



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL  
AUGUST 14, 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 July 24, 2019, teleconference report.** The panel approved the report as written.
4. **NCAA Baseball Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** The panel reviewed and approved two rules proposals submitted by the Baseball Rules Committee, which included requiring that all catcher's chest protectors meet National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment standard and bear the SEI certification mark beginning January 1, 2020 and requiring that a 20-second action clock be administered with runners on base effective for the 2020 spring season.
5. **NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee annual meeting report.** The panel reviewed the Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee June 11-13, 2019 annual meeting report.
6. **NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee email report from July 30, 2019.** The panel reviewed the report.
7. **Tennis and men's volleyball request to "grandfather in" current rules differences by division.** As a follow-up from PROP's January 2019 annual meeting, the panel reviewed and approved a request from the NCAA Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees and the NCAA National Collegiate and Division III Men's Volleyball Committee to grandfather in specific playing rules that differ by division in those sports. NCAA Bylaw 31 requires playing rules modifications be the same for all divisions for sports in which the NCAA does not write the playing rules. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association is the governing body responsible for the playing rules in tennis. There currently are 19 rules in the ITA rules book that are not the same for all three divisions, as noted in Attachment A. USA Volleyball is the governing body responsible for the playing rules in men's volleyball. There currently are two rules modifications that are specific to Division III but are not applicable to National Collegiate men's volleyball, as noted in Attachment B. The request was approved with the stipulation that all future rules/modifications changes must be the same for all divisions, and the only changes

permitted to current differences would be to eliminate the differences or bring the difference in line with another division.

**8. Future meeting dates and times.** The panel was reminded of the teleconference schedule for 2019.

**9. Other business.**

- a. The panel was reminded of the Secretary-rules Editor and Coordinator of Officials Summit August 15-16 in Indianapolis.
- b. The panel was informed that the NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Committees recently conducted teleconferences and approved a request from two conferences (the Mountain West Conference and the Big 12 Conference) to experiment with technology on the bench during the 2019-20 season. The experimental rule would only be used during conference games and the conference tournaments. The panel agreed to consider the requests by an email vote once the panel had the opportunity to review the committees' recommendations.
- c. The panel expressed great appreciation to Pat Britz, Larry Scott and Matt White (whose terms were ending August 31) for their time and commitment to PROP the past several years. The staff noted that the following individuals would be joining the panel effective September 1: Steve Card, director of athletics at Western Washington University; Keith Gill, commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference, and David Hicks, director of athletics at King University.

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<b>NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel August 14, 2019, Teleconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Gary Williams, Wittenberg University.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Ben Brownlee, Dan Calandro, Ashlee Follis, Barb Hallam, Ty Halpin and Rachel Seewald.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Jay Fitzwater

ITA Rule Differences Among NCAA Tennis Divisions				
Rule	Description	Division I	Division II	Division III
I.B.1. & I.C.1.	Format: Doubles set	6-game set, tiebreak at 6-all		8-game pro set, tiebreak at 7-all
I.B.7.	Maximum number of matches per day	2	None	
I.B.2. & I.C.2.	Format: Team Points	7		9
I.B.3. & I.C.3.	Format: Scoring	No-Ad		Regular
I.B.4. & I.C.4.	Format: Warmup	None		
I.B.6.	Format: Other authorized formats	Doubles: Stop at Clinch	Doubles: Can continue final doubles match once doubles point is decided	N/A
I.B.12.	Service lets (Men's competition)	No		Yes
I.D.5.	Lineup changes when played on fewer than 6 courts once a match has begun	Once a ball is struck in <b>any</b> match, substitutions are not permitted		Players not on the court may be substituted for
I.K.1.	Determining outdoor playable conditions: Window	Two out of three hours		two out of four hours
I.K.1.	Medical timeouts: Number allowed per match	One per match		One per treatable condition
I.K.1.	Medical timeouts: treatment time allowed MEN	3 minutes for diagnosis & treatment	Up to 5 minutes, maximum 3 minutes for treatment	
I.K.1.	Medical timeouts: treatment time allowed WOMEN	Up to 5 minutes, maximum 3 minutes for treatment		
I.K.1.	Medical Timeouts: Point penalty assessed MEN	One point assessed	None	
I.K.1.	Medical Timeouts: Point penalty assessed WOMEN	None		
I.K.2.	Bathroom Break: When a player may take one	Set break only		At any time (set break preferred)
I.K.2.	Bathroom break: Time allowed	Up to 5 minutes		Reasonable time
I.Q.1.a.	Ball Usage - Singles matches	1 can per set	1 can for first two sets; new can for third set	
I.Q.1.a.	Ball usage - Doubles matches	1 can		4 balls
I.R.3.	Number of officials required per dual match	2	None	None

**NCAA Men's Volleyball Playing Rules Differences by Division  
2019-20**

	<b>National Collegiate</b>	<b>Division III</b>
<b>3-meter Restraining Line</b>	No rules modification in National Collegiate division requiring a restraining line.	Institutions must place a 3-meter restraining line on the surface, painted or with tape, five feet from the sideline on the bench side of the court. The line will begin at the end of the bench area. Student-athlete and bench personnel, not seated at the bench, are required to remain behind the restraining line during play.
<b>Permissible Number of Substitutions Per Set</b>	No rules modification in National Collegiate division, the number of permissible substitutions per set in the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Rules is six (6).	Twelve (12) unlimited substitutions per set will be permitted in Division III play. If institution is playing a Division I or Division II institution, the number of substitutions permitted per set will be six (6).