



2018-19 Women's Basketball Rules Change

The following rules change was approved by the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel. It is effective beginning with the 2018-19 season.

Note: This rules change was also adopted by the NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee.

Rule	Page	Proposal, Rationale
1-26.2 and 1-26.4	31	<p>To permit elbow, hand, finger, wrist or forearm guards, casts or braces made of fiberglass, plaster, metal or other non-pliable substance to be used by players during competition as long as the protective device is completely covered with not less than 1/2 inch thickness of slow-rebounding foam.</p> <p>Rationale: Rule 1-26.2 currently prohibits a player from competing if the player has an elbow, hand, finger, wrist or forearm guard, cast or brace that is made of fiberglass, plaster, metal or any other non-pliable substance. This proposal is based on a recommendation from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) that the padding requirements of Rule 1-26.4 [i.e., pliable (flexible or easily bent) material, covered on all exterior sides and edges with not less than ½-inch thickness of slow-rebounding foam, may be used to immobilize and protect an injury] are sufficient to protect other players who may contact or be contacted by an injured player's protective equipment. This proposal is subject to Rule 1-26.1, which states that the referee shall not permit any player to wear equipment that in his or her judgment is dangerous to other players.</p> <p><i>Note: The institution's medical staff is still responsible for first determining if the injured player is medically cleared to participate with the protective equipment.</i></p>