ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items. The NCAA Men’s Basketball Rules Committee approved the following rules change proposal for the 2016-17 season. The committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) for the following item:


      Recommendation. To adjust the rules change made last season to allow a coach to call a team timeout when the coach’s team is attempting a throw-in.

      Effective date. Immediately.

      Rationale. The rule change that was effective with the 2015-16 season to prohibit a coach from calling a timeout during a live ball was intended to apply to situations when the live ball was on the playing court (especially during a scramble on the floor for a loose ball). Allowing a coach to call a timeout when the coach’s team is attempting to throw-in the ball will allow the coach the opportunity to do so when it otherwise might be difficult to do (e.g., due to crowd noise, distance from the coach to the player throwing in the ball, etc.). If implemented, a coach would still be prohibited from calling a timeout during all other live ball situations.

      Estimated budget impact. None.

      Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Opening remarks and review of meeting schedule. The chair, Mr. Keith Dambrot, called the meeting to order and reviewed the committee’s scope of responsibilities and the timeline for the meeting.

2. Review committee operations manual. The staff reviewed the committee operations manual and noted the voting procedures and conflict of interest policies.

3. Review of 2015 annual meeting and November 23, 2015, teleconference reports. The committee reviewed its annual meeting report from the 2015 annual meeting and the
teleconference report from November. Both reports were approved.

4. **Review 2015-16 rules survey.** Mr. Art Hyland, men’s basketball secretary rules-editor, discussed the rules survey. Of particular note is the overall support for the rules changes that went into effect for the 2015-16 season and the coaches having embraced and adapted to the changes and officiating directives.

5. **Secretary-Rules Editor report.** Hyland reviewed several areas of note including a review of the 2015-17 changes; statistical trends from the 2015-16 season; and several interpretations made during the season.

   a. The committee approved all of the rules interpretations other than one pertaining to the restricted area arc and the verticality rule. Specifically, the committee requested that Hyland alter the rule interpretation issued during the regular season to reflect that when a secondary defender is in the restricted area arc, the verticality rule will apply IF the defensive player leaves his feet, goes straight up in the air and attempts to block the shot with arms straight up in the air. The interpretation that was issued during the 2015-16 season stipulated that the restricted area arc rule applied to secondary defenders in the restricted area arc even if the player left his feet to attempt to block a shot.

   b. The committee also discussed the issue of a defensive player guarding an offensive player too tightly. The committee recommended that a training video be developed for coaches, players and officials which would demonstrate the principles of the offensive cylinder and the requirement that a defensive player must give the offensive player enough space to make a normal basketball move.

6. **Media Roundtable at 2016 Final Four.** The media roundtable has become an annual event at the Final Four. Dambrot noted that the media representatives who attend are significant writers and the viewpoints they share have been helpful to the committee’s work. He added that the media representatives were extremely supportive of this year’s rules changes and the impact made on the game.

7. **NCAA National Coordinator of Men’s Basketball Officials report.** Mr. J.D. Collins, national coordinator of men’s basketball officials, reviewed the achievements and challenges to date with the officiating program nationally. One highlight in particular coming out of the committee’s 2015 meeting was to issue six directives regarding the enforcement of various rules which were intended to reduce physical play and create freedom of movement. As a result, a significant communication plan was implemented to bring the various constituents (e.g., coaches, officials) together and to be clear on expectations as well as results. The effort moving forward is to continue with the original six directives and to try to have even more significant enforcement of the rules pertaining to post play, rebounding and player
sportsmanship. Collins also noted a few rules that warrant further discussion by the committee: the restricted area, cylinder plays, the coaching box and traveling (particularly in the post area or when players catch a pass and prepare to shoot).

8. **Conference coordinator of officials’ report.** Mr. Curtis Shaw, coordinator of officials for several conferences and a representative of the coordinator of officials, thanked the group for allowing the coordinators to be part of the meetings and echoed many of the positive aspects of the rules changes from last season. One area of concern from the coordinators is with the coaching box and inconsistencies with how the current rules are enforced. In some cases, facilities have limited space; in other cases, coaches are on the floor coaching their teams, etc. Extending the box when the ball is on the opposite end of the court from the bench would help alleviate some of this issue; however, consistent enforcement of whatever is agreed upon is of most importance.

The coordinators also recommended that the number of game delay warnings be addressed. There are several rules for delaying the game and each currently allows for a warning. The coordinators suggested that there should be one warning per game for any delay of game violation.

