



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
JANUARY 23, 2019, ANNUAL MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks.** The chair welcomed the panel and had all attendees introduce themselves and reviewed the schedule.
- 2. Approval of Sept. 12, 2018, teleconference report and Sept. 20, 2018, email vote report.** The panel approved the reports as written.
- 3. Review of the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel policies and procedures manual.**
 - a. Duties.** The panel reviewed the list of duties, noting the specific responsibilities of reviewing rule recommendations pertaining to safety, finances and image of the game. The panel was reminded of the importance of reviewing rules proposals from the rules committees from a big picture perspective.
 - b. Conflict of interest.** The panel also reviewed the standard NCAA Committee Conflict of Interest Statement.
 - c. Review of PROP February 2014 directive regarding financial/facility rules changes.** The panel reviewed the February 21, 2014, memorandum that PROP sent to all NCAA playing rules committees directing the committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay before implementing any rules changes that have financial or facility implications to provide institutions with notice and the opportunity to comply.
- 4. Review of significant, historical PROP actions.** The panel reviewed a document summarizing significant actions the panel has taken since 2003.
- 5. Review of summary of waivers issued by rules committees.** The panel reviewed a document summarizing the waivers (e.g., equipment, uniforms, accommodations for student-athletes with disabilities) approved during the 2017-18 academic year as well as a chart listing the waivers for student-athletes with disabilities approved between 2013-2018.
- 6. Review technology trends.** The panel reviewed a supplement that detailed several areas where technology and the playing rules intersect, including wearable technology and instant replay/video review. The panel agreed this is an area to continue to monitor globally.

- 7. Report from the NCAA office of legal affairs.** NCAA general counsel updated the panel on several NCAA-related legal issues.
- 8. Report from the NCAA chief medical officer and Sports Science Institute.** The NCAA chief medical officer provided an update on recent research developments on concussions as well as several other updates from the December 2018 meeting of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
- 9. Review summary of sports with and without NCAA playing rules committees.** The panel reviewed a summary of sports that do not have an NCAA published playing rules book and/or an NCAA playing rules committee to determine if any changes should be considered in this regard. In general, the panel agreed to evaluate sports on the basis of sport sponsorship, the number of current rule modifications compared to the playing rules of the national governing body (or applicable organization), gender equity, size of the sport committee and general issues facing the sport. In doing so, the panel requested that the sports of field hockey, tennis and men's volleyball explore (and report back to the panel within the next year) whether the sport would benefit from having either an NCAA playing rules book and/or an NCAA playing rules committee. If a sport committee supports the establishment of a playing rules committee, the committee should also consider the option of initially appointing a playing rules subcommittee of the sport committee for the first two-three years to determine if a separate playing rules committee is warranted. A subcommittee was appointed to assist the staff in implementing this review.
- 10. Review playing rules process.** The panel reviewed the current process, timeline and procedures used for approving playing rules changes. It was noted that the annual meeting report and comment period report, including the qualitative feedback, is sufficient for enabling the panel to fulfill its duties. The panel agreed that it would be beneficial to have the respective PROP liaison attend a portion of the rules committee's annual meeting, receive copies of pertinent correspondence during the season, as well as be included on the teleconference with the rules committee to review the comment period feedback. During this teleconference, the rules committee will determine which proposals will be condensed as part of the "consent package" for the panel. Further, the panel agreed to continue the policy of having the committee chair and/or the secretary-rules editor participate in the panel's teleconference when deemed appropriate.
- 11. Non-profit organizations' logos on uniforms.** The panel reviewed a memorandum from 2009 that was issued to clarify the use of non-profit logos on the game uniform. The panel reaffirmed this guidance and instructed staff to continue to provide this feedback to the membership when requested.

12. Planning for 2019. The panel reviewed the teleconference schedule for 2019, the playing rules committees' annual meeting dates and the sport assignments for each panel member. The chair specifically thanked those committee members who are serving the final year of their term.

Committee Chair: Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference

Staff Liaisons: Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating
Dan Calandro, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating
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Playing Rules Oversight Panel January 23, 2019, Annual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference.	
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.	
Matt Wilson, Gulf South Conference.	
Absentees:	
Jen Heppel, Patriot League.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Ben Brownlee, Dan Calandro, Jay Fitzwater, Ashlee Follis, Barb Hallam, Ty Halpin, Rachel Seewald, Andy Supergan.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Brian Hainline, Anthony Holman, Greg Johnson, John Parsons, Jared Tidemann.	