

NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL: SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS

Date	Action Taken	Category	Sport	Other Committee/Group Involvement
October 22, 2003	Established a one-year review process for some rules.	Process	All	DI Cabinet and DII/DIII Championship Committees
	Reviewed and recommended a soccer proposal for zero tolerance with profanity; this action was denied by the Executive Committee due to a lack of consistency across all sports.	Proposals, Integrity of Game	Soccer	Executive Committee
	Launched discussion/consideration of two-year rules change cycle.	Process	All	Rules Committees
	Started the conversation regarding those sports for which the NCAA does not write rules but makes modifications through championships committees.	Process	Non-NCAA Rules	DI Cabinet and DII/DIII Championship Committees
	Began dialogue about a national officiating registration program.	Officiating	All	DI Cabinet and DII/DIII Championship Committees
	Reviewed Secretary-Rules Editor job descriptions.	SREs	All	N/A
	Established SRE term limits.	SREs	All	DI Cabinet and DII/DIII Championship Committees
May 1, 2005	Established new composition of Panel, growing from 8 to 12 members.	Panel Admin.	All	DI Cabinet, DII/III Championship Committees, Executive Committee
	Added requirement of playing rules experience to become a Panel member; rules experience was defined as serving on a rules committee, coaching or officiating.	Panel Admin.	All	DI Cabinet, DII/III Championship Committees, Executive Committee
	Established comment period process.	Process	All	Executive Committee
	Reviewed baseball's regulation-game issue and supported rules committee's interpretation.	Proposals, Image of Game	Baseball	N/A
	Requested funding for an active official to attend all rules meetings.	Process, Officiating	All	Executive Committee
	Established that non-NCAA playing rules should be consistent through all three divisions.	Process	Non-NCAA Rules	Championship Committees
	Requested funding for SRE stipends.	SREs	All	DI Cabinet, Executive Committee
January 10, 2006	Established PROP liaisons to each rules committee.	Panel Admin.	All Sports	N/A
	Added negative integrity of the game to their purview (rather than image).	Process	All Sports	N/A
January 4, 2007	Reviewed jurisdiction of officials.	Officiating	All Sports	Rules Committees
	Mandated two-year rules cycle.	Process	All Sports	Rules Committees
	Reviewed rules modification process and timeline.	Process	All Sports	Rules Committees
January 10, 2008	Supported recommendation from the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct (CSEC) to add sportsmanship language to front of rules books.	Sportsmanship	All Sports	CSEC
	Dialogued regarding officials' issues and how they relate to playing rules.	Officiating	All Sports	N/A
	Invited CCA representative to attend selected rules committee meetings.	Process	Basketball, Football	Rules Committees, CCA

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February 27, 2008	Confirmed Volleyball Rules Committee's scoring change, despite opposition reflected in membership comments, determining that the integrity of the game was not negatively impacted.	Proposals, support of committee	Volleyball	Rules Committee, Championship Committees
	Supported staff effort to reach out to manufacturers for assistance in developing rules dealing with equipment, uniforms and other related items.	Process	All Sports	SGMA
January 1, 2009	Panel created and distributed a memorandum to each rules committee clarifying expectations for the two-year rules process, specifically the non-rules change year.	Process	All Sports	Rules Committees
	Panel clarified that the use of non-commercial logos (e.g., special cause or non-profit groups) is not permitted on game uniforms. Institutional and conference logos or memorial patches remain legal, subject to placement according to the appropriate sport's rules code.	Process, Image of the Game, Financial impact	All Sports	Rules Committees
October 26, 2009	Researched, surveyed and approved a request by the Division III Presidents Council to delay implementation of having referees use a microphone to announce penalties in football and the requirement of a tenth of a second game clock and red light behind the goal in basketball.	Proposals, Division III, Financial impact	Football and Basketball	DIII Presidents Council, Rules Committees
January 13, 2010	Supported Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (CSMAS) request to add concussion supplement to all rules books.	Safety	All	CSMAS
	Required each rules committee to conduct a thorough review of its safety-related rules and asked that all committees ensure competition may be stopped to tend to an injured player.	Safety	All	CSMAS
April 1, 2010	Approved toughened penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct in football in non-change year, effective 2011.	Proposals, Integrity of Game, Non-change year actions	Football	Rules Committee
	Approved proposal making the formation of more than two players in wedge on kick plays illegal, effective 2010 (non-change year).	Proposals, Safety, Non-change year actions	Football	Rules Committee, CCA
June 1, 2010	Approved recommendation from men's and women's rifle committee that the sport operate under USA Shooting Rules, thus ending the publication of the NCAA Rifle Rules Book.	Process, Non-NCAA Rules	Rifle	N/A
	Approved proposal from men's and women's basketball committees to increase penalty for elbow contact above the shoulders.	Proposals, Safety, Non-change year actions	Men's and Women's Basketball	
September 8, 2010	Extended term for softball SRE two years until September 1, 2013.	SREs	Softball	Softball Championships Committees

