



2014 NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Survey: Executive Summary

PURPOSE

Per the request of the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee, a survey was developed to obtain feedback from head women's basketball coaches and senior woman administrators (SWAs) from all NCAA member institutions, as well as officials and coordinators of officials, in regards to issues with new rules changes, 2014 rules changes and major rules concerns. The results from this survey seek to provide the committee with detailed information on the respondents' opinions regarding current and potential women's basketball rules.

RESPONSE RATE

	n	N	Response Rate by Position
Coaches	522	1,043	50.0%
Coordinators	57	69	82.6%
Officials	1,389	2,504	55.5%
SWAs	318	1,051	30.3%
Total	2,286	4,667	49.0%

RESPONSE CHARACTERISTICS

	n	%
Coaches	522	22.8
Coordinators	57	2.5
Officials	1,389	60.8
SWAs	318	13.9
Total	2,286	100.0

	Division I	Division II	Division III
Coaches	29.9%	26.2%	43.9%
Coordinators	33.3%	35.1%	31.6%
Officials	20.1%	28.8%	51.1%
SWAs	39.7%	32.1%	28.3%
Total	25.4%	28.8%	45.8%

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MAJOR FINDINGS

New Rules Change Proposals

When asked whether they are in favor of the following rule changes, the following responses were submitted:

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE	<u>GROUPS THAT WERE IN FAVOR</u>		<u>GROUPS THAT WERE NOT IN FAVOR</u>		TOTAL CONCENSUS
<i>Not getting a new 10 seconds in the back court when there is a new throw-in in the back court (timeout, deflection, etc...).</i>			Coaches	62.7%	Not in Favor (64.8%)
		Coordinators	57.1%		
		Officials	67.4%		
		SWAs	58.4%		
<i>Having the opposing coach choose the free throw shooter from the remaining players on the court when an injured player is replaced.</i>			Coaches	60.1%	Not in Favor (65.4%)
		Coordinators	55.4%		
		Officials	67.7%		
		SWAs	66.0%		
<i>Permitting coaches to be able to call a timeout ONLY during a dead ball (after a whistle blows or as soon as a ball goes through the net after a score).</i>	Coordinators	62.5%	Coaches	87.5%	Not in Favor (71.0%)
			Officials	65.4%	
			SWAs	73.9%	
<i>Adopting a five-second closely guarded violation on the dribbler when she is continuously guarded by the same defender.</i>	Coaches	57.6%	Coordinators	61.4%	In Favor (53.1%)
	Officials	52.1%			
	SWAs	53.0%			
<i>Game suspensions for players and fines for coaches who exceed an allotted number of technical fouls for unsporting behavior during one season.</i>	Coaches	65.3%			In Favor (82.0%)
	Coordinators	87.5%			
	Officials	87.3%			
	SWAs	85.7%			
<i>Using four quarters instead of two halves.</i>			Coaches	86.4%	Not in Favor (88.1%)
			Coordinators	89.5%	
			Officials	88.4%	
			SWAs	89.1%	
<i>Putting the ball in play on the sideline for all fouls.</i>			Coaches	86.8%	Not in Favor (82.0%)
			Coordinators	69.6%	
			Officials	79.6%	
			SWAs	87.1%	
<i>A shot clock reset to 15 seconds on all fouls when a foul is committed in the front court instead of the current reset to 30 seconds.</i>			Coaches	75.6%	Not in Favor (68.4%)
			Coordinators	63.2%	
			Officials	65.2%	
			SWAs	71.5%	

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<i>Requiring that a player's name be put on the back of the jersey.</i>		Coaches 94.6% Coordinators 85.7% Officials 89.0% SWAs 93.3%	Not in Favor (90.8%)
<i>Permitting a player to have 6 personal fouls instead of five.</i>		Coaches 65.6% Coordinators 75.0% Officials 75.5% SWAs 82.7%	Not in Favor (74.2%)
<i>Allowing each player another foul in each overtime period.</i>		Coaches 61.4% Coordinators 76.8% Officials 80.8% SWAs 59.5%	Not in Favor (73.3%)
<i>Charging a technical foul for flopping (faking a foul).</i>		Coaches 68.1% Coordinators 56.1% Officials 64.6% SWAs 68.4%	Not in Favor (65.7%)
<i>Using a 24-second shot clock.</i>		Coaches 85.2% Coordinators 75.4% Officials 77.9% SWAs 82.7%	Not in Favor (80.2%)
<i>Using an 8-second back court.</i>		Coaches 91.7% Coordinators 87.7% Officials 87.5% SWAs 88.8%	Not in Favor (88.7%)
<i>Eliminating the double bonus on the 10th team foul.</i>		Coaches 82.5% Coordinators 80.7% Officials 77.2% SWAs 84.3%	Not in Favor (79.5%)
<i>Beginning the one-and-one bonus free throw on the 10th team foul.</i>		Coaches 86.9% Coordinators 76.8% Officials 72.0% SWAs 77.9%	Not in Favor (76.4%)
<i>Permitting only two points of contact (one arm and one leg) by a post defender on an offensive post player.</i>	Coaches 50.4% Coordinators 63.2% Officials 50.3%	SWAs 60.8%	Not In Favor (50.9%)

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGE	GROUPS THAT WERE IN FAVOR	GROUPS THAT WERE NOT IN FAVOR	TOTAL CONCENSUS
<i>Widening the lane to 16 feet.</i>		Coaches 87.9% Coordinators 80.7% Officials 86.7% SWAs 94.2%	Not in Favor (87.7%)
<i>Lowering the rim to 9 feet.</i>		Coaches 95.4% Coordinators 94.7% Officials 93.9% SWAs 94.6%	Not in Favor (94.4%)

2013-15 Rule Changes

When asked to indicate the impact they believe the 2013-15 rule changes have had on the game, the following responses were submitted:

*Note: The following table shows responses of 50% or more. Those selecting "No Impact" are not shown here.

