



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL RULES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 5-6, 2023, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome, introductions and announcements.** The chair of the NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules Committee welcomed the committee and invited guests and thanked them for their time.
2. **Review meeting schedule, agenda, committee operations manual and NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel directive.** The meeting schedule and agenda were reviewed. The Women's Volleyball 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 Women's Volleyball Rules Committee was reminded of the PROP directive 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. **Review and approval of 2022 annual meeting report and December 7, 2022, videoconference report.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee reviewed and approved the reports as written.
4. **National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) report.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee heard a report from the NFHS on the rules proposals that will be considered by the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee later this month. It was noted that girls' volleyball is the most popular team sport for high school girls. Participation numbers for boys' volleyball and beach volleyball are also increasing at the high school level.
5. **USA Volleyball report.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee received an update on the USA Volleyball and FIVB rules process, as well as an overview of the USA Volleyball Rules Commission and its upcoming meeting in February. USA Volleyball is in its second year of a two-year rules cycle, so there were no new rules changes for this season.
6. **Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO) report.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee heard a report from PAVO, which included membership numbers and certifications for 2022. There were 3,602 PAVO members in 2022, which was an increase of approximately 276 members from 2021. There were 712 new PAVO members in 2022. In addition, there were 1,376 referee certifications and 1,471 line judge certifications issued in 2022. Approximately 2,000 PAVO members attended one of the 32 clinics conducted across the country last summer. The association also provided support to the NCAA women's volleyball secretary-rules editor and national coordinator of officials by compiling and

maintaining Challenge Review System (CRS) data and providing video and photography support for volleys that are posted on the Central Hub for officials. Finally, the Women's Volleyball Rules Committee heard an overview of the PAVO Convention, which was held in Omaha, Nebraska, in December in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship.

7. **National coordinator of officials' report.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee heard a report from the national coordinator of officials, which included an overview of selections for the 64 referees and 64 line judges working the NCAA Division I Championship. An overview of official's selections for the NCAA Division II Championship was also provided.
8. **Secretary-rules editor report.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee heard a report from the secretary-rules editor, which included an overview of actions, interpretations and waivers for the 2022 season. A summary was also provided of major rules proposals, survey items and CRS data from the 2022 season. The average number of challenges per match during the 2022 season was 2.59. The average length of challenges was one minute, 34 seconds. The majority of challenges continue to be ball contacting a player (46 percent of challenges) and a ball ruled in or out (35 percent of challenges).
9. **Review of 2022 rules survey.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee reviewed the 2022 rules survey results in conjunction with discussion on the corresponding rules change proposals. The overall response rate for head coaches was 63 percent. It was noted that there was an overwhelming positive response from head coaches regarding the rules changes that went into effect during the 2022 season, most notably the changes that were made to the challenge review system.
10. **Review of rules proposals and discussion items.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee reviewed 41 rules proposals that were submitted by the membership and determined which items warrant further discussion and inclusion on next year's rules survey.
11. **Future videoconference and meeting dates.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee scheduled its 2024 annual meeting for January 3-5, 2024. Videoconferences for 2023 will be scheduled for September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6 at 11 a.m. Eastern time.
12. **Other business.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee reelected Lyndsey Oates, University of Northern Colorado, as chair for the 2023-24 academic year. Outgoing committee members, Tiffany McCampbell, Anne Pufahl and Megan Silver-Droesch, were recognized and thanked for their service. Anne Pufahl received a special memento in recognition of 12 years of service as the secretary-rules editor.
13. **Adjournment.** The Women's Volleyball Rules Committee adjourned at 3:52 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, January 5.

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Committee Chair: Lyndsey Oates, University of Northern Colorado, Big Sky Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Rachel Seewald, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:	
John Cook, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.	
Matthew Cribbin, American International College.	
Annie Fiorvanti, University of Connecticut.	
Tiffany McCampbell, Colorado School of Mines.	
Lyndsey Oates, University of Northern Colorado.	
Anne Pufahl, secretary-rules editor.	
Megan Silver-Droesch, Eastern Connecticut State University.	
Ben Somera, Wesleyan University-Connecticut.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Lindsey Atkinson, National Federation of State High School Associations.	
Robin Baker, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.	
Bill Stanley, USA Volleyball.	
Steve Thorpe, national coordinator of officials.	
Julie Voeck, Professional Association of Volleyball Officials and incoming secretary-rules editor.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Rachel Seewald.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Greg Johnson.	