

2020-21 Women's Bowling Rules Waivers due to COVID-19

Due to challenges resulting from COVID-19, playing rules waivers for several sports have been granted for the 2020-21 winter season. The playing rules waivers are consistent with the guidance included in the previously published NCAA Resocialization of Collegiate Sport documents. In this regard, the NCAA playing rules committees and staff will continue to monitor any additional developments and make adjustments as appropriate.

Rule Waivers Extend the minimum distance between the competition area and non-competition area from 3 feet to 6 feet. 1.1.a.1 **Rationale:** To enhance the opportunity for physical distancing. If matches are unable to be played on adjoining pairs, they will still count as an NCAA match. 1.1.b.2 **Rationale:** Provides flexibility if the center is unable to allow competition on adjoining pairs of lanes. 1.1.d.2 Limit the number of players a team may send to the warmup pair at one time to two players per team rather than no limit. **Rationale:** To enhance the opportunity for physical distancing. 5.2 If competing on nonadjoining pairs for a traditional five-person game, starting members of the competing teams shall bowl five frames. Once completed, frames 6-10 will be completed on the alternate lane. **Rationale:** Provides flexibility if the center is unable to allow competition on adjoining pairs of lanes. Removes the requirement for a three-day tournament to end with a minimum of two rounds of bracket play. 7.7.c.1.a **Rationale:** Provides flexibility to use the permissible competition formats in a round robin format.