



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
APRIL 13, 2018, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed those on the call and thanked everyone for their time.
2. **Review of the PROP February 21, 2018, teleconference report.** The panel reviewed and approved the February 21 teleconference report.
3. **NCAA Football Rules Committee annual meeting report, April 9 teleconference report and comment period report.** The panel approved the 11 rules proposals submitted by the Football Rules Committee. These changes included:
 - On free kicks, a successful fair catch by the receiving team inside of the 25-yard line will result in a touchback and the ball will be put in play at the 25-yard line;
 - After touchdowns and kickoffs, a 40-second play clock will be used in an effort to continue to keep the game moving;
 - A reorganization of blocking below the waist rules to simplify legal blocks around the line of scrimmage and prohibit low blocks more than five yards past the line of scrimmage;
 - Making the leaping rules with regard to defensive players consistent in all areas of the rules book;
 - Requiring a 10-second runoff during either half when an instant replay review reverses a ruling and the correct ruling would not have stopped the game clock, and
 - Approving, as a permissive rule, a collaborative instant replay process to be utilized by conferences, as long all other instant replay rules are followed.

Additionally, it was noted that the Football Rules Committee, in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Competition Committee, created a subcommittee to review all game uniform designs in advance of the 2018 season. The subcommittee will request that all Division I institutions provide artwork for review in an effort to centralize these reviews and assist conferences and manufacturers in complying with the playing rules. Special event uniforms may also use this process and any waivers would be provided by the secretary-rules editor, if needed.

Finally, it was noted that one other proposal was distributed for comment by the committee regarding sideline communication. This rules proposal is being made at the request of the

NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee and will be considered on the April 25 teleconference.

4. Adjournment. The teleconference was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Committee Chair: Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference

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NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel April 13, 2018, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.	
Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference.	
Julie Johnson, Ripon College.	
Dave Roach, Fordham University.	
Chris Schneider, Big East Conference.	
Larry Scott, Pac-12 Conference.	
Ronda Seagraves, Concordia University Texas.	
Angie Torain, University of Notre Dame.	
Kevin White, Truman State University.	
Gary Williams, Wittenberg University.	
Absentees:	
Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference.	
Matt Wilson, Gulf South Conference.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Dan Calandro, Ashlee Follis, Ty Halpin, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Randy L. Buhr and Greg Johnson.	