



REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE
JUNE 14-15, 2022, MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

- **Rules modifications.** The committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the changes to the Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications cited in Action Items 2-a through e.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative items.**

- **None.**

2. **Nonlegislative items.** The committee requests approval from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel for the following changes to the Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications.

a. Modification 1-D – Head judge signature on scoresheet.

- (1) Recommendation. To require that the head judge validate and sign the final scoresheet.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The rules currently require the meet referee to sign the scoresheet. This change would require the head judge to also sign off on the competition results.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Requiring an additional sign-off lessens the chance of an error that could negatively impact the student-athlete.

b. Modification 6-B – Halftime option.

- (1) Recommendation. To permit during dual meet competition that a three-minute break may occur following the Pommel Horse and the Vault events in place of the single six-minute halftime following the Still Rings.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. This would provide another option without adjusting the total time of the break during competition.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The increased flexibility benefits how student-athletes are able to manage the break period.

c. Modification 8 – Dark pant rule.

- (1) Recommendation. To permit the use of team colors for competition pants and not follow the FIG dark pant rule previously scheduled to go into effect September 1, 2022.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The Men's Gymnastics Committee approved following the FIG dark pant rule with an effective September 1, 2022, during its June 2021 annual meeting. However, following the FIG rule would restrict some teams from competing in competition pants made of their primary school colors. Therefore, the committee recommends permitting institutions to use team color pants during competition.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Modification 9-A Equipment and hand grip failure.

- (1) Recommendation. To permit up to a five-minute rest if an athlete's hand grip breaks during competition before restarting their routine.
- (2) Effective date – Immediate.
- (3) Rationale – This rest would allow an athlete who has already begun their routine to properly re-grip and prepare to complete their full routine. Currently, if the gymnast is the last competitor in the rotation, they will be permitted a minimum of two minutes, with no maximum listed.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The recommendation equitably benefits all competitors.

e. Modification 11-D through I – Apparatus and mats.

- (1) Recommendation. To replace the wording in Modification 11, items D through I, with a single reference for 11 D to read as follows:

Apparatus Matting. Padding for apparatuses for all six (6) events will follow FIG specifications (see FIG Page 9 – General Rule 2.1, Article 2.1 – Paragraph Apparatus b.).

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. This is a significant editorial change to clear up discrepancies between the current FIG specifications and the language used in the NCAA Rules Modification document.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2021 committee meeting report**. The committee approved the 2021 annual meeting report as written.
2. **Strategic plan**. The committee reviewed, updated, and approved its strategic plan's short- and long-term goals.
3. **NCAA Rules Modifications**. The committee reviewed the NCAA Rules Modifications document and recommended changes for the 2022-23 academic year (See Action Items 2-a through e). NCAA staff will update the rules modification document for the membership by September 15.
4. **2022 Championship review**. The committee discussed this year's championship and areas of improvement moving forward.
 - a. **Judges**. Craig Nesbitt, NCAA technical director and Nate Dotson, NCAA assistant technical director, provided the committee with an overview of this year's championship and areas of improvement moving forward and the continuation of the assistant technical director role.
 - b. **Feedback**. The committee reviewed championship survey results and discussed enhancements that can be made for future championships.
5. **College Gymnastics Association meeting review**. The CGA president reviewed topics from the College Gymnastics Association meetings, including a judging proposal for the regular season, and potential changes to the NCAA championship format. The committee discussed the proposals and directed NCAA staff to provide guidance to the coaches association

on proper avenues to pursue proposals that do not fall under the purview of the committee.

- a. **Judging proposal for regular season meets.** The CGA in collaboration with the NGJA submitted a recommendation to move toward a new judging assigning system for the regular season that would be grandfathered in over the course of three years. Following discussion, the committee decided additional data regarding the potential financial impact on institutions would be needed before gaining full committee support. The NGJA president agreed to compile a financial analysis for the committee to further evaluate.
- b. **No exhibition routines for televised meets.** Per the Rule Modifications document, exhibitions are currently discouraged during the regular season. The committee will continue to monitor the use of exhibition routines during the 2022-23 regular season and gather membership feedback to better determine if more restrictions are needed moving forward.
- c. **Grip break time minimum.** See Action Item 2-d.

