



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
JULY 25, 2018, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed those on the call and thanked everyone for their time.
2. **Review of the PROP June 12, 2018, teleconference report and July 19, 2018, email vote report.** The panel approved the June 12 teleconference report and the July 19 email vote.
3. **NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period report.** The panel reviewed the rules committee's June 5-7 annual meeting report. Although this is a non-rules change year for women's lacrosse, the panel approved one rules change since it is an alteration to a rule that was implemented during the 2018 season. The rules change eliminates Rule 5-39.a and permits substitutions when the game clock is stopped, unless otherwise specified in Rule 5-39. This change increases the pace of play, supports the game's recent progression to free movement, dissipates concerns relating to congestion and inadvertent physical contact in the substitution area, and allows for better and more consistent administration and enforcement of substitution procedures.
4. **NCAA Softball Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period report.** The panel reviewed the rules committee's June 18-20 annual meeting report. Although this is a non-rules change year for softball, the panel approved one rules change due to a change by a national governing body. The rules change allows for an additional bat certification mark to accommodate Amateur Softball Association (ASA) rebranding to USA Softball. Manufacturers may begin testing and certifying bats with the new fastpitch USA Softball certification mark as early as the 2019 season. Both the old ASA 2004 and new fastpitch USA Softball certification marks will be permitted to indicate compliance for NCAA competition in the 2019 season. Bats still will need to also be on the current NCAA Approved Softball Bat List.
5. **NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Committee annual meeting report and comment period report.** The panel reviewed the rifle committee's June 4-5 annual meeting report and approved four rules modifications. Three of the modifications apply to the standard match format. The modifications will provide clarity and establishes a penalty for failure to follow the standard match format after repeated misapplications of the format in recent years. Institutions are now required to submit squadding plans to the rifle rules interpreter and NCAA championship manager by February 1 of each season ahead of qualifier weekend as a check to ensure that the standard match format is followed. Failure to submit

squadding plans by the deadline will result in a \$400 fine. The final modification provides flexibility to the strict USA Shooting/International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) rules which run counter to current NCAA apparel trends in the sport of rifle.

6. **NCAA Women's Bowling Committee annual meeting rules report, comment period report and July 18, 2018, teleconference report.** The panel reviewed the bowling committee's April 30–May 1 annual meeting rules report and approved seven rules changes. Three of the rules changes pertain to the bowling ball and three pertain to competition uniforms and apparel including one that requires a minimum length of a participant's skirt. The final rules change incorporates the championship format into the rules book. This change permits teams to participate in a maximum of six matches a day during conference tournaments, the NCAA National Collegiate Championship and exhibition contests.
7. **NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee annual meeting report, comment period report and July 18, 2018, teleconference report.** The panel reviewed the ice hockey committee's June 11-14 annual meeting rules report and the committee's July 18 teleconference report. Fifteen changes were approved overall. Two of the final proposals were approved on the ice hockey committee's teleconference and replaced two that were initially distributed for comment. These adjustments relate to the rules when a game is tied. Several conferences utilized alternative methods after the traditional overtime period to award points in their standings. The committee initially removed those options to create a more standard approach nationally. However, during the comment period, it was clear this action was not supported by the Division I men's ice hockey membership, so the committee adjusted and voted to allow reduced manpower and/or a shootout. It was clarified that these options are allowed only during conference games or in-season tournaments that require a winner for advancement. The committee's other changes were well supported in the membership comment period. One item of note procedurally: The committee created separate points of emphasis for men's and women's ice hockey in order to focus specifically on each gender's issues.
8. **Future meeting dates.** The panel noted that in addition to the teleconferences scheduled for August 15 and September 12 this year, the panel's annual in-person meeting will be Wednesday, January 23, 2019 (from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at the 2019 NCAA Convention in Orlando, Florida.
9. **Adjournment.** The teleconference was adjourned at 1:38 p.m. Eastern time.

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| Attendees: | |
| Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League. | |
| Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference. | |
| Julie Johnson, Ripon College. | |
| Chris Schneider, Big East Conference. | |
| Ronda Seagraves, Concordia University Texas. | |
| Gary Williams, Wittenberg University. | |
| Kevin White, Truman State University. | |
| Matt Wilson, Gulf South Conference. | |
| Absentees: | |
| Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference. | |
| Dave Roach, Fordham University. | |
| Larry Scott, Pac-12 Conference. | |
| Angie Torain, University of Notre Dame. | |
| NCAA Staff Support in Attendance: | |
| Ben Brownlee, Dan Calandro, Ashlee Follis, Ty Halpin, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan. | |
| Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance: | |
| Greg Johnson and Aaron King. | |