ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items. The NCAA Women’s Volleyball Rules Committee approved the following rules change proposals for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. The committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) for the following items:

   a. Solid-Colored Uniforms (Rule 7.1.1.2).
      (1) Recommendation. Simplify the “solid-colored” jersey rule by changing it to the “libero” jersey and only require that the jersey be immediately recognized from all angles as clearly contrasting the jerseys of other team members.
      (2) Effective date. Immediately.
      (3) Rationale. This proposal simplifies the rule and allows manufacturers to use the latest design techniques, while not requiring institutions to purchase new jerseys. With this change, any current “solid-colored” jersey would still meet the new rule requirement.
      (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
      (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

   b. Intermission (Rule 8.4.2.3).
      (1) Recommendation. Reduce the maximum allowable time for intermission between sets two and three to five minutes for all matches.
      (2) Effective date. Immediately.
      (3) Rationale. Currently, the maximum length for intermission is 10 minutes. This proposal will keep the pace of play more continuous from match to match. In addition, it will enhance the fan experience.
      (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
      (5) Student-athlete impact. None.
c. **Lineup Submission (Rule 10.1.1.3).**

(1) **Recommendation.** Allow a coach to add a libero to their team's lineup sheet after submission.

(2) **Effective date.** Immediately.

(3) **Rationale.** The current rule does not allow a coach to put a libero number on the lineup sheet after it has been submitted, prohibiting the use a libero for that set. This proposal allows the coach to add the libero number provided there is no delay.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

d. **Lineup Submission (Rules 10.1.1.3 and 10.1.1.6).**

(1) **Recommendation.** Allow a coach to change their lineup if a duplicate number was submitted both in the libero position and another position.

(2) **Effective date.** Immediately.

(3) **Rationale.** Current rule states that the player listed as a libero must play as a libero or the team does not have a libero for that set. This proposal allows the coach to decide if the player listed twice will be the libero or a player in another position.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

e. **Challenge Review System – Reviewable Decisions (Rules 18.1.4.2.1 and 18.1.4.2.2).**

(1) **Recommendation.** Regarding the Challenge Review System (CRS), combine the two rule categories of “in/out” and “touch” into one reviewable challenge.

(2) **Effective date.** Immediately.

(3) **Rationale.** According to the most recent CRS data, 81 percent of challenges involve “in/out” and “touch” calls. Currently if the coach challenges “in”, but replay shows the ball is “out”, and it also shows there was a “touch”, the referees could only rule on the “in/out” call. This proposal allows the referees to make the correct call.
(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

**f. Challenge Review System – Reviewable Decisions (Rule 18.1.4.5).**

(1) **Recommendation.** Add the 3-meter attack line as a reviewable decision. This challenge is limited to the foot/feet contacting the attack line.

(2) **Effective date.** Immediately.

(3) **Rationale.** There was significant support from coaches on the survey to add the attack line as a challengeable action. The attack line is generally visible on the majority of CRS systems in use, so this allows the referees an additional opportunity to make the correct call.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

**g. Challenge Review System – Number of Challenges (Rule 18.1.5.1.1).**

(1) **Recommendation.** Allow each team an additional challenge if the match goes to a fifth set. Any unused challenges would carry over into the fifth set as well.

(2) **Effective date.** Immediately.

(3) **Rationale.** This proposal allows coaches to use challenges as necessary and have additional strategic opportunities without providing for an unlimited number of challenges.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Announcements.** The chair welcomed the committee and thanked them for their time. Committee members introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their background.
2. **Review Schedule, Agenda and Committee Operations Manual.** The meeting schedule and agenda were reviewed. The committee reviewed the Committee Operations Manual, which included the NCAA conflict of interest policy, guidance for committee members regarding meeting reports, notes and email, voting procedures, principles for rules writing, and experimental playing rules guidelines.

3. **Review Reports from 2017 Annual Meeting and Teleconferences.** The committee approved the 2017 annual meeting and teleconference reports as written.

4. **USA Volleyball Report.** The committee received an update on recent USA Volleyball rule changes, as well as an overview of the USA Volleyball Rules Commission.