Also, there continues to be concern about the physicality in the post, both in rebounding and general post play. The committee noted that the use of video for educational purposes would assist by demonstrating specific acts which are fouls.

9. **Active official’s report.** Mr. Roger Ayers, an active Division I men’s basketball official, shared his view of the season and rules on behalf of active officials. He recommended that, for a variety of reasons, uniforms should be handled primarily by the conference as an administrative issue if possible. Ayers noted that, in his opinion, there were fewer issues with uniforms/tights/etc. during this past season. He also suggested that administering technical fouls is another area where if some adjustment were made, the rules would be better understood by the coaches and simpler to enforce by the officials. Finally, Ayers noted that some consideration should be given to adding restricted arc area plays and basket interference/goaltending plays as two more types of plays to be reviewed with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

10. **National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) report.** Ms. Theresia Wynns, staff liaison to the NFHS basketball rules committees, reviewed action taken by the NFHS basketball rules committee at its 2016 meeting.

11. **Men’s College Basketball Officiating (MCBO), LLC Competition Committee report.** Mr. Dan Gavitt, NCAA vice president of men’s basketball championships, joined the committee and complimented the work of both the rules committee and the officiating community’s effort and collaboration to make a significant positive impact in the game.
Gavitt noted that the Division I Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee is beginning its work and has leaned on the MCBO Competition Committee thus far for input and feedback on the rules. Gavitt noted the positive effect on the game resulting from the rules changes and officiating directives while also reminding the committee of the difficulty in sustaining such an effort. Gavitt added that the college basketball community in general is very supportive and hopeful that the positive changes will be sustained.

12. **NABC/Division I Men’s Basketball Committee/Men’s Basketball Rules Committee joint meeting.** The rules committee met jointly with the National Association of Basketball Coaches Board of Directors and the Division I Men’s Basketball Championship Committee. This meeting has become an effective annual event to exchange ideas about the rules of college basketball. Dambrot and Hyland reviewed the rules from the previous cycle. Overall, the general sense was that the changes have been overwhelmingly positive.

There was discussion about timeouts called by coaches during live ball situations. In general, coaches expressed opposition to the change, but acknowledged that it did prevent the granting of timeouts where possession was in doubt (particularly during scrambles for loose balls on the court). The committee will continue to review options to address the calling of timeouts by coaches and agreed to recommend amending the current rule to allow a coach to call a timeout when the coach’s team is attempting to inbound the ball.

The NABC also suggested that the committee consider making the goaltending rule similar to the international rule, which allows the ball to be touched by either team when it is on the rim.

13. **Men’s Basketball Rules Committee/Women’s Basketball Rules Committee joint meeting agenda.** As in past years, the committee conducted two joint meetings with the Women’s Basketball Rules Committee to discuss rules changes from the past year and to compare notes about possible rules change in the future.

14. **Future meeting and teleconference dates.** The committee was reminded that tentative plans were for conference calls to be conducted as follows and that the annual in-person meeting would be May 9-12, 2017 (beginning with a working dinner at 5pm Tuesday, May 9, and adjourning no later than noon, Friday, May 12).

   a. October 2016 teleconference (TBD).
   
   b. December 2016 teleconference (TBD).
   
   c. February 2017 teleconference (TBD).
   
   d. May 2017 in-person meeting (May 9-12, 2017).
15. Other business.

a. Restricted Area Arc Interpretation. The committee reviewed a conflict in the rules with the restricted area and verticality rules. After significant deliberation and discussion, the committee directed Hyland to revise a rule interpretation issued during the 2015-16 season regarding the verticality rule and the restricted area arc rule. Specifically, the committee agreed that when a secondary defender is in the restricted area arc, the verticality rule will apply if the defensive player leaves his feet, goes straight up in the air and attempts to block the shot with his hands and arms straight up in the air. The interpretation that was issued during the 2015-16 season stipulated that the restricted area arc rule applied to secondary defenders in the restricted area arc even if the secondary defender left his feet to attempt to block a shot.

b. Officiating guidelines. The committee approved additional guidance and emphasis on officiating post plays. Two areas in particular were the “swim” move players use to obtain position and warding off actions from offensive players.

c. NIT experimentation. The committee reviewed several potential options for experimentation in the postseason NIT, which continues to be operated by the NCAA. The committee agreed to continue discussing various options with the NIT staff and to recommend the use of one or more experimental rules at a later date once more details are agreed upon.

d. Research. The committee discussed the possibility of reviewing a sample of games (NCAA championship games, etc.) to determine how many stoppages occur in the last two minutes of each game and the cause for the stoppages (e.g., timeouts, fouls, commercials).

