



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
JULY 19, 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 June 8, 2023, videoconference report.** PROP approved the report as written.
4. **NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved 13 rules changes submitted by the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. Permitting the use of underwater cameras to confirm swimming infractions (stroke and turn violations) called by an official on deck;
 - b. Permitting the use of tape, kinesiology tape, and compression sleeves to treat documented medical conditions, but not gain an advantage over the remainder of the field. The change will require documentation from a physician or certified athletic trainer identifying the necessary placement of the support;
 - c. Clarifying criteria for uniforms and swimsuits for swimmers and divers;
 - d. Establishing rules regarding the number of swim caps that may be used by swimmers and the permissible identifying marks that may appear on the cap;
 - e. Eliminating the requirement for human relay takeoff judges and human backup timers when overhead camera systems are used;
 - f. Permitting a re-dive request to be made by the diver or the diver's coach;
 - g. Changing language in the diving judge responsibilities from "more than 90 degrees" to "90 degrees or more";

- h. Removing championship specific procedures from the Entries and Events playing rules;
- i. Allowing ties to be decided by a method other than a swim-off, such as a coin toss, if agreed upon by both coaches in consultation with the athlete(s). If there is no agreement, a swim-off will be held;
- j. Establishing a permissive and optional team diving event under the meet programs. Mutual agreement is required to conduct the team diving event;
- k. Permitting the use of video review during diving events;
- l. Permitting the use of video when a balk judge is not available on the 10M platform event; and
- m. Revising the standard for bona fide competition to clearly define competition criteria during a non-championship, non-NCAA Championship, or invitational meet.

5. NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results. PROP reviewed and approved four rules changes submitted by the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee, which included:

- a. Requiring players to leave the field of play until the next dead ball when their helmet comes off during a live ball;
- b. Establishing video review criteria that is permissible but not required for regular season and postseason competition to review certain timing scenarios and goals;
- c. Establishing video review criteria that is permissible but not required for regular season and postseason competition to review contact to the head and/or neck area; and
- d. Establishing one coach's challenge each half or one timeout during any overtime period(s). If the challenge is successful, the coach will retain the challenge. If unsuccessful, the coach will lose the challenge and a timeout. Lastly, during the last four minutes of the second half and for the duration of any overtime period, reviews will be conducted by referees' discretion.

6. NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results. PROP reviewed and approved 18 rules changes and one experimental rule submitted by the Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee, which included:

- a. Requiring all feet be behind the 8-meter arc during a free position;
- b. Permitting any player on the field of play at the time of a foul to take a team's awarded free position not within the 8-meter arc;

- c. Modifying language to specify that broken shafts will not be permitted to return to the game;
- d. Permitting the use of ND 200 compression shirts;
- e. Permitting the use of shoes with soles containing aluminum, leather, rubber, nylon or plastic cleats, studs or bars, as long as the official does not consider them dangerous, similar to soccer;
- f. Establishing that for all games, media timeouts shall be two minutes in length;
- g. Permitting teams to regain position during a power play at the start of the next period or overtime;
- h. Requiring officials to position drawers' sticks in an upright position for the draw;
- i. Establishing a new foul for flopping and embellishment;
- j. Increasing the penalty for physical contact between the restraining lines;
- k. Modifying "Dangerous Stick in the Sphere" as a mandatory card foul;
- l. Modifying a sweeping check from behind as a mandatory card foul;
- m. Modifying the current fifth foul listed under "Illegal Use of the Stick" to include attempting to hook the bottom of an opponent's stick as a foul;
- n. Adding a new delay of game foul for a player who doesn't run off the field, enter and remain in the penalty area after a cardable foul;
- o. Increasing the offside foul penalty in the defensive end to a one-minute releasable penalty;
- p. Increasing the penalty time for a red card from two minutes to five minutes;
- q. Modifying "simultaneous whistles" for shooting space to be played out;
- r. Modifying "simultaneous whistles" for non-shooting space fouls to be played out unless it is affecting the shooter; and
- s. Modifying video review as an experimental rule to include additional replay opportunities in a game.

- 7. NCAA men's and women's track and field secretary-rules editor performance evaluation results and term extension request.** PROP reviewed the secretary-rules editor performance evaluation report for Mark Kostek and the NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee's July 6 email report. PROP approved the Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee's request to extend the term of the secretary-rules editor for four years, with the third and final four-year term ending August 31, 2028. To establish an effective succession plan, the Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee will conduct a search for a replacement in summer 2027. The individual selected will shadow the current secretary-rules editor for one year and assume the role of secretary-rules editor September 1, 2028.
- 8. NCAA Board of Governors review of Association-wide committees.** Following the adoption of the new constitution in January 2022, the NCAA Board of Governors began a review of Association-wide committees to determine their relevance, assess whether potential changes would better align the committees' work with the new constitution and determine how to streamline the Association-wide governance structure. As part of this review, PROP was asked to assess its duties as it relates to the following: legislated duties, responsibilities, and composition; history of key actions (legislative and non-legislative) and informational items; determine whether the work of PROP has been absorbed by other governance committees/councils and/or national office staff; and determine whether PROP's work should continue or be streamlined. Based on the scope of PROP's duties and responsibilities, which includes oversight of 13 rules committees and the rules modification process for 11 sports whose rules are maintained outside of the NCAA, in addition to the fact that no other committee has absorbed its work, PROP recommended that it continue in its role as an Association-wide committee.
- 9. Discussion of secretary-rules editors as active officials.** PROP tabled a discussion on whether NCAA secretary-rules editors should be allowed to serve as active officials during the regular season based on repeated requests from secretary-rules editors, in addition to the growing concerns associated with shortages of officials and a lack of quality candidate pools for the secretary-rules editor positions. PROP requested that additional information be provided during an upcoming videoconference regarding the rationale for the decision by PROP in 2011 to disallow secretary-rules editors from serving as active coaches or game officials.
- 10. Future meeting dates.** The next PROP videoconference is scheduled for 1 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, August 10.
- 11. Other business.** PROP did not have other business.
- 12. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:04 p.m. Eastern time.

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| Attendees: | |
| Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference. | |
| Joseph D'Antonio, Coastal Athletic Association. | |
| Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University. | |
| Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference. | |
| David Hicks, King University. | |
| Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College. | |
| Scott Musa, Wilkes University. | |
| Emily Parkins, Patriot League. | |
| Joe Schaly, Thiel College. | |
| Ed Scott, University of Virginia. | |
| Brad Walker, America East Conference. | |
| Absentees: | |
| John Neese, Hardin-Simmons University. | |
| Guests in Attendance: | |
| Stefanie Smith, NCAA women's lacrosse secretary-rules editor. | |
| 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, Sarah Lounsbury, Stephanie Quigg and Bri Rigney. | |