



**2020 and 20201 NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules Book Corrections/Changes**

**Ken Andres, Secretary-Rules Editor**

Last Updated 8/26/2020

The updated version of the 2020 and 2021 NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules Book is available for free download at [www.ncaapublications.com](http://www.ncaapublications.com).

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Correction/Change</b>
<p>4.1.5, 4.1.7 and 4.1.8</p>	<p>4.1.5 <u>As authorized by the institution or conference, it is permissible to have names/words intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes on the back of the jersey/uniform where the player's name is traditionally located. The names/words may vary by team members.</u></p> <p>4.1.7 <u>As authorized by the institution or conference, it is permissible to have a commemorative/memorial patch (e.g., names, mascots, nicknames, logos, and marks intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes) on a jersey or shirt as long as the patch does not interfere with any required markings. The patch must meet size restrictions outlined in Rule 4.1.12.</u></p> <p>4.1.8 <u>All players of a team shall wear matching uniforms. <i>Exception: While not all team members are required to wear a commemorative/memorial patch, the patch must be identical for those who choose to wear the patch.</i></u></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Rules change for all sports in an effort to allow student-athletes the opportunity to use the uniform to voice their opinions and/or express support of racial and social justice.</p>
<p>9.3.2 and 9.3.2.1</p>	<p>9.3.2 ...there shall be a dropped ball at the spot where the ball was <del>located when</del> <u>last touched before</u> play was suspended, provided the...</p> <p>9.3.2.1 <u>If play was suspended with the ball in the penalty area or was last touched in the penalty area, it shall be dropped for the goalkeeper. If play was...it shall be dropped for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the <del>point of the last touch</del> location where the ball was last touched, provided it was not in the penalty area. If play was...the field of play. In all cases, the ball is dropped for the defending team goalkeeper in his/her penalty area if, when play was stopped: (1) the ball was in the penalty area; or (2) the last touch of the ball was in the penalty area.</u></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Rules book correction for 2020 and 2021 rules change.</p>
<p>12.7.4.2 and 12.7.4.8.2</p>	<p>12.7.4.2 <u>Spitting at, coughing on or biting an opponent or any other person (This offense has been enhanced to a violent behavior II red card for the 2020 fall season due to COVID-19. All ejection and suspension rules related to violent behavior II will apply.);</u></p> <p>12.7.4.8.2 <u>Violent behavior II is...hair pulling. Spitting at, coughing on or biting an opponent or any other person will also result in a violent behavior II red card (2020 rules change due to COVID-19).</u></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Rules change for the 2020 fall season due to COVID-19.</p>

A.R. 12.8.g	<p><b>RULING:</b> <del>The player's team forfeits all games in which he/she competed as an illegal player. In addition to the forfeit:</del> (1) The original...</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Rules book correction for 2019 rules change.</p>
14.2.5, 14.3.3 and 14.3.4	<p>14.2.5 ...put into play properly, <del>the kick shall be retaken</del> <u>an indirect free kick shall be awarded.</u></p> <p>14.3.3 ...the player shall be <u>warned or</u> cautioned <del>or ejected</del> as appropriate...</p> <p>14.3.4 ...the kicker is <u>warned or</u> cautioned and play...</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Rules book correction for 2020 and 2021 rules change.</p>