



REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER RULES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 14, 2023, ANNUAL MEETING VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Tim Cupello, chair of the Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee, welcomed the committee and invited guests and thanked them for their time.
2. **Review schedule, agenda, committee operations manual and Playing Rules Oversight Panel directives.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee reviewed the meeting schedule and agenda. The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee also reviewed the 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. The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee was reminded of the directives of PROP from 2009 and 2014. These directives outline the two-year rules process and reasons a rules committee could propose a rules change in a non-rules change year, and encourage all rules committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay for Division II and Division III institutions before implementing any rules changes that have financial or facility implications.
3. **Approval of the January 26 videoconference report.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee approved the report as written.
4. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel report.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee heard a report from Robert Davenport, PROP liaison to the Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee, which reviewed the following topics of discussion from PROP's annual meeting in January.
 - a. Federated playing rules process – PROP approved a recommendation directing the divisional governance bodies to pursue the appropriate legislative actions to eliminate the requirement that playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association. It was noted that PROP emphasized that there should continue to be a multi-divisional panel to maintain oversight of the playing rules process and determine which playing rules are federated.
 - b. Uniforms – The DII Implementation Committee recommended removing the bylaw that outlines the use of logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel and move it into the playing rules. It was noted PROP was not in favor of this concept.
 - c. The use of playing rules in nontraditional seasons – PROP requested each rules committee contemplate the use of playing rules in the nontraditional season and provide a

recommendation for PROP to review and consider. The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee agreed that there should be no requirement on the use of playing rules during the nontraditional (spring) season, however, it noted coaches should mutually agree on the rules that will be used.

5. **Secretary-rules editor report.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee heard a report from the secretary-rules editor, which included a review of the 37 protests received during the 2022 season and a review of common rules questions and suggested rules clarifications/corrections.
6. **National coordinator of officials report.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee heard a report from the national coordinator of officials, which focused on a recap of the 2022 season and updates for the 2023 season – NCAA-established officials' uniform, two in-person officiating clinics (Dallas and Boston) and the webinar series that will be housed on RQ+.
7. **Active official report.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee heard a report from the active official, which focused on suggested points of emphasis for the 2023 season.
8. **Trends report.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee reviewed the statistical trends, which included year-to-year comparative data on sport sponsorship, regular season and postseason overtime games, red and yellow cards, fouls, substitutions, goals and assists. It was noted regular-season games ending in a tie decreased slightly in 2022, which was interesting since overtime was eliminated for the regular season. The average number of substitutions has increased since 2020 and the average number of players has slightly decreased.
9. **National Federation of State High School Associations report.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee heard a report from the NFHS, which included areas of potential change for next season.
10. **United Soccer Coaches report.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee heard a report from United Soccer Coaches, which focused on initiatives at the Division I level, including a full separation of DI men and DI women and potential committee structure changes as a result of the DI Transformation Committee.
11. **Review 2022-23 rules survey results.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee reviewed the 2022-23 rules survey results and noted potential points of emphasis for the 2023 season based on the feedback. It was noted another year of data on regular season and postseason overtime will be beneficial in evaluating the impact on the game. Potential points of emphasis include differences between violent behavior I, violent behavior II and fighting red cards, bench decorum and controlling overly aggressive behavior.
12. **Future annual meeting and videoconference schedule.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee scheduled a videoconference for 1 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, March

22, to review a potential experimental rule request. The 2024 annual meeting is scheduled for February 12-14, 2024.

13. Selection of chair. The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee reelected Tim Cupello, head men's soccer coach at the University of California, Riverside, as chair for the 2023-24 academic year.

14. Other business. The outgoing committee members were recognized and thanked for their service to the committee and Association.

15. Adjournment. The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Tim Cupello, University of California, Riverside, Big West Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Ashlee Follis, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee February 14, 2023, Annual Meeting Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Brandon Bianco, Denison University.	
Tiffany Christian, College of William & Mary.	
Tim Cupello, University of California, Riverside.	
Rudy Fuller, University of Pennsylvania.	
Rich Grady, secretary-rules editor.	
Brandon Koons, Otterbein University.	
Courtney Sirmans, Miami University (Ohio).	
Kim Sutton, California State University, Chico.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference.	
Ryan Cigich, national coordinator of officials.	
Julie Cochran, National Federation of State High School Associations.	
Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University.	
Trish Hughes, United Soccer Coaches.	
Daniel Radford, active official.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Ashlee Follis.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Greg Johnson.	