

MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL

Telephone Conference

August 26, 2005

Participants:

John Cochrane, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Joan Cronan, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Rob Halvaks, Big West Athletic Conference
Andy Noel, Cornell University
Jill Willson, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, chair
Ty Halpin, NCAA
Heather Perry, NCAA

[Note: These minutes reflect only actions (formal votes or “sense of the call”) and salient discussions.]

The conference call was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time.

1. Call to order. Ms. Willson called the group to order at 10 a.m. Central time. She welcomed Mr. Halvaks to the group.

2. Panel membership update. Ms. Willson updated the panel that the group still lacks seven members. The Collegiate Commissioners Association is hoping to name its appointments by the end of August. The Division II Nominating Committee has selected two individuals, but through the approval process, we may not have the new members until September 13. The new Division III members will be available on August 31.

[Note: Subsequent to the call, Joe Baker, athletics director at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse and Donald Tencher, athletics director at Rhode Island College were appointed to fill the Division III vacancies. Mr. Baker recently served on the Men’s Basketball Rules Committee, and Mr. Tencher has served on the Wrestling Rules Committee.]

3. September meeting discussion. Ms. Willson noted that Mr. Halpin and Ms. Perry have postponed all decisions until September that can wait. After some discussion on the call, the panel decided to move its planned in-person meeting in September to January, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention. It is expected that, by January, PROP will be at full membership.

PROP still must have a conference call in September to review the rules proposals from softball, baseball and men's lacrosse as well as a few other administrative items. The panel instructed to move anything that was not urgent to the January meeting.

4. Review softball funding request proposal. Ms. Willson noted that a full review of the softball proposals will occur in September, but because of the Association's financial cycle, a funding request must be reviewed on this call. The panel reviewed and approved the Softball Rules Committee's proposal to fund a bat testing program, similar to the one that occurs in baseball.
5. Review swimming and diving rules proposals. Ms. Perry reviewed the changes for this sport. The panel approved all proposals as submitted.
6. Review ice hockey rules proposals. Mr. Halpin reviewed the changes for this sport. One item – the use of the NCAA crest on the game official's uniform – was pulled out and discussed. Mr. Halpin reported that several Division I men's conferences were hesitant to use the NCAA crest instead of their conference logo on their officials' uniforms. The panel suggested that the crest be allowed to be worn anywhere on the referee's sweater – Mr. Halpin noted that the rules committee's intent was to have the crest on the sweater, not diminish the conference's logo or visibility. The panel approved all other proposals as written.
7. Review track and field rules proposals. Ms. Perry reviewed the changes for this sport. The panel had some discussion on several items and approved the proposals as submitted. The panel requested that the rules committee monitor the stipulations on the use of electronic equipment this year.
8. September Conference Call. The panel decided to hold a conference call on Friday, September 30 at 11 a.m. Eastern time. Information for the call will be forwarded from the NCAA in advance of the call.

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9. Convention Meeting. The panel will finalize plans for its meeting in January on the conference call in September.

10. Adjournment. The call was adjourned at 10:45 Central time.

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