6. Future championship format.

- a. **USA Gymnastics/NCAA Partnership.** The committee received an update on the progress of the USPOC Think Tank pilot program exploring a joint men's and women's championship. The committee then went through a SWOT analysis exercise to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of conducting a joint championship.
- b. **Men's gymnastics championship format.** The committee discussed possible format changes to the men's gymnastics championship and decided that no action needed to be taken at this time as the group continues to explore the possibility of a joint championship.
- c. **Selections.** The committee decided not to change the selection criteria at this time but will continue to evaluate as the future format of the men's gymnastics championship becomes clearer.

7. Vendors.

- a. **American Athletic, Inc.** The committee met with representatives from official equipment supplier AAI who answered equipment questions from the committee and provided information on updates to the AAI equipment.
- b. **Equipment contract.** The committee discussed equipment needs for the championship moving forward and the products and services that should be supplied by the next contracted supplier when the NCAA issues the RFP in 2023.
- c. **ProScore.** The committee supports continuing its longstanding relationship with ProScore to provide scoring services at the championships.
- d. **Road to Nationals.** The committee supports the continued use of Road to Nationals and

have found it to be very responsive and a great resource.

8. **2023 championships.** The committee made recommendations for the 2023 championships at Pennsylvania State University:
 - a. **Schedule of events.** The committee recommended returning to the same schedule of events as the 2021-22 championships with the return of an in-person student-athlete banquet.
 - b. **Site visit.** The committee chair and NCAA championships liaison will plan a site visit to Penn State in the early fall.
 - c. **Hotels.** The committee provided feedback for team and headquarter hotels for the 2023 and 2024 championships. NCAA staff will share team hotel information with all head coaches.
 - d. **Recommendations.** The committee did not have any additional recommendations at this time for the 2023 championships at Penn State.
 - e. **Broadcast Coverage.** Penn State plans to engage with Big Ten Network to broadcast the 2023 championships finals. The committee prefers a 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. start time.
 - f. **Podium.** The championship host has begun sourcing bids for a podium and information was shared regarding the funding assistance available to the host to secure the podium.
9. **Automatic qualification.** The committee reviewed the Big Ten's automatic qualification form, noting the conference is now in the second year of its two-year grace period. The committee also noted that the 2022-23 season will be the first year of the two-year waiting period for the ECAC with the addition of two new member institutions.
10. **Division III playing/practice legislative proposal.** With the addition of two Division III schools, the Division III institutions are exploring options to align playing and practice rules with Division I due to concerns of student-athlete fairness and safety.
11. **Manual review.** The committee directed NCAA staff to make the necessary updates for the pre-championships, committee operations, participant and host operations manuals.
12. **Committee.** The committee reviewed and approved the committee timeline and roster for the 2022-23 season, noting two new committee members will begin service on September 1, 2022.
 - a. **Conference liaisons.** Matt Davis will continue to serve as the liaison for the Eastern College Athletic Conference and Justin Spring will serve as the conference liaison for the Big Ten Conference. The liaison for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation will continue to be Thom Glielmi

- b. Committee chair.** With the current committee chair's term ending August 31, 2022, the committee voted unanimously to appoint Allison Wright as the new committee chair beginning September 1, 2022.

- 13. Future meetings.** The 2023 annual meeting will take place June 13-14 in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Carey Hoyt, The Ohio State University.
Staff Liaison: Alyssa Rice, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee June 14-15, 2022, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Chuck Chmelka, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.	
Matt Davis, Springfield College.	
Thom Glielmi, Stanford University.	
Carey Hoyt, The Ohio State University.	
Randy Jepson, Pennsylvania State University.	
Mike Juszczuk, NCAA Rules Interpreter.	
Allison Wright, United States Military Academy.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Ken Cysewski, American Athletic, Inc.	
Nate Dotson, Assistant Technical Director.	
Craig Nesbitt, NGJA Technical Vice President.	
Andy Timm, American Athletic, Inc.	
Dmitri Trouch, American Athletic, Inc.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Alyssa Rice, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.	