

REPORT OF THE NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL JUNE 6, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **1. Welcome and announcements.** Tiffany Daniels, 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 April 18, 2024, meeting report.** PROP approved the April 18, 2024, meeting report as written.
- 4. NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results. PROP reviewed and approved two rules changes submitted by the Men's Basketball Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. Amending the current rules to require that physical abuse of an official is an ejection from the contest and a one-game suspension.
 - b. Allowing officials to review whether the player's last foot prior to leaving the floor was out of bounds prior to releasing a shot as time expired (game clock reading zero) in either half or any overtime period.

Lastly, it was noted that the men's basketball rules committee approved a proposed experimental rule for the 2025 National Invitation Tournament that would allow a coach to appeal out-of-bounds calls for video replay review in the last two minutes of games. The experimental rule would eliminate the official's voluntary ability to review out-of-bounds calls on the floor in the last two minutes of the game. Instead, these calls for a video review would be tied to the timeouts a team has remaining. If a team appeals the call and it is overturned, the team making the appeal would retain the timeout. The NIT Board is scheduled to review this proposed experimental rule during an upcoming meeting.

- 5. NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results. PROP reviewed and approved three rules changes submitted by the Women's Basketball Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. Amending the current rules to require that physical abuse of an official is an ejection from the contest and a one-game suspension.

- b. Allowing officials to review whether the player's last foot prior to leaving the floor was out of bounds prior to releasing a shot as time expired (game clock reading zero) in any quarter or overtime.
- c. Requiring that any replay review, whether initiated by a coach's appeal or by the officials of their own volition, occur immediately following the foul to determine whether a successful field goal or free throw should count or be canceled when an "off-ball" foul is committed by either team.
- 6. NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results. PROP reviewed and approved 18 rules changes submitted by the Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee. Significant changes included:
 - a. Adding penalty options for referees when enforcing penalties for contact to the head and hitting from behind fouls.
 - b. Adjusting the rules for delayed penalties so that if a goal is scored during the calling of a delayed minor penalty, the scoring of the goal nullifies the minor penalty enforcement.
 - c. Removing optional rules relating to the overtime game format and shootout procedures; PROP noted some dissent in the comment period, but the rules committee's rationale was supported by PROP. Additionally, PROP noted the federated rules process was followed and no proposals were initiated at the rules committee or PROP level to federate.
 - d. In cases where a disqualification penalty is enforced, allowing a conference to appeal to the NCAA secretary-rules editor and national coordinator of officials (men's or women's) to review the penalty for a possible reduction.
 - e. Strengthening the rule regarding prohibited behavior/unsportsmanlike conduct to include profane, threatening, vulgar or derogatory remarks relating to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.
 - f. Adding more specific language to identify tactics in women's ice hockey that should be permitted and additional guidance when enforcing penalties for body checking.
 - g. Adjusting several areas of the rules (e.g., faceoff procedures and locations; high-sticking the puck, supplemental discipline) that received strong support in the comment period.
- 7. NCAA Football Rules Committee email report and comment period results. PROP reviewed one proposal from the Football Rules Committee related to the permissive use of commercial logos in the field of play during the regular season. The proposal was not approved initially by the Football Rules Committee during its annual meeting in February because the committee

had not yet surveyed the membership on the proposal. Before recommending the rules change, the committee agreed to collect informal feedback. In April, the committee reviewed and approved the proposal as the membership feedback was largely supportive of the change to align regular season commercial logo restrictions with that of the postseason and neutral site games. The comment period was conducted, and PROP approved the proposal. Staff noted that a question-and-answer document will be prepared for the membership to assist with implementation.

- **8.** NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee annual meeting report. PROP reviewed the annual meeting report submitted by the Wrestling Rules Committee. No rules changes were proposed during the non-rules change year.
- 9. Use of federated playing rules during cross-divisional contests. With the federated playing rules process in effect, PROP discussed the use of federated playing rules during cross-divisional contests. PROP agreed that the playing rules of the host institution should be used for cross-divisional contests; however, teams may mutually agree to use the other division's playing rules. PROP further agreed that the rules of the designated home team should be used for neutral site games.
- **10. Future videoconference dates.** The next PROP videoconference is scheduled for 1 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, July 17.
- 11. Other business. None.
- **12. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m. Eastern time.

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Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference

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Attendees:

Joseph D'Antonio, Coastal Athletic Association.

Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.

Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University.

Richard Duran, University of the Incarnate Word.

Chad Eisele, Hampden-Sydney College.

Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.

Scott Musa, Wilkes University.

Joe Schaly, Thiel College.

Ed Scott, University of Virginia.

Lexie Vernon, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Absentees:

Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.

Brad Walker, America East Conference.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Stanley Broaden, Jay Fitzwater, Ashlee Follis, Ty Halpin, Connor Lancashire, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Ben Brownlee, Greg Johnson and Stephanie Quigg.