



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Men's and Women's Head Basketball Coaches, Conference Commissioners and Director of Athletics.

FROM: Art Hyland
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SUBJECT: Waiver for the 2017-18 Men's and Women's Basketball Season.

The NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Committees have been made aware that numerous institutions have been practicing with a basketball that does not comply with Rule 1-16.3, which states, "The ball shall have a deeply pebbled leather or composite cover." Specifically, the surface of the Nike Hyper Elite basketball has a dimple design, which differs from the contour, look and feel of a traditional "deeply pebbled" ball.

Based on information from the manufacturer, the committees understand that the basketball was used last season in a limited number of men's and women's collegiate games. Additionally, more than 200 men's and women's teams have been practicing with the basketball this season with the understanding that the basketball is compliant with Rule 1-16.3. Under these circumstances, the committees are granting a waiver to allow the Nike Hyper Elite basketball to be used during the 2017-18 season.

This waiver applies to the 2017-18 season only. At their May 2018 annual meeting, the rules committees will review the Nike Hyper Elite basketball to determine if it meets Rule 1-16.3.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support in this regard. Please do not hesitate to contact us (Art Hyland - art.hyland@comcast.net; Jon Levinson – jonlevinson@icloud.com) if you have any questions.

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