

REPORT OF THE NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL JUNE 10, 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 April 16, 2025, meeting report.** PROP approved the April 16, 2025, meeting report as written.
- **4.** NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results. PROP reviewed and approved 10 rules changes submitted by the Men's Basketball Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. Providing an interpretation that permits the use of one working shot clock should the other become inoperable during a game. The public address announcer will periodically provide verbal updates to the time on the shot clock.
 - b. Permitting headbands not wider than four inches.
 - c. Amending the current Approved Ruling that defines the motion that normally starts a try. A player with the ball who is fouled after the dribble has ended and believed to be attempting a shot may complete a pivot or the one step the player is on in order to complete the shooting motion.
 - d. Keeping contact to the groin area as a Flagrant 2 foul but providing the official flexibility should they deem it appropriate upon Instant Replay review to downgrade the foul to a Flagrant 1 or common foul based on the nature of the contact or the result of the contact.
 - e. Penalizing bench personnel who physically assist a player with the ball.
 - f. Establishing that all fouls or violations below the free throw line extended in a team's frontcourt will result in throw-ins at the nearest-designated spot under the basket and all fouls or violations above the free throw line extended will result in throw-ins at the nearest-designated spot at the 28' foot mark.

- g. Establishing that placing a hand(s) on the backboard or ring to gain an advantage will be a basket interference violation.
- h. Permitting musical instruments, amplified music, canned music or artificial noisemakers during dead balls.
- i. Requiring a one-game suspension for an individual who failed to serve a suspension for physical abuse of an official or fighting, and a one-game suspension for the team's head coach when the individual who should have served their suspension failed to do so.
- j. Permitting coaches to appeal the following rulings: (1) An out of bounds violation; (2) Called basket interference/goaltending plays; and (3) Restricted area plays.
- **5.** NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results. PROP reviewed and approved 10 rules changes and one experimental rule submitted by the Women's Basketball Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. Eliminating the requirement that game jerseys be tucked into the game shorts.
 - b. Requiring that undergarments (tights) and knee/leg sleeves are the same legal color.
 - c. Permitting headbands not wider than four inches.
 - d. Setting the shot clock to 20 seconds when, following a dead ball, the offense is awarded the ball for a throw-in in their frontcourt.
 - e. Penalizing bench personnel who physically assist a player with the ball.
 - f. Adjusting the traveling rule to permit a player who executes a jump stop/step back to land on both feet at approximately the same time.
 - g. Permitting a defender to contact a ball handler/dribbler with more than one "hot stove" touch provided this is not persistent contact and does not inhibit the rhythm, speed, balance, or quickness of the ball handler/dribbler, nor does it re-route or otherwise impede the dribbler.
 - h. Moving the Administrative Technical Fouls for more than five players participating in the game and excessive timeouts to the Team Technical Foul category.
 - i. Requiring a one-game suspension for an individual who failed to serve a suspension for physical abuse of an official or fighting, and a one-game suspension for the team's head coach when the individual who should have served their suspension failed to do so.

- j. Permitting coaches to appeal the following rulings: (1) An out of bounds violation by the officials; (2) A backcourt violation; (3) Whether team control changed before a ruled foul only if it could affect the awarding of free throws; and (4) Whether the foul was charged to the correct individual.
- k. Allowing an experimental rule for 2025-26 exhibition games only and by mutual agreement of the competing institutions, to permit coaches to appeal a foul charged to their own team at any time during the contest.
- 6. NCAA Men's Wrestling Rules Committee annual meeting report, videoconference report, and comment period results. PROP reviewed and approved 11 rules changes submitted by the Men's Wrestling Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. Eliminating the requirement that the referee say "Set" from all three starting positions before blowing the whistle.
 - b. Allowing the third-party video review official(s) to consult with the on-mat official(s) to obtain pertinent information.
 - c. Specifying that if the video review system is inoperable during an individual match (e.g., 125-lb bout), it shall not be used for the remainder of that match/bout.
 - d. Allowing a coach to retain their video review challenge if an obstruction of the view on the video screen caused by participants, coaches, referees or tournament personnel on the mat does not allow for a complete review. A video challenge would also be retained if the entire wrestling sequence is not viewable on the video screen.
 - e. Specifying that the riding time shall stop when, in the rear standing position, the offensive wrestler is penalized for stalling while wrestling action continues.
 - f. Clarifying tossing, throwing, sliding or spiking any piece of equipment shall be called unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - g. Establishing a penalty for a wrestler receiving flagrant misconduct and illegally participating in any event.
 - h. Allowing a post competition review of flagrant misconduct.
 - i. Eliminating the mat return from the broomstick position (when the offensive wrestler leaves both feet and makes contact with the back of the defensive wrestler's leg(s) in the broomstick position) from Illegal Holds.
 - j. Eliminating the Interlocking Fingers in Neutral Position infraction.

- k. Expanding the use of the 1-pound weight allowance for all dual meets held within a 48-hour window.
- 7. **Update on Division II feedback for football technology proposal.** PROP heard an update from staff on the coach to player helmet communication proposal that was tabled by the Division II PROP representatives during the April videoconference. Feedback is still being collected from the Division II membership. The proposal will be considered by the Division II PROP members during the July 17 videoconference.
- 8. **Update on Division I governance structure.** PROP received an update on the work of the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group, which includes potential changes to the playing rules committee structure. It was noted that any changes to the current process would take effect September 1, 2025, and that PROP would continue to meet through its August 13 videoconference.
- 9. **Future videoconference dates.** The next PROP videoconference is scheduled for 11 a.m. Eastern time, Thursday, July 17.
- 10. **Other business.** The panel did not have other business.
- 11. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

Rachel Seewald, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

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Attendees:

Joseph D'Antonio, Coastal Athletic Association.

Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University.

Brad Duckworth, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

Richard Duran, University of the Incarnate Word.

Keith Gill. Sun Belt Conference.

Korinth Patterson, Mid-American Conference.

Joe Schaly, Thiel College.

Lexie Vernon, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Brad Walker, America East Conference.

Absentees:

Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.

Chad Eisele, Hampden-Sydney College.

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NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Rachel Seewald.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

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