ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and announcements. The chair welcomed those on the call and thanked them for their time.

2. Duties and conflict of interest. The panel briefly reviewed its duties and the NCAA conflict of interest policy.


4. NCAA Track and Field/Cross Country Rules Committee annual meeting and comment period reports. The panel reviewed and approved 39 proposals from the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Rules Committee. Items of note included the approval of a requirement for all indoor facilities to have a curb beginning December 1, 2018, and the approval of a requirement to use verifiable entry performances and eliminate the recording of false and speculative marks. Additionally, in an attempt to bring more structure to the sport, the panel approved a recommendation to define what constitutes a regular-season competition in men’s and women’s track and field.

5. NCAA Women’s Bowling Committee annual meeting, comment period and teleconference reports. The panel reviewed the committee annual meeting report and the rules proposals submitted by the committee. The panel approved 13 of the proposals submitted by the committee. One item of note includes the approval of a proposal to limit the number of matches per day to five, beginning with the 2017-18 season. In addition, the panel denied a request to require all head officials to pass the rules exam offered on the ArbiterSports webpage. Finally, the panel was informed that the committee modified three proposals from the annual meeting report which were sent back out to the membership for additional comment. The panel will be asked to vote on the three modified proposals upon the completion of the comment period.

6. NCAA Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Rules Committee annual meeting, comment period and teleconference reports. The panel reviewed the report of the Ice Hockey Rules Committee and noted that the committee tabled a proposal dealing with the overtime procedure after significant discussion and concern raised by Division I coaches and conferences. It was
noted that the rules committee plans to spend time during the next 10 months to review and collect additional feedback about the overtime procedure and make it a central part of the June 2017 annual meeting. The committee plans, at that time, to make a proposal on overtime moving forward, potentially as an off-year change.

In the rules changes, one significant note deals with the goal anchoring system change, which was approved by the panel nearly three years ago (providing two full competition seasons to implement). In some instances, institutions do not own their own facilities and the committee has established a waiver process to provide relief on a case-by-case basis.

The report and proposed changes were approved as a consent package.

7. NCAA Women’s Lacrosse Rules Committee annual meeting and comment period reports. Although it was a not a rules change year for women’s lacrosse, the panel reviewed and approved three proposals submitted by the NCAA Women’s Lacrosse Rules Committee. One of the proposals included a recommendation to alter a rule that was implemented during the 2016 season. The rule changed the categorization of three seconds from a major foul to a minor foul. An unintended consequence resulting from the implementation of this change was that more players obstructed the free space to goal, which raised safety concerns for student-athletes. Consequently, the panel approved the recommendation to make three seconds a major foul, while tweaking the administration of the penalty to the spot of the ball. The panel also approved a recommendation requiring any field player choosing to wear headgear to wear headgear that meets the current ASTM standard for women’s lacrosse beginning January 1, 2017. Finally, the panel approved an experimental rule requiring all players outside of the 8-meter arc and within the critical scoring area to clear the space and move outside the extended hash marks of the 8-meter arc relative to their position. This experimental rule will only be used during the non-traditional season (2016 fall ball).

8. NCAA Skiing Committee annual meeting report. The panel reviewed the committee annual meeting report. No rules changes were recommended since 2017 is a non-rules change year.

9. NCAA Softball Rules Committee annual meeting report. The panel reviewed the committee annual meeting report. No rules changes were recommended since 2017 is a non-rules change year.

10. NCAA Fencing Committee annual meeting and comment period reports. The panel reviewed and approved a proposal to mirror US Fencing and implement the sabre starting position experimental rule through December, and continue to be aligned with US Fencing once it makes its decision to fully implement the change, or revert back to the current rule. The panel noted that this is the first time a sport could be changing a rule mid-year, but was supportive of the rationale of the committee to stay aligned with US Fencing.
11. NCAA Women’s Gymnastics annual meeting and comment period reports. The panel reviewed and approved one proposal submitted by the NCAA Women’s Gymnastics Committee recommending a reduction of the start value of two twisting vaults from 10.0 to 9.95.

12. NCAA Football Rules Committee teleconference report. The panel reviewed a recommendation from the Football Rules Committee to allow the Ivy League to use an experimental rule. The rule deals with kickoffs and moves the kick spot to the 40-yard line (from the 35-yard line) and adjusts the touchback spot to the 20-yard line (from the 25-yard line). The rules committee stipulated that this experiment would only be allowed for Ivy League games. This proposal was also supported by the Division I Football Oversight Committee. The rules committee’s request to allow this experimentation was approved.

13. Adjournment. The teleconference was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Eastern time.

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- Matt Maginnis, Championships and Alliances.
- Ron Prettyman, Championships and Alliances.