



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY RULES COMMITTEE
JUNE 8-10 AND 17, 2021, ANNUAL MEETING VIDEOCONFERENCE**

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 proposal for the 2021-22 season. The Ice Hockey Rules Committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the following item:

- **Timeout During Overtime(s) (Rule 92.2).**
 - (1) Recommendation. To change the timeout rules to read: "Each team shall be awarded one team timeout for each additional overtime period. This is not an additional timeout in cases when a team has not utilized its timeout in previous periods of play."
 - (2) Effective date. Immediately.
 - (3) Rationale. Games using the 20 minute overtime period format can remain tied for multiple periods. This adjustment allows for additional rest opportunities in addition to the stoppage for ice maintenance midway through a 20 minute overtime period. Survey feedback indicated a strong preference to decide such overtime games without the use of an artificial option (e.g., shootout, reduction of players, etc.). This change is being made to enhance student-athlete safety.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. This proposal is intended to enhance student-athlete safety.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome, introductions and announcements. Hilary Witt, chair of the Ice Hockey Rules Committee, welcomed the Ice Hockey Rules Committee and thanked them for their time. Ice Hockey Rules Committee members and invited guests introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their background.

2. **General policies – committee operations manual.** The meeting schedule and agenda were reviewed. The Ice Hockey Rules 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. Staff provided the reasons for which committees can make a rules change during a non-rules change year.
3. **Approval of the 2020 annual meeting report.** The Ice Hockey Rules Committee reviewed the 2020 annual meeting report and approved it as written.
4. **Review of correspondence/memorandums during the season.** The Ice Hockey Rules Committee reviewed the memorandums and interpretations issued by the secretary-rules editor during the season. The Ice Hockey Rules Committee supported all interpretations and clarifications made and shared appreciation for the secretary-rules editor's performance. The Ice Hockey Rules Committee gave special thanks to the secretary-rules editor for his years of service to college hockey.
5. **Report from National Hockey League.** Mike Murphy, vice president of hockey operations at the National Hockey League, joined the Ice Hockey Rules Committee and provided an update on future rules changes. The Ice Hockey Rules Committee reviewed some video from the NHL regarding points of emphasis with cross-checking being a future topic. Additionally, the Ice Hockey Rules Committee heard a report on the coach's challenge process used in the NHL where a timeout is not a factor, but any incorrect challenges result in a minor penalty for delay of game.
6. **Review of rules survey results.** The Ice Hockey Rules Committee reviewed the annual rules survey and noted some concern on the response rate. The survey results are valid, but it was noted that a new email address was used for distribution and many coaches reported the email going into their spam folders. NCAA staff made note of this and has communicated this issue to the NCAA research staff.
7. **Review of national officiating programs.** 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 the summer.
8. **Meeting with conference commissioners.** The Ice Hockey Rules Committee conducted separate meetings with the Division I men's conference commissioners and the NC women's conference commissioners to discuss the changes the Ice Hockey Rules Committee was considering and to provide the commissioners an opportunity to provide any feedback to the Ice Hockey Rules Committee.

9. **Meetings with various championship committees.** The Ice Hockey Rules Committee conducted separate meetings with the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee, the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Committee and held a joint meeting with the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Committees. The committees provided updates to each other focusing mostly on potential changes to the selection criteria.
10. **Elect new chair.** The Ice Hockey Rules Committee elected Joseph Gervais to serve as the next committee chair. Mr. Gervais is the associate director of athletics at the University of Vermont.

Committee Chair: Hilary Witt, University of New Hampshire.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Committee June 8-10 and 17, 2021, Annual Meeting Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Yariv Amir, Colgate University.	
Frank Cole, national coordinator of men's officials.	
Matt Curley, University of Alaska Anchorage.	
Tom Difusco, national coordinator of women's officials.	
Jeff Fulton, secretary-rules editor.	
Joe Gervais, University of Vermont.	
Rick Gotkin, Mercyhurst University.	
Tracy Johnson, St. Olaf College.	
Ashley Kilstein, Wentworth Institute of Technology.	
Keith Maurice, Trinity College.	
Erik Martinson, University of North Dakota.	
Michael Mudd, Worcester State University.	
Jeff Ventura, Buffalo State University.	
Hilary Witt, University of New Hampshire.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ty Halpin.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Joe Bertagna, Paul Culina, Michael Kaehler, Mike Murphy, Terrance Murphy, Steve Piotrowski, Bri Rigney and Ashley Scire.	