



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL
ASPECTS OF SPORTS
OCTOBER 31, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Playing rules recommendation – Baseball – Implementation of National Operating Committee Standards for Athletic Equipment chest protector standard.**

- (1) Recommendation. Recommend to the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee a change in the effective date for existing rules in the sport of baseball that require chest protectors to be certified to the NOCSAE ND200 standard at the time of manufacturing and contain the SEI certification mark to be legal for play.
- (2) Effective date. Baseball catchers required in January 2021. These dates are identified to ensure adequate supply of certified equipment and reflect guidance provided by equipment manufacturers. The committee recommends the use of certified equipment as it becomes available to member schools but acknowledges a likely shortage of such equipment until the 2021 competitive season.
- (3) Rationale. Commotio cordis, though rare, is a typically fatal condition caused by the impact of a high velocity object (e.g., lacrosse ball; baseball) to the anterior chest causing cardiac arrest and death. Newly developed performance standards for chest protectors can mitigate or eliminate the risk of this preventable condition.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Limited to the cost of replacement equipment. The delayed effective date will assist with financial planning.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes in baseball will benefit from protective equipment that will more effectively protect from this traumatic, and often fatal preventable condition.

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Attendees:
Bob Colgate, National Federation High School Associations.
Stephanie Chu, University of Colorado, Boulder.
N. Jeremi Duru, American University.
Dave Eavenson, USA South Athletic Association.
Joshua Ellow, Swarthmore College.
R.T. Floyd, University of West Alabama.
Jessica Mohler, U.S. Naval Academy.
Steve Murray, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Nicole Pieart, Aurora University.
Mark Stovak, University of Nevada, Reno.
Taylor Stover, Rogers State.
Todd Stull, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
Buddy Teevens, Dartmouth College.
Kim Terrell, University of Oregon.
Auburn Weisensale, University of Pittsburgh.
Jeff Williams, East Central University.
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University.
Absentees:
Shawn Arent, University of South Carolina.
Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University.
Jeff Dugas, Troy University.
Luis Feigenbaum, University of Miami (Florida).
Samantha Kastner, Bloomfield College.
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
John Parsons, Anne Rohlman and Jessica Wagner.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Amanda Dickey, LaGwyn Durden, Paul Roetert, Crystal Rogers, Kimberly Shea, and Jared Tidemann.