



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA WRESTLING RULES COMMITTEE
APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2024, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** John Hangey, chair of the Wrestling Rules Committee, welcomed the committee and invited guests and thanked them for their time.
2. **Review schedule, agenda, committee operations manual and Playing Rules Oversight Panel directive.** The rules committee reviewed the meeting schedule, agenda and operations manual, which included the NCAA conflict of interest policy, guidance for committee members regarding meeting reports, notes and email, voting procedures, principles for rules writing, and experimental playing rules guidelines. The rules committee was reminded of the directives of PROP from 2009 and 2014. These directives outline the two-year rules process and reasons a rules committee could propose a rules change in a non-rules change year, and encourage all rules committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay for Division II and Division III institutions before implementing any rules changes that have financial or facility implications.
3. **Approval of the February 13 videoconference report.** The report was approved as written.
4. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel report, integral rules and directive.** Lexie Vernon, PROP liaison to the Wrestling Rules Committee, reviewed the following topics of discussion from PROP's January 10 annual meeting.
 - a. **Sportsmanship directive** – PROP issued a directive to all rules committees to review its rules surrounding sportsmanship and ethical conduct and reaffirm that those rules adequately address unsporting behavior that may occur during competition. The rules committee agreed the playing rules adequately address sportsmanship, ethical conduct and unsporting behavior and allow for unsportsmanlike conduct and flagrant misconduct to be assessed in these types of situations.
 - b. **Federated rules process** – The rules committee reviewed the list of integral rules and the list of rules topics that may be federated/permissive. It was noted these lists should be used as a framework by rules committees when considering whether to federate a playing rule.
 - c. **Nontraditional seasons** – PROP agreed that unless specified by the rules committee, there should not be a requirement to use playing rules during the nontraditional season. However, it was noted that in general, playing rules are being followed, and that coaches should mutually agree before the competition on the rules that will be used.

- d. Secretary-rules editors serving as active officials – PROP reaffirmed its position from 2011 that secretary-rules editors should not serve as active game officials for the sport in which they serve as secretary-rules editor.
5. **Secretary-rules editor/weight management liaison report.** The rules committee heard a report from the secretary-rules editor and weight management liaison, which included a recap of the preseason points of emphasis and a review of the information posted on Center Mat, interpretations, waivers and sanctions. It was proposed that coaches should be required to participate in a preseason videoconference with the secretary-rules editor and national coordinator of officials. This was supported by the Wrestling Rules Committee and DI, DII and DIII Wrestling Committees. The weight management liaison report recapped the five weight management violations from the past season.
6. **National coordinator of officials report.** The rules committee heard a report from the national coordinator of officials, which focused on a recap of the season and ideas for the future including the use of in-ear communication devices amongst officials and video review during the DI Wrestling Championships.
7. **Active official report.** The rules committee heard a report from the active official, which focused on areas of the rules that could be surveyed and points of emphasis for the 2024-25 season.
8. **National Athletic Trainers' Association liaison report.** The rules committee heard a report from the athletic trainer liaison, which focused on areas of the rules that are being gamed from a medical perspective and allowing the use of a DEXA scan as part of the weight certification process.
9. **National Federation of State High School Associations report.** The rules committee heard a report from the NFHS, which included the 27 potential rules changes for next season, many which align with NCAA wrestling. Girls wrestling continues to grow.
10. **Wrestling Championships scoring and video review data.** The rules committee reviewed scoring and video review data from the DI, DII and DIII Wrestling Championships.
11. **Review 2023-24 rules survey results and future discussion topics.** The rules committee reviewed the 2023-24 rules survey results and future discussion topics. It was noted the response rate for head coaches was significantly less than the previous year (32% and 72% respectively). The previous rules changes all received positive and/or no impact feedback.
12. **Review 2023-24 and 2024-25 Wrestling Case Book.** The rules committee reviewed and approved all approved rulings in the case book with edits to A.R.s 2-6 and 3-11.

13. **Future annual meeting and videoconference schedule.** The rules committee scheduled a videoconference for 1 p.m. Eastern time Tuesday, June 4. The 2025 annual meeting is scheduled for April 28-30 in Indianapolis.
14. **Selection of chair.** The Wrestling Rules Committee elected Deral Brown, head wrestling coach at Newberry College, as chair for a one-year term beginning September 1, 2024.
15. **Other business.** Outgoing committee members were recognized and thanked for their service to the committee and Association.
16. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m. Eastern time Wednesday, May 1.

Committee Chair: John Hangey, Rider University, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Ashlee Follis, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee April 30-May 1, 2024, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Duane Bastress, York College (Pennsylvania).	
Chris Bono, University of Wisconsin-Madison.	
Deral Brown, Newberry College.	
Jimmy Chung, secretary-rules editor and weight management liaison.	
Logan Davis, Southern Virginia University.	
Keith Gavin, University of Pittsburgh.	
Wyatt Hall, University of Montevallo.	
John Hangey, Rider University.	
Absentees:	
Mike Morrison, Sacred Heart University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Elliot Hopkins, National Federation of State High School Associations.	
Mike McCormick, national coordinator of officials.	
Angel Rivera, active official.	
Jim Thornton, athletic trainer liaison.	
Lexie Vernon, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Ashlee Follis.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	