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	Approved rules changes regarding softball bat compliance.	Proposals, Integrity of the game, Non-change year actions	Softball	Softball Championships Committees
	Confirmed basketball uniform rules that were previously approved must be followed, effective 2012-13. Authenticating mark and placement discussions would be held in other areas of the NCAA membership.	Proposals, process, integrity of game	Men's and Women's Basketball	CCA, DI governance, NCAA executive staff
	Denied Baseball Rules Committee request to allow Division III experiment with alternative substitution rules.	Proposals, divisional differences	Baseball	Governance staff
January 12, 2011	Confirmed PROP responsibility relating to rules that may have financial impacts from a branding or marketing perspective, in addition to more traditional items (e.g., requiring equipment).	Process, Financial impact	All	N/A
	Secretary-rules editors will no longer be allowed to be active coaches or game officials. Those currently serving are grandfathered until the expiration of terms.	SREs	All	N/A
April 14, 2011	Approved stand-alone playing rules committees in the sports of track and field, swimming and diving and wrestling.	Committee structure	T&F, S&D, Wrestling	Governance staff, Championships staff
June 13, 2011	Approved the 3-foot restricted area in men's and women's basketball and allowed Divisions II/III institutions a one-year grace period to comply; however, the rule will be enforced without a physical line on the floor.	Process, Financial impact, divisional differences	Men's and Women's Basketball	Governance staff
August 11, 2011	Approved a request from the Track and Field Committees to extend the secretary-rules editor's term, due to the committee starting a stand-alone rules committee and existing term rotations.	SREs	T&F	Championship staff, Governance staff
January 11, 2012	Issued directive to all rules committees to review its rules for potential enhancement in the following areas: game environment/sportsmanship; appeals/protests/forfeits; technology impact.	Sporsmanship, Appeals, Protests, Forfeits, Technology Impact.	All	Rules Committees
February 21, 2013	Issued directive to all rules committees to review its rules related to the jurisdiction of officials before, during and after a contest. The Panel also asked each rules committee to review its uniform rules and encouraged all sports to be consistent wherever possible.	Officials' Jurisdiction, Uniforms	All	Rules Committees
February 21, 2013	Approved a two-year extension for the softball secretary-rules editor due to a lack of qualified candidates with the caveat that qualified candidates be identified during the extention.	SREs	Softball	Championship staff, Governance staff
March 6, 2013	Approved significant football rules legislation, which included disqualification of student-athletes called for targeting defenseless opponents above the shoulders and crown-of-helmet contact fouls.	Proposals, process, integrity of game	Football	Governance staff, Championships staff
June 24, 2013	Approved a 10-second back court in women's basketball.	Proposals, Image of the Game	Women's Basketball	Rules Committee

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July 30, 2013	Approved a request from the Division II and Division III Management Councils to delay the requirement to have new court markings in women's basketball until the 2014-15 season.	Process, financial impact, divisional differences	Women's Basketball	Governance staff, Division II and Division III Management Councils
September 19, 2013	Approved the hiring of a new women's basketball secretary-rules editor, effective Sept. 1, 2014.	SREs	Women's Basketball	Rules Committee