



NCAA -- Future Playing Rules Changes with Financial Impact (updated September 17, 2018)

SPORT	YEAR	RULES CHANGE
Indoor Track and Field	2018-19	Beginning December 1, 2018, all newly constructed or resurfaced indoor tracks shall be surveyed for a curb and shall have a regulation curb in place for competition.
Wrestling	2018-19	Beginning with the 2018-19 season, all wrestling mats shall comply with the ASTM Specification Standard for wrestling mats. (Rule 1.2 in the NCAA Wrestling Rules Book).
Women's Bowling	2019-20	Beginning with the 2019-20 season, all skirts, skorts or kilts with less than a 15-inch outseam are required to have at least a four (4)-inch inseam.
Women's Volleyball	2019-20	Beginning with the 2019 season, the jersey number must be of a color that is clearly in distinct contrast with the color of the jersey, irrespective of any border around the number.
Women's Volleyball	2019-20	Beginning with the 2019 season, the jersey may contain a single conference logo. The logo may not exceed 3x5 or 4x4 square inches. The conference logo must not obstruct the player's number.
Baseball	2019-20	Beginning with the 2020 season, the bat barrel shall be predominantly of a color(s) contrasting to the color of the baseball between the 18-inch mark and the end cap.
Beach Volleyball	2019-20	Beginning with the 2020 season, require a referee stand with platform, podium ladder or platform workstation for each competition court in order for a contest to be countable.
Baseball	2019-20 – DI 2020-21 – DII and DIII	Beginning with the 2020 season for Division I institutions and the 2021 season for Division II and Division III institutions, require that bat barrel compression testing be conducted prior to each regular season series or single date of competition. All bats used in competition must pass the barrel ring test and barrel compression testing.
Outdoor Track and Field	2020-21	Beginning Jan. 1, 2021, all newly constructed or resurfaced outdoor tracks shall be surveyed for a curb and shall have a regulation curb in place for competition.
Men's Lacrosse	2020-21	Beginning with the 2021 season, all institutions must have two visible shot clocks with the ability to set/reset the clocks to two different times.
Women's Lacrosse	2021-22	Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, the jersey number must be of a color that is clearly in distinct contrast with the color of the jersey, irrespective of any border around the number.

Recently Implemented Playing Rules Changes with Financial Impact

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Women's Lacrosse	2016-17 – DI 2017-18 – DII and DIII	By the 2017 season for Division I institutions, and by the 2018 season for Division II and Division III institutions, require that a visible 90-second possession clock be in place. It is recommended that two visible clocks be utilized at either end of the field; however, one visible clock at mid-field will satisfy the requirement of this rule.
Men's and Women's Basketball	2017-18	Coaching box shall be extended 10' toward the center line to so that it is 38' (instead of 28').
Women's Basketball	2017-18	Restricted-area arc shall be 4' instead of 3' (making it the same as the men's restricted-area arc).
Softball	2017-18	By the 2018 season, the field side of the dugout shall be protected by netting or fencing not less than 6 feet from the floor of the dugout except for the designated entrances and exits to the field. (Rule 2.10 in the NCAA Softball Rules Book).
Softball	2017-18	By the 2018 season, foul poles on institutional fields shall be a minimum of 10 feet high and be either white or optic orange. (Rule 2.12 in the NCAA Softball Rules Book).
Swimming and Diving	2017-18	Beginning with the 2017-18 season, it is permissible to use lights or a lighting system in addition to hand signals used for the start of races involving hearing impaired swimmers. The lights or lighting system can be used to mimic the audio (whistle) commands of the referee. The lights or lighting system must be fully integrated with the existing automatic timing system.
Swimming and Diving	2017-18	Beginning with the 2017-18 season, when stationary overhead cameras recording 100 images per second and that are fully integrated into the primary electronic system are in place at a competition it is permissible to use the system as the primary secondary back-up system. If the referee and head timer determine a discrepancy between the primary electronic touchpad system and the back-up camera, they may use the camera's time to establish the correct time.
Baseball	2016-17	Beginning with the 2017 season, the use of video instant replay will be permitted (not required) during the regular season for specific types of plays. The video review area must be on the field level. The availability for the use of replay must be determined in the pregame meeting at home plate prior to the start of the game (Appendix E-B in the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee).
Men's Basketball	2016-17: DII/DIII	Restricted-area arc shall be 4' instead of 3' (effective with the 2015-16 season for Division I and for the 2016-17 season for Divisions II and III).

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Men's Lacrosse	2016-17: DII/DIII	A visible shot clock is permissible for use in all games. By the 2016 season, all Division I institutions and by the 2017 season, all Division II and III institutions must have a visible shot clock available for competition. It is recommended that two clocks be utilized at either end of the field; however, one clock may be used at midfield to satisfy the rule. (Rule 1-25 in the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Rules Book).
Track and Field	2016-17	Cones not more than 15 centimeters in height shall be placed on the lane lines immediately before the intersection of each lane line and the break line. Cones of this height, separated as described in Rule 1-1.6, shall be used to mark the inside of any single outer alley used for a race between the start of the alley and the break line. (Rule 1-1.10 in the NCAA Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track and Field Rules Book).
Division III Men's Volleyball	2016-17	Effective for the 2017 season, a 3-meter visible restraining line is required to be placed on the playing surface five feet from the sideline on the bench side of the court. The line will extend from the end of the bench. The line can be permanent or taped.
Ice Hockey	2016-17	Effective with the 2016-17 season, all institutions must have a goal anchoring system with pegs 8 to 10 inches in depth. A limited waiver process will be available to allow some relief in cases where institutions are unable to comply. (Rule 2.1 in the NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Book).
Soccer	2016-17	Beginning with the 2016 season, video review is permissible (not required) in three specific situations. The use of video review must be agreed upon by both head coaches before the start of the game. During the game, video review can be initiated by the referee only. In order to use video review, the review equipment must be provided by the home institution and available at the scorekeeper's table or field level. Indisputable video evidence, in the judgment of the referee, must be present for the call on the field to be overturned.
Soccer	2016-17	For fields constructed or renovated in 2016 or thereafter, the halfway line and center circle lines must be visible. (Rule 1.4 in the NCAA Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Book).
Softball	2016-17	By the 2017 season: *For institutionally-owned fields with a 4-foot fence, the fence must be a minimum of 210 feet down the foul lines and 230 feet to center field <u>OR</u> the field can be renovated with a taller fence that meets the standards listed under renovated facility. The maximum distance to center field is 235 feet.  *For municipal fields with a 4-foot fence, it is highly recommended the fence be a minimum of 210 feet down the foul lines and 230 feet to center field with a maximum distance to center field is 235 feet. (Rule 2.11 in the NCAA Softball Rules Book).
Women's Volleyball	2016-17	For facilities constructed after 2016, a free zone of three meters is required. (Appendix A in the NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules Book).