

REPORT OF THE NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL JULY 17, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **Welcome and announcements.** Keith Gill, chair of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, welcomed the panel.
- 2. **Duties and conflict of interest.** PROP reviewed its duties and the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy.
- 3. **Approval of June 10, 2025, meeting report.** PROP approved the June 10, 2025, meeting report as written.
- 4. NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results. PROP reviewed and approved six rules changes submitted by the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. When underwater cameras are available, allowing officials to utilize the system to determine if violations have occurred.
 - b. Clarifying that in the event of an appeal at NCAA and conference championship meets, the meet committee has the authority to act in cases of procedure, but not to overturn rules violations.
 - c. Allowing video review to determine if a disqualification for a false start in an individual event is accurate.
 - d. Aligning diving referee duties and responsibilities with USA Diving and World Aquatics, including detailed procedures for outdoor meets with inclement weather, clarifications of the standards for diving judges to award points throughout the scoring range, details for allocation of points for dives completed in the wrong position and clarification of the instances when a dive should be declared a failed dive.
 - e. Aligning diving technical rules with USA Diving and World Aquatics, including detailed definition for points allocation when a diver is too close or hits the board during the flight and entry, correct definition of dives using the tuck position to clarify that the knees and feet must be close together within the body line of the shoulders and consistent description of each element of the dives, including starting positions, approach, position of the dive, and entry.

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- f. Clarifying that 50-yard stroke events are allowed in all championship meets.
- 5. NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee annual meeting report. PROP reviewed the annual meeting report submitted by the Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee. No rules changes were proposed during the non-rules change year.
- 6. NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee annual meeting report. PROP reviewed 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.
- 7. NCAA Men's and Women's Water Polo Rules Subcommittee annual meeting report. PROP reviewed the annual meeting report submitted by the Men's and Women's Water Polo Rules Subcommittee. No rules changes were proposed during the non-rules change year.
- 8. Review of women's basketball, men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse secretary-rules editor candidates. PROP reviewed and approved three candidates for secretary-rules editor positions in women's basketball (Brad Schmidt), men's lacrosse (David Seidman), and women's lacrosse (Laura Hebert). The candidates will shadow the current secretary-rules editors for one year and assume their positions September 1, 2026.
- 9. **Review Division II feedback for football technology proposal**. The Division II PROP members reviewed feedback from Division II commissioners and athletics directors on proposed technology rules in football, specifically the use of helmet coach-to-player technology beginning with the 2026 season. PROP agreed that the Division II PROP members should convene at a later date to review the issue as one of the Division II members did not participate in the videoconference.
- 10. **Future videoconference dates.** PROP confirmed the next videoconference will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST on Wednesday, August 13.
- 11. **Other business**. The panel did not have other business.
- 12. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:23 a.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:

Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.

Joseph D'Antonio, Coastal Athletic Association.

Brad Duckworth, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

Richard Duran, University of the Incarnate Word.

Chad Eisele, Hampden-Sydney College.

Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.

Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference.

Joe Schaly, Thiel College.

Lexie Vernon, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Absentees:

Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University.

Brad Walker, America East Conference.

Guests in Attendance:

Greg Lockard, NCAA Swimming and Diving Secretary-Rules Editor.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Ty Halpin and Rachel Seewald.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Stanley Broaden, Ben Brownlee, Jay Fitzwater, Ashlee Follis, J.D. Hamilton, Greg Johnson, Connor Lancashire and Stephanie Quigg.