



REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER RULES COMMITTEE
JANAURY 28-29, 2025, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Brandon Bianco, 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 procedures and Playing Rules Oversight Panel directive.** The rules committee reviewed the meeting schedule, agenda and operations manual, which included the NCAA conflict of interest policy, guidance for committee members regarding meeting reports, notes and email, voting procedures, the federated rules process for Division I, Division II and Division III, principles for rules writing, and experimental playing rules guidelines. The rules committee was reminded of the directive of PROP from 2014. This directive encourages all rules committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay for institutions, particularly those with members from Division II and Division III, before implementing any rules changes that have financial or facility implications. An update was also provided to the committee about a newly legislated item added related to the Division III federated rules process.
3. **Approval of the 2024 annual meeting and the December 11 videoconference reports.** The committee approved the reports as written.
4. **Secretary-rules editor report.** The secretary-rules editor provided an update on the 2024 season which included a review of protest submitted and the use of video review throughout the Division I Men's and Women's Soccer Championships.
5. **National coordinator report.** The national coordinator of officials provided an update on the NCAA soccer championships and a recap of the 2024 season. Additionally, a brief overview of upcoming initiatives on officiating were provided to the committee.
6. **Active official report.** The rules committee heard a report from the active official, which focused on areas of the rules that could be clarified and the use of various equipment and technology used through the 2024 season.
7. **National Federation of State High School Associations report.** The rules committee heard a report from the NFHS, which included areas of potential rules changes for the next season and the state of the sport for participants and officials for the federation.

8. **Trends report.** The secretary-rules editor reviewed statistics from the 2024 NCAA soccer season which includes data from previous seasons.
9. **Review 2024 and 2025 rules proposals, 2024 rules survey results, committees' feedback and editorial change proposals.** The rules committee discussed several rules proposals and possible experimental rules.
10. **Future annual meeting and videoconference schedule.** The rules committee is scheduled to meet January 26-28, 2026, for its annual meeting.
11. **Selection of chair.** The Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee tabled the selection of the chair until its next meeting.
12. **Other business.** No other business was discussed.
13. **2024-25 videoconference timeline.** The next videoconference is scheduled for February 19 at Noon Eastern time.
14. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on January 28, 2025.

Committee Chair: Brandon Bianco, Denison University, North Coast Athletic Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Stanley Broaden, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee January 28-29, 2025, Annual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Josh Berlo, University of Denver.	
Brandon Bianco, Denison University.	
Amy Calabrese, University of Louisville	
Eric Crawford, Georgia Southwestern State University.	
Rich Grady, secretary-rules editor.	
Brandon Koons, Otterbein University.	
Michael Seabolt, Missouri State University	
Courtney Sirmans, Miami University (Ohio).	
Kim Sutton, California State University, Chico.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Julie Cochran, National Federation of State High School Associations.	
John Collins, national coordinator of officials.	
Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University.	
Daniel Radford, active official.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Stanley Broaden.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Greg Johnson.	