16. Future considerations. The committee discussed several rules concepts for future consideration. The list below is not all inclusive nor are the concepts listed ones that will necessarily be approved by the committee for implementation:

a. Widen the lane. Consider widening the lane as a way to continue to open up the floor and create more space.

b. Move the three-point line. Consider moving the three-point line back further to help open up the floor and create more space.

c. Uniform enforcement. Identify ways to make this a conference responsibility and not the responsibility of the officials (other than ensuring that the color of the uniforms contrast with the number and with the color of the opponent’s uniform).
d. **10-second backcourt count.** Further limit the number of times an offensive team is entitled to a new 10-second count in the backcourt.

e. **Substitutions when no time comes off of the clock.** In limited situations, consider allowing a player who has been taken out of the game to re-enter even though no game time elapsed.

f. **Consideration of quarters vs. halves.** The committee favors retaining the current two 20-minute halves format but will continue to monitor and consider quarters as an option.

g. **Bonus options.** The committee reviewed several different options, including resetting team fouls at the 10-minute mark of each half and reducing the number of fouls to reach the bonus.

h. **Monitor reviews of goaltending and restricted area plays in the last two minutes.** The committee discussed expanding the use of monitor review in the last two minutes of the game in a few more key areas, although the committee noted that a negative aspect of such a change would be more stoppages late in games.

i. **Monitor review during the entire overtime.** Consideration should be given to the monitor rules being in effect for the entire overtime period or periods. Current rules only allow certain reviews during the last two minutes of the game and the last two minutes of all overtime periods.

j. **Advancing the ball to offensive 28-foot hash mark under two minutes.** The committee expressed limited support for this concept, but the committee will continue to monitor and review this potential rules change.

k. **During a monitor review, consider having the players wait in an area away from the benches.** This would be difficult to manage, but in some cases, teams without a timeout remaining gain an advantage when a review occurs late in the game.

l. **Excessive timeouts and too many players on the floor -- two shots and the ball.** Consider adjusting the administrative technical fouls to ensure the penalties are appropriate.

m. **Simplify the administration of technical fouls.** The committee will look to find simplicity with administering rules especially in the enforcement of personal and technical fouls.

n. **Technology – medical devices, etc.** There are numerous technological advances being made and in many cases, these are not permitted for coaching purposes. The committee will continue to review/evaluate these items as it relates to in-game use. (Note: The committee agreed to form a joint technology subcommittee with the Women’s Basketball Rules Committee to study these issues in more detail and to provide a report to the committees at
a future meeting. Mr. Jeff O’Malley and Mr. Kevin McCarthy agreed to represent the committee on the subcommittee.)

o. Delay of game warnings. Currently, delay of game warnings are tied to each specific action (e.g., team not coming out of a huddle quickly enough, etc.). The committee agreed to continue discussing the concept that the first delay of game warning issued to a team serve as the only delay of game the team is entitled to (rather than a team receiving multiple warnings for different types of delays of games).

p. Basket interference. Consider adjusting this rule and allowing one or both teams to touch the ball in the cylinder, consistent with the FIBA rule.

q. 30-second timeouts. Consider allowing coaches to carry over three 30-second timeouts to the second half instead of just two.

r. Coach calling timeout in last two minutes of the game. Consider allowing the head coach to call a timeout during a live ball during the last two minutes of the game.

s. Shot clock reset after defensive foul or violation. Consider resetting the shot clock to 20 seconds (instead of 30 seconds) on a defensive foul or violation if the foul or violation occurs with less than 20-seconds remaining on the shot.

17. Adjournment. Dambrot thanked the committee for their work and acknowledged the excellent work of the three outgoing members Don Brubacher, Mark Peeler and Jack Perri.

Committee Chair: Keith Dambrot, University of Akron, Mid-American Conference
Staff Liaisons: Dan Calandro, Championships and Alliances
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Jack Perri, Long Island University-Brooklyn; Northeast Conference.
Mark Peeler, Erskine College; Conference Carolinas.
Bill Raleigh, Southwestern University; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.
Richard Reed, University of La Verne; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

**Guests in Attendance:**
Roger Ayers, active official.
J.D. Collins, national coordinator of officials.
Curtis Shaw, conference coordinator of officials.
Jon Steinbrecher; Mid-American Conference.
Theresa Wynns, National Federation of State High School Associations.

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