5. **National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Report.** The committee heard a report from the NFHS, which included the recent rules changes for high school that were currently being considered by the NFHS Board of Directors. Additionally, the high school injury data for girls’ volleyball was reviewed and it was noted that girls’ volleyball has the highest participation rate of any high school girls team sport.

6. **Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO) Report.** The Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO) consists of 3,705 members. The mission of the association is to train, educate and certify volleyball officials. Approximately 2,000 PAVO members attended one of the 30 clinics conducted last year prior to the season. It was noted that the online referee training program has been very successful. The 2017 PAVO Convention included video sessions, an in-depth analysis of the NCAA semifinal matches, and a moderated panel on the Challenge Review System.

7. **National Coordinator of Officials Report.** The NCAA National Coordinator of Volleyball Officials provided an overview of the NCAA Volleyball Officiating Program (VOP), which includes 2,800 officials. The purpose of the VOP is to provide consistent officiating and training materials, while also develop consistent techniques and mechanics for officials. The VOP includes four regional advisors who evaluate officials across the country. This season they conducted 200 observations. The national coordinator also manages all postseason assignments for Divisions I, II and III officials.

8. **Secretary-Rules Editor Report.** The NCAA Women’s Volleyball Secretary-Rules Editor provided the committee with an overview of actions, interpretations and activities for the 2017 season, which included responding to 208 inquiries and nine protests, posting 20 responses on the “Ask Anne” section of the central hub, producing three rule interpretation newsletters, and developing the coach’s video. She also attended the NFHS and USA Volleyball rules meetings, the NCAA National Coordinator/Secretary-Rules Editor Summit, and served as a clinician for the NCAA/PAVO Officials’ Training Program.
9. **NCAA Injury Surveillance Data and Report.** The committee reviewed women’s volleyball injury data provided by the Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention. It was noted that for the 2009/10-2016/17 academic years, the injury rate for player-player contact injuries during competitions in the front court is much higher than any other location, but this includes those injuries between the 3m line and two feet from the center line, along with those near the center line. The trend was similar when restricting to time loss injuries only.

10. **Review of 2017 Rules Survey.** The committee reviewed the 2017 rules survey results in conjunction with discussion on the corresponding rules change proposal. The committee noted that 68 percent of coaches responded to the survey.

11. **Review of 2016 and 2017 Challenge Review System (CRS) Data.** The committee reviewed all CRS data from the 2016 and 2017 seasons. For the 2017 season, the CRS was used in 822 matches (up from 378 matches in 2016) and the average number of challenges per match was 2.42. The average length of a challenge was one minute, 30 seconds. The majority of challenges involved a ball contacting a player (45.2 percent) and a ball ruled in or out (36.5 percent). The official’s original decision was confirmed 41.2 percent of the time and reversed 38.7 percent of the time. The video was inconclusive on 19.3 percent of challenges.

12. **Review of Rules Proposals and Discussion Items.** The committee reviewed 29 rules proposals, and approved seven major rules changes for the 2018 and 2019 seasons, as noted above in the Action Items section. The committee also approved several editorial changes and points of emphasis.

13. **Future Teleconference and Meeting Dates.** The committee scheduled a teleconference for February 7, 2018, at 11 a.m. Eastern time to review the results from the two-week comment period. In-season teleconferences will be scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month (in August, September, October and November) at 11 a.m. Eastern time. The committee also scheduled its 2019 annual meeting for January 8-10, 2019, in Indianapolis.

14. **Election of Chair.** The committee elected Flip Piontek, University of Central Missouri, as chair for the 2018-19 academic year.

15. **Other Business.** Two outgoing committee members were recognized and presented with mementos – Christopher Feliciano, Rider University, and Danny Miller, Averett University.

16. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018.
Committee Chair: Danny Miller, Averett University; USA South Athletic Conference.  
Staff Liaison(s): Rachel Seewald, Championships and Alliances.

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<td>Jennifer Flowers; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.</td>
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<td>Sarah Gustin, Marymount University, Virginia; Capital Athletic Conference.</td>
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<td>Flip Piontek, University of Central Missouri; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.</td>
<td>Anne Pufahl, secretary-rules editor.</td>
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