



## MINUTES

### Division I Head Coaches Committee

*Tuesday, January 7, 2020 - 11:00am Eastern Time*

1) Roll Call

a) Absent from the call were:

- i) Atlantic Sun (Richardson), Big 12 (Gregory), Big Ten (Drohan), Missouri Valley (Hesse), Patriot League (Lamison-Myers), Southland (Landreneau), Southwestern Athletic (Smith).

2) Rules Update: Vickie Van Kleeck; NCAA Softball Secretary Rules Editor

- a) Attached to this email you will find a clarification document on taking the signal. Please forward to all you conference colleagues.  
b) As a reminder, all coaches do need to sign-up for Arbiter EVERY YEAR. If you have not registered for 2020, please do so at your earliest convenience.  
i) <https://sup.arbitersports.com>

3) National Coordinator of Umpires: Craig Hyde

- a) 2020 Umpire clinics in Atlanta, San Jose, and Indianapolis are underway this month and are being very well received.  
b) Umpires are continuing to work on an accurate strike zone, as defined in the rule book based on the batter's natural stance, no matter where the batter is standing in the box.  
c) Umpire education is also continuing to focus on difficult situations encountered during the course of a contest and the umpire-coach relationship.

As an FYI, if during your season you encounter a situation that you believe needs further explanation or that you would like to be reviewed by Vickie and/or Craig, please contact them via phone or email as soon as possible. They may also ask for you to loop in your coordinator and/or the umpire(s) involved in the call. