



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA SWIMMING AND DIVING RULES COMMITTEE  
MAY 17, 2022, ANNUAL MEETING VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed the committee and thanked them for the time. The chair also recognized the outgoing committee members for their service to the swimming community.
2. **Review of agenda and committee operations manual.** The committee reviewed that agenda and committee operations manual, which included a review of the NCAA conflict of interest policy, guidance for subcommittee members regarding meeting reports, notes and email, voting procedures, principles for rules writing, and experimental playing rules guidelines. The Subcommittee was reminded of the directive of the PROP from 2014. This directive encourages 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, 4, 2022, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the January 4, 2022, videoconference report as written.
4. **Review of reports.** The committee heard reports from the following during its annual meeting.
  - a. **National Federation of State High School Associations:** The committee heard a report from Sandy Searcy of the National Federation of State High School Associations. The report included highlights the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee meeting and rules proposals recommended for high school swimming.
  - b. **NCAA secretary-rules editor:** The committee heard a report from the NCAA secretary-rules editor. The report included a review of communication shared with the membership and officials throughout the year, as well as an official interpretation issued during the 2021-22 academic year regarding the use of backstroke starting ledges being used in the matter in which they were intended.
5. **Review of recent rules changes.** The committee reviewed the changes from the 2021 annual meeting. The committee raised no concerns regarding negative impact or unintended consequences of the rules approved in the previous rules cycle.

6. **Review of waiver process and inclusive language.** The committee heard a report from the secretary-rules editor and staff regarding the waiver process for both kinesiology tape and for swimsuits. The committee received an update from staff regarding the efforts to ensure more inclusive language is used during the waiver process and when moving proposed rules changes forward for consideration.
7. **Review of 2022-23 survey and rules change topics.** The committee review the list of initial topics recommended to be included in the rules survey next year. Topics include further outlining of bona fide competition, potential revisions to the video review process, additional diving event options, creating a minimum standard for diving officials and extending the timing requirements to the thousandth to minimize or limit the number of ties during competition.
8. **Selection of chair.** The committee selected Jessen Book, head swimming and diving coach at Kenyon College to serve as the committee chair for the 2022-23 academic year.
9. **Future meetings.** The committee will next meet in September 2022 after the new academic year begins. The schedule of monthly call was be distributed to the committee by July 1.
10. **Adjournment.** The NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

*Committee Chair:* Jessen Book, Kenyon College  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

Swimming and Diving Rules Committee May 17, 2022, Annual Meeting Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Matt Barany, University of Richmond.	
Jessen Book, Kenyon College.	
Mariah Chappell, Southern Methodist University.	
Andrew Grevers, University of Missouri, Columbia.	
Eileen Hall, Saint Michael's College.	
Greg Lockard, Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Lindsie Micko, Augustana University (South Dakota).	
Tammy Swearingen, Westminster College (Pennsylvania).	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Hongping Li, University of Southern California.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Sandy Searcy, National Federation of State High School Associations.	
Brad Walker, America East Conference, Playing Rules Oversight Panel.	

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<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>
Ben Brownlee.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
None.