active official, the women's active official and the conference supervisor of officials each provided an update on the game from their perspectives.
 - g. Statistical trends.** College Hockey Stats reviewed an extensive document detailing the trends in a variety of areas, including scoring and penalty trends with the committee. College Hockey Stats also informed the committee about the ongoing work with Genius Sports in producing a new in-game stats program to more accurately collect statistical data. The tentative plan is to roll out this new program to the membership for the 2020-21 academic year.
 - h. National Federation of State High School Associations.** The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) presented to the committee on various aspects of high school ice hockey. NFHS reviewed the rules proposals that the state associations recently approved at their annual meeting and answered any questions the rules committee had.
- 4. Handshake protocol.** The committee reviewed the handshake protocol, which requires a handshake to be conducted after every game and did not vote to make any changes. The committee agreed to table any potential changes to the rule for next year.
- 5. Review of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference student-athlete overtime survey, the NCAA call for proposals and the NCAA rules survey results.** The committee reviewed the NCHC student-athlete survey on the 3-on-3 sudden-death overtime procedure. The committee applauded the NCHC and other participating conferences for collecting feedback directly from the student-athletes. The committee did note that only Division I men's ice hockey student-athletes were asked to complete the survey and not all conferences participated in the survey.

The committee reviewed the call for proposals that was compiled during the non-rules change year. The committee agreed to either eliminate proposals or table proposals for next year's rules change cycle.

Lastly, the committee reviewed the rules survey and were pleased with the response rate in the non-rules change year. Overall, 76 percent of coaches responded, including 80 percent of Division I men's coaches. The overall response rate is up eight percent from last year.

- 6. Big Ten Conference Experimental Rules Request:** The committee reviewed and subsequently denied an experimental rules request from the Big Ten Conference to experiment with the 3-on-3 overtime procedure in nonconference competition with other conferences that utilize this format during their conference competition. The committee had concerns about possible major penalties or disqualifications occurring during the five-minute 3-on-3 sudden-death overtime period. In nonconference play, no league points are awarded during the 3-on-3

overtime period and having a student-athlete potentially miss an additional contest as a result of a situation occurring during the 3-on-3 period was a concern for the committee.

- 7. Separate meetings by divisions and genders.** The committee separated for a portion of the meeting and met according to those representing men's and women's hockey. Division III representatives from the rules committee met jointly with the Men's and Women's Division III Championship Committees. The rules committee met separately with the Division I Men's Championship Committee and the Division I Women's Championship Committee. Given that this is a non-rules change, the rules committees discussed last year's rules changes impact on the game and future rules related items.

Additionally, in the Division I meetings, the respective committees agreed to have more open lines of communication between the committees as the hockey communities head into next year's rules change cycle.

- 8. Meeting with Division I commissioners.** The Division I men's commissioners joined the group and discussed relevant rules and officiating items. The committee reviewed the position papers submitted by the conferences.
- 9. Report from National Hockey League.** Mike Murphy, vice president of hockey operations, joined the committee and shared several initiatives and rules items the NHL is considering. Mr. Murphy discussed a number of video review items with the committee and complimented the committee on being proactive with the video replay criteria.
- 10. Future meeting dates.** The committee plans to hold next year's annual meeting on June 2-5, 2020.
- 11. Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 5.

Committee Chair: Wayne Dean, Yale University.
Staff Liaison(s): Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances

Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee June 3-5, 2019, Annual Meeting	
Attendees:	
	Wayne Dean, Yale University.
	Joe Gervais, University of Vermont.
	Rick Gotkin, Mercyhurst University.
	David Lassonde, Dartmouth College.
	Arlen Marshall, Manhattanville College.

Keith Maurice, Trinity College.
Steve Piotrowski, Secretary-Rules Editor.
Heather Reinke, Aurora University.
Bill Riga, Quinnipiac University.
Jeff Ventura, Buffalo State College.
Tom Wilkins, Southern New Hampshire University.
Hilary Witt, University of New Hampshire.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Frank Cole, National Coordinator of Men's Officials.
Paul Culina, University of Maine/National Athletic Trainers Association.
Tim Danehy, College Hockey Stats.
Tom Difusco, National Coordinator of Women's Officials.
Michael Komich, National Ice Hockey Officials Association.
Robert Ludwig, Active Women's Official.
Cameron Lynch, Active Men's Official.
Mike Murphy, National Hockey League.
Greg Shepherd, Western Collegiate Hockey Association Supervisor of Officials.
Erin Wasserman, Datalys Center.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Andy Supergan.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Dan Calandro, Randy Kelso and Greg Johnson.