RULE CHANGE	GROUPS INDICATED POSITIVE IMPACT	GROUPS INDICATED NEGATIVE IMPACT	TOTAL CONCENSUS
<i>Applying the restricted area rule only when defending a player with the ball when she starts her move from outside the lower defensive box.</i>	Coordinators 55.4% Officials 60.2%		Positive Impact (50.4%)
<i>Allowing defenders to draw a charge in the restricted area when defending a player with the ball when she starts her move from within the lower defensive box.</i>	Coordinators 71.4% Officials 70.2% SWAs 51.7%		Positive Impact (61.3%)
<i>Having a 10-second back court violation.</i>	Coaches 74.7% Coordinators 80.4% Officials 82.2% SWAs 79.7%		Positive Impact (80.1%)
<i>Using the shot clock to count the 10-second back court violation.</i>	Coaches 68.2% Coordinators 82.1% Officials 74.9% SWAs 63.9%		Positive Impact (72.1%)

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RULE CHANGE	GROUPS INDICATED POSITIVE IMPACT	GROUPS INDICATED NEGATIVE IMPACT	TOTAL CONCENSUS
<i>Eliminating an automatic flagrant foul for illegal contact with an elbow.</i>	Coaches 58.4% Coordinators 82.1% Officials 84.7%		Positive Impact (73.9%)
<i>Having a team-called timeout that occurs from 30-seconds before a media timeout minute mark and until a whistle blows under a media timeout minute mark becoming the media timeout.</i>	Coaches 74.7% Coordinators 80.4% Officials 82.2% SWAs 79.7%		Positive Impact (80.1%)
<i>Reviewing a two/three point goal at the next media timeout.</i>	Coaches 54.9% Coordinators 73.2% Officials 74.7% SWAs 54.8%		Positive Impact (67.5%)
<i>Reviewing an out of bounds violation in the last two minutes of the game.</i>	Coaches 53.3% Coordinators 78.6% Officials 77.1% SWAs 57.6%		Positive Impact (69.1%)
<i>Reviewing a shot clock violation in the last two minutes of the game.</i>	Coaches 76.2% Coordinators 100.0% Officials 90.0% SWAs 60.0%		Positive Impact (81.2%)
<i>Reviewing who committed a foul.</i>	Coaches 76.2% Coordinators 100.0% Officials 85.0% SWAs 60.0%		Positive Impact (79.2%)
<i>Calling a defender's multiple touches, two-hand touches, a constant touch and an arm bar on the ball handler as fouls.</i>	Coaches 66.7% Coordinators 100.0% Officials 85.0% SWAs 20.0%		Positive Impact (70.8%)

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Areas of Concern

When asked to indicate their level of agreement with these areas, the following responses were submitted:

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RULE CHANGE	GROUPS INDICATED STRONGLY AGREE/AGREE	GROUPS INDICATED DISAGREE/STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL CONSENSUS
<i>There is too much illegal contact in the post area that is not being called by officials.</i>	Coaches 53.5% Coordinators 69.6%		No Consensus
<i>There is too much illegal contact on shooters that is not being called by officials.</i>		Officials 66.4%	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree (55.7%)
<i>There is too much illegal contact on cutters that is not being called by officials.</i>			No Consensus
<i>Officials properly enforced illegal contact on the ball handler/dribbler as outlined in the preseason.</i>	Coordinators 82.1% Officials 85.7%		Strongly Agree/Agree (64.7%)
<i>Officiating crews were consistent within individual games (40 minutes) in calling illegal contact on the ball handler/dribbler.</i>	Coordinators 62.5% Officials 73.2%	Coaches 67.3%	Strongly Agree/Agree (52.8%)
<i>Officiating crews were consistent from the start to the end of the season in calling illegal contact on the ball handler/dribbler.</i>	Coordinators 57.1% Officials 65.4%	Coaches 73.9%	No Consensus
<i>Officiating crews were consistent from the start to the end of the season in calling illegal contact on the shooter.</i>	Coordinators 53.6% Officials 73.6%		Strongly Agree/Agree (55.2%)

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Legal Guarding Positions

When asked to indicate their level of agreement with these areas, the following responses were submitted:

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RULE CHANGE	GROUPS INDICATED POSITIVE IMPACT	GROUPS INDICATED NEGATIVE IMPACT	TOTAL CONSENSUS
<i>Defenders who established a legal guarding position were permitted to draw charges.</i>	Coaches 51.3% Coordinators 89.2% Officials 88.5% SWAs 62.5%		Positive Impact (76.5%)
<i>Defenders who did not establish a legal guarding position were penalized accordingly.</i>	Coordinators 78.6% Officials 87.7% SWAs 52.0%		Positive Impact (73.1%)

Mechanics and Signals [Officials Only]

Free Throw Coverage:

- More than 88 percent strongly agree/agree that the trail is permitted to move as far back as necessary to officiate players in the back court.
- Approximately 64 percent indicated that they strongly agree/agree that the center is responsible for all players in opposite lane spaces.
- Over 72 percent strongly agree/agree that the lead is responsible for all players in opposite lane spaces.

Signals:

- Nearly 51 percent disagree/strongly disagree with using all five fingers to signal the three-point try instead of using three fingers.
- Approximately 53 percent disagree/strongly disagree with extending the arm while grabbing the elbow as the hold signal.