



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
JULY 24, 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 June 26, 2019, teleconference report.** The panel approved the report as written.
4. **NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** The panel reviewed and approved 15 rules proposals submitted by the Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee, which included reducing the number of team requested stick checks from three to two, replacing the pregame stick check procedure with a random selection and closer inspection of eight sticks, requiring goalkeepers to wear chest protectors that meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment standard and contain the SEI certification mark beginning January 1, 2021, prohibiting all players' bodies and sticks from being positioned within eight meters of the goal circle above goal line extended on a free position shot within eight meters from the goal circle, allowing field players the choice of wearing shorts or a kilt/skirt as long as the shorts/kilt/skirt are of the same color and similar design, trim and cut, and changing the penalty administration for illegal draws from the center line to the spot of the ball.
5. **NCAA Softball Rules Committee annual meeting report, comment period results and teleconference report.** The panel reviewed and approved nine rules proposals submitted by the Softball Rules Committee, which included requiring barrel compression testing during the regular season beginning January 1, 2021 for Division I and January 1, 2022 for Divisions II and III, prohibiting attachments from being added to the foul side of the pole, requiring visible undergarments contrast with the color of the ball, updating the pitching rules to standardize the process for taking a signal and allow pitchers greater balance when starting the pitching motion without creating any type of unfair advantage, and clarifying a forfeit will be the penalty for ejected/suspended personnel violations discovered during the contest and any violations discovered after the contest ends will result in additional game suspensions. The panel also reviewed and approved one experimental rule request, which allows conferences to experiment with video review during conference games, including the conference tournament, in a limited number of situations. The crew chief may initiate a review of designated plays at his/her discretion beginning with the sixth inning and each head coach has two challenges to initiate a video review for the entirety of the game.

6. **NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee annual meeting report, comment period results and secretary-rules editor recommendation.** The panel reviewed and approved four rules proposals submitted by the Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee. These changes are being made in the non-rules change year due to unintended consequences from changes the panel approved in the year prior. The most notable changes are to the video replay criteria which should correct and improve the overall replay process.
7. **NCAA Men's and Women's Rifle Committee annual meeting rules report and comment period report.** The panel reviewed and approved two rules modifications submitted by the Men's and Women's Rifle Committee. Both modifications address concerns had by the membership in regard to the Standard Match Format for regular season competitions.
8. **NCAA National Collegiate and Division III Men's Volleyball Committees annual meeting reports and comment period results.** The panel reviewed and approved one proposed rules modification and one point of emphasis submitted by the National Collegiate and Division III Men's Volleyball Committees. The proposed rules modification would permit a coach to retain any successful challenge when the Challenge Review System (CRS) is used during a match. The committees also proposed including in the rules modification document a sportsmanship point of emphasis under the heading of Player Conduct.
9. **NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** The panel reviewed and approved seven proposed rules modifications submitted by the Men's Gymnastics Committee. The modifications include changes to the three-judge panel make-up, requiring only the meet referee to sign the final score sheet, eliminating the ability to use the A dismount to fulfill the dismount requirement and specify requirements for receiving a "stick bonus." The most notable modification will require all clerical error(s) be reported to the opposing head coach and the conference by noon local time of the team initiating the protest, on the Monday following the competition.
10. **Future meeting dates and times.** The panel was reminded of the teleconference schedule for 2019.

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Attendees:	
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.	
Matt Wilson, Gulf South Conference.	
Absentees:	
Angie Torain, University of Notre Dame.	
Kevin White, Truman State University.	
Gary Williams, Wittenberg University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Ben Brownlee, Dan Calandro, Ashlee Follis, Barb Hallam, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jay Fitzwater, Greg Johnson and Candace Martin.	