



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL  
APRIL 16, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Keith Gill, chair of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, welcomed the panel and thanked them for their time.
2. **Duties and conflict of interest.** PROP reviewed its duties and the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy.
3. **Approval of January 22, 2025, meeting report and February 12, 2025, electronic vote report.** PROP approved the January 22, 2025, meeting report and the February 12, 2025, electronic vote report as written.
4. **NCAA Football Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved 10 major rules changes submitted by the Football Rules Committee, which included:
  - a. Adjusting the injury timeout rule to charge a team timeout (or delay of game penalty if no timeouts remain) if a player presents as injured after the ball is spotted by the game officials. This adjustment is intended to address teams gaining an unfair advantage by using the injury timeout to slow momentum or avoid being otherwise penalized.
  - b. Streamlining the overtime procedure when the third overtime period is reached to limit teams to one timeout for the remainder of the game starting with the third period.
  - c. Removing the announcement options of “stands” or “confirmed” when an instant replay decision is not changed; the referee will announce “upheld” to communicate the decision.
  - d. Adjusting the rules governing scrimmage kick formations for clarity.
  - e. Adding the “T” signal to the rules to indicate the receiving team will not return a free kick.
  - f. Clarifying the allowable verbal signals for the offense and defense to limit tactics intended to confuse the opponent.
  - g. Codifying an interpretation issued during the season dealing with illegal substitution and teams participating with more than 11 players after the two-minute timeout.

- h. Approving the permissive use of coach-to-player helmet communication for Football Championship Subdivision institutions starting with the 2025 season, and for Division III institutions starting with the 2026 season. The Division II members of PROP tabled this item and requested additional review and feedback from the Division II membership before considering any action. As part of this discussion, the panel noted that the Football Rules Committee will continue to review technology considerations (e.g., wearable devices) and requested that the rules committee provide additional clarification on the potential permissive use of such technology in future seasons.
  - i. Clarifying the permissive use of in-game video by allowing its use in locker rooms at halftime.
  - j. Approving a review process for companies/institutions that would allow for eye shields that are not completely clear to be used.
5. **NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee annual meeting report, videoconference report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved two rules changes and an experimental rule submitted by the Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee, which included:
- a. Eliminating red cards for non-deliberate handling in the penalty area that denies a goal or goal scoring opportunity.
  - b. Amending encroachment by teammates of the kicker or goalkeeper during a penalty kick to only be punished if it directly impacts an opponent by playing the ball or challenging an opponent for the ball and then scores or prevents a goal; or attempts to score or prevents a goal or creates or stops a goal-scoring opportunity.
  - c. Allowing for a video review experimental rule that permits head coaches to initiate a review under the following conditions: (1) Fighting/violent behavior; (2) Penalty kicks; (3) Straight red cards (not second yellows); (4) Denial of an obvious goal scoring opportunity/stopping a promising attack; (5) Offside (DOGSO/SPA); (6) Potential mistaken identity; and (7) Determining the location of a foul that was called on the field against the defending team near or in its penalty area. Referees may initiate a review for timing issues and to determine whether the entire ball passed over the goal line for a goal. During overtime only and provided the affected team has exhausted its challenges, the referee may initiate a review under either category.
6. **NCAA Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee annual meeting report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved four rules modifications submitted by the Field Hockey Rules Subcommittee, which included:

- a. Requiring all field players defending a penalty corner to wear a face mask.
  - b. Changing a complete game to the end of the third period (75%).
  - c. Clarifying ejection and suspension requirements for players and coaches.
  - d. Implementing a penalty for illegal participation by an ejected or suspended player or coach.
7. **Commercial logos on playing surfaces.** PROP reviewed a summary of playing rules regarding commercial logos on playing surfaces and, due to time constraints, agreed to table this discussion until the June meeting.
8. **Future videoconference dates.** The next PROP videoconference is scheduled for 12 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, June 10.
9. **Other business.** The panel did not have other business.
10. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:16 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference  
*Staff Liaisons:* Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances  
Rachel Seewald, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

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<b>Attendees:</b>	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Joseph D'Antonio, Coastal Athletic Association.	
Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University.	
Richard Duran, University of the Incarnate Word.	
Chad Eisele, Hampden-Sydney College.	
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.	
Andrew Goodrich, Gardner-Webb University	
Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference.	
Joe Schaly, Thiel College.	
Lexie Vernon, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Brad Walker, America East Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Brad Duckworth, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Steve Shaw, NCAA Football Secretary-Rules Editor.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Ty Halpin and Rachel Seewald.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Stanley Broaden, Ben Brownlee, Jay Fitzwater, Ashlee Follis, J.D. Hamilton, Greg Johnson, Connor Lancashire and Jennifer Roe.	