



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
APRIL 22, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed those on the call and thanked everyone for their time.
2. **Duties and conflict of interest.** The panel reviewed the panel duties and the Conflict of Interest Policy from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel Policies and Procedures Manual.
3. **Approval of February 25, 2019, teleconference report and March 21, 2019 email vote report.** The panel approved the reports as written.
4. **NCAA Football Rules Committee annual meeting report, April 18 teleconference report and comment period report.** The panel approved the five rules proposals submitted by the Football Rules Committee. Two editorial adjustments also were noted. These changes are being made in the non-rules change year due to health and safety and/or image of the game concerns.

The most significant changes were:

- To limit excessive overtime games by utilizing a two-point conversion play starting with the fifth and any subsequent overtime periods;
- Eliminating the two-person wedge formation during kickoff plays;
- Adjusting the responsibility of the instant replay official to require, during targeting reviews, a complete review of all aspects of the play and removing the option of “stands” in these reviews;
- Adding a progressive penalty for targeting to include the suspension of a student-athlete committing three or more targeting fouls in the same season; and
- Creating a penalty for an illegal blind-side block.

It was noted that the membership comment period included feedback from the head coaches, directors of athletics, conference commissioners, the College Football Officiating Board of Managers, and the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee. The Football Rules Committee held a teleconference to review and consider all feedback before making its final proposals and believes the process was thorough and effective.

5. **NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Committee annual meeting report and comment period report.** The panel approved one of the two rules proposals submitted by the Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules Committee during the non-rules change year. The approved rules

change was a recommendation from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to require hydration breaks of no less than two minutes at prescribed times in each half if certain weather conditions are exceeded. CSMAS recommended this rules change to closely align with FIFA/U.S. Soccer and to enhance student-athlete safety.

PROP denied the rules committee's recommendation to enforce a forfeit (i.e., changing the winner and loser) if it is determined after the game that the winning team allowed a player or coach to participate who was ejected or suspended because of a red card or accumulation of yellow cards. PROP denied the recommendation for the following reasons:

- No other area of the NCAA imposes a postgame forfeit as a penalty for illegal participation by a player or coach. Instead, fines and additional suspensions are imposed for violations such as academic ineligibility, extra benefits, failed drug tests, etc.;
- A postgame forfeit is not imposed for illegal participation by the playing rules in other NCAA team sports;
- A postgame forfeit is too severe of a penalty to be applied equally to every situation and only penalizes a team if the team won the game; and
- A postgame forfeit could have an impact on the selection process (e.g., rankings and seedings) of not only the involved teams, but teams not involved in that particular game.

Since PROP denied the recommendation to enforce the postgame forfeit, the forfeit rule will be eliminated beginning with the 2019 season and removed from the rules book in the next printed edition (2020/2021). The additional suspension penalties still will apply as currently written.

6. Future meeting dates and times. The panel was reminded of the teleconference schedule for 2019. The panel also agreed to schedule a teleconference in early June (in place of the June 13 teleconference) to review the men's and women's basketball rules recommendations in hopes of providing institutions an additional week to make court marking changes if any are approved. (Note: The teleconference is scheduled for June 5.)

7. Other business. The panel had no other business.

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| NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel April 22, 2019 Teleconference | |
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| Attendees: | |
| Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference. | |
| Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference. | |
| Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League. | |
| Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference. | |
| 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. | |
| Matt Wilson, Gulf South Conference. | |
| Absentees: | |
| Gary Williams, Wittenberg University. | |
| NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance: | |
| Ben Brownlee, Dan Calandro, Ashlee Follis, Barb Hallam, Ty Halpin, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan. | |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: | |
| Anthony Holman and Greg Johnson. | |