REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING RULES COMMITTEE
MAY 15-17, 2018, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome, introduction and announcements. Committee chair, Jamie Lindsay, welcomed the committee and expressed her appreciation for the service the committee has given throughout the year.

2. Review of schedule, agenda and committee operations manual. Lindsay and NCAA staff reviewed the meeting schedule and agenda. Specific areas of the committee operations manual were reviewed including conflict of interest, communication, document retention and the rules writing principles the committee follows to develop new playing rules.

3. Approval of report from January 9, 2018, teleconference. The committee reviewed and approved the report from the January 9, 2018, teleconference, as written.

4. Playing Rules Oversight Panel. Staff provided an update regarding the swimming and diving liaison to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) and shared the timeline for proposals that come from the annual meeting to be reviewed by PROP.

5. NCAA injury surveillance data and report. Staff shared the NCAA injury surveillance data provided by the Datalys Center. The committee discussed the report and would like more information regarding the percentage of reported injuries occurring outside of the pool as opposed to in-water injuries. Based on the number of “overuse” injuries, the committee also discussed whether the level of conditioning of the athlete; referring to whether the athlete had been over or under trained at the time of the injury and whether this could be entered when the injury data is entered into the reporting system.

6. Secretary-rules editor’s report. Greg Lockard, NCAA swimming and diving secretary rules editor, reported on his first year in the position. He reviewed the interpretations that were issued and discussed with the committee areas it may consider rules changes during the next year. He also shared that with the 2017 approved changes to NCAA Rule 2 and Rule 6 to follow the technical rules of the International Swimming Federation (FINA), he is developing relationships with USA Swimming and USA Diving to assist with consistency in rules application.

7. Swimming and diving officials’ registration and education program. Lockard and staff provided an update regarding the number of NCAA registered swimming officials and
discussed revisions to the rules test questions moving forward. Staff confirmed ongoing conversations with USA Diving to develop a diving officials’ registration in the future, but that there is not currently an estimated date this test will be available. The current swimming officials’ test is effective until August 31, 2019.

8. **Review of 2018 rules survey.** The committee discussed the results of the rules survey and the potential areas for the committee to propose rules changes. The committee was encouraged by the response rate of coaches at all three divisions.

9. **Review of rules proposals and discussion items.** Lockard proposed the development of a new rule in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book that would define certain terminology from the playing rules in one location, as is done in other playing rules books. The committee provided feedback on an initial list of terms that would be included. The committee also discussed the video review process and the potential expansion of video review, based on feedback provided on the survey. The committee discussed potential revisions to Rule 9, Bona Fide Competition, as well as whether the rule commonly referred to as the “honest effort” rule should be more clearly defined in the next rules cycle.

10. **New product review forms.** The committee reviewed four proposed new products, submitted through the NCAA Product Review system, by Reaction Light Systems for compliance to the playing rules for use during competition. The committee noted that two of the products meet current playing rules and would be permitted for use in competition. One product would be compliant with modification to the product display and one product would require a playing rules change and does not meet the current playing rules. The committee did not propose a rules change for the 2018-19 season.

11. **Future teleconference and meeting dates.** The committee requested that the 2019 annual meeting be May 21-23, 2019.

12. **Election of chair.** The committee selected Dan Gelderloos, Calvin College, as chair for the 2018-19 year.

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**Committee Chair:** Jamie Lindsay, Drexel University  
**Staff Liaison(s):** Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances

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May 14-17, 2018, Annual Meeting |
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| Dan Gelderloos, Calvin College.  
Matt Gianiodis, Michigan State University. |
Jamie Lindsay, Drexel University.
Greg Lockard, NCAA secretary-rules editor.
Chuck LoCurto, Bryant University.
Joe Nicastro, Providence College.
Peter Solomon, Wesleyan University.
Mary Kay Samko, Bentley University.
Rebecca Tidwell, University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Absentees:**
None

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
Ben Brownlee

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
Ty Halpin.