



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
AUGUST 10, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Tiffany Daniels, chair of the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel, welcomed the panel. PROP reviewed the 2022-23 roster and sport assignments.
2. **Duties and conflict of interest.**
 - a. **Duties.** PROP reviewed its duties, noting the specific responsibilities of reviewing rule recommendations pertaining to safety, finances and image of the game.
 - b. **Conflict of Interest Statement.** PROP also reviewed the NCAA Conflict of Interest Statement.
3. **Approval of July 19, 2023, videoconference report.** PROP approved the report as written.
4. **NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee annual meeting report, email report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved two rules modifications submitted by the Men's Gymnastics Committee, which included:
 - a. Changing the break format for dual meet competitions when using two breaks, from two, three-minute breaks to two, four-minute breaks, or one, six-minute halftime; and
 - b. Clarifying that the deduction for an unmarked or improperly marked landing zone on the vault is to be taken from the competing team when using the additional sting mat.
5. **NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved two rules changes submitted by the Ice Hockey Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. Removing infractions for too many players on the ice as part of the video replay criteria; and
 - b. Clarifying that during a replay review, only the aspect of the play in question may be reviewed.

It was also noted that Krissy Langley was recently hired as the national coordinator of women's ice hockey officials. The official [NCAA announcement](#) details her extensive experience.

6. **NCAA Softball Rules Committee annual meeting report, videoconference report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved 12 rules changes submitted by the Softball Rules Committee, which included:
- a. Allowing the use of a double base at first base;
 - b. For all new construction, requiring the fence distance to be 200 feet in left and right fields;
 - c. Eliminating the requirement that bats have a ¼-inch knob protrusion;
 - d. Prohibiting assistant coaches, who are not in a coach's box or serving as the acting head coach, from communicating with an umpire(s). Violations shall result in an immediate ejection of the violator(s);
 - e. Allowing the use of an exclusively one-way electronic communication device from the dugout to the field for the purpose of relaying the pitch or play call;
 - f. Revising the permissible video review situations;
 - g. Allowing a postgame review of only those ejections that include a suspension;
 - h. Clarifying the obstruction rule;
 - i. Allowing pitchers to disengage from the playing surface during the delivery;
 - j. Changing the time between pitches from 25 seconds to 20 seconds;
 - k. Allowing a visible action clock(s) to assist in enforcing all timing rules equitably; and
 - l. Allowing the pitcher one throw to any base during the warmup time.
7. **NCAA Division III and National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Committees annual meeting report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved two rules modifications submitted by the Division III and National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Committees, which included:
- a. Adopting the women's volleyball challenge review system procedures with one exception to permit three challenges, rather than two; and
 - b. Establishing a 3-meter restraining line on the playing surface to help keep bench personnel and student-athletes out of the playing surface during play.

8. **NCAA Baseball Rules Committee annual meeting report.** PROP reviewed and approved the annual meeting report submitted by the Baseball Rules Committee. No rules changes were proposed during the non-rules change year.
9. **NCAA Water Polo Rules Subcommittee annual meeting report.** PROP reviewed and approved the annual meeting report submitted by the Water Polo Rules Subcommittee. No rules changes were proposed during the non-rules change year.
10. **NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee annual meeting report.** PROP reviewed and approved the annual meeting report submitted by the Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee. No rules changes were proposed during the non-rules change year.
11. **Discussion of secretary-rules editors as active officials.** PROP continued its discussion from its July videoconference regarding secretary-rules editors serving as active officials. PROP agreed to table the discussion until the annual meeting in January 2024.
12. **Federated rules processes.** PROP reviewed the federated rules processes for each division and noted that additional discussion on these processes should take place during the annual meeting in January 2024.
13. **Future meeting dates.** The next PROP videoconference is scheduled for 1 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, September 7. PROP's annual meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, during the 2024 NCAA Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.
14. **Other business.** Two outgoing PROP members, David Hicks (King University) and Matt Kilcullen (Mercy College), were recognized and thanked for their service.
15. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:56 p.m. Eastern time.

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Attendees:	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.	
Joseph D'Antonio, Coastal Athletic Association.	
Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University.	
David Hicks, King University.	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.	
Scott Musa, Wilkes University.	
John Neese, Hardin-Simmons University.	
Emily Parkins, Patriot League.	
Joe Schaly, Thiel College.	
Ed Scott, University of Virginia.	
Brad Walker, America East Conference.	
Absentees:	
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ben Brownlee, Jay Fitzwater, Ashlee Follis, Ty Halpin, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Theresa Ekhelar, Greg Johnson and Bri Rigney.	