MEMORANDUM

May 1, 2020

VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Conference Commissioners, Directors of Athletics and Head Coaches in Selected Sports.

FROM: Jeff Hurd, chair
NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

SUBJECT: Delayed Implementation of Selected Playing Rules Changes.

Due to the financial challenges that many NCAA conferences and institutions are experiencing as the result of COVID-19, the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) voted to delay by one year the implementation date of five playing rules changes that have a potential financial impact that were scheduled to go into effect during the 2020-21 academic year.

PROP’s decision to delay the implementation by one year was based on feedback from each of the appropriate playing rules committees, as well as the Division I Competition Oversight Committee, the Division II Management Council and the Division III Management Council.

The affected sports (and a brief summary of the rules changes) are listed below. Click [here](#) to view an updated chart listing all the upcoming rules changes that have a potential financial impact.

**Baseball:**
- Divisions II and III – regular-season baseball bat testing delayed until Spring 2022 season (although a visual inspection of bats required for the 2021 season).

**Men’s Basketball:**
- Divisions II and III – new three-point line delayed until 2021-22 season.

**Men’s Lacrosse:**
- Divisions I, II and III – second visible shot clock delayed until Spring 2022 season.

**Softball:**
- Division I – regular-season barrel compression testing delayed until Spring 2022 season (which is the same as Divisions II and III).

**Swimming and Diving:**
- Divisions II and III - required minimum number of officials (depending on the size of the meet) delayed until 2021-22 season.

Please note that based on feedback from the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS), there are four other playing rules changes with a financial impact that are health and safety-related that will continue to go into effect during their original implementation year, which in most cases is the 2020-21 academic year. These four sports also are included in the chart.
If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Dan Calandro, director of NCAA playing rules and officiating (dcalandro@ncaa.org; 317-917-6604).

cc: Selected Registered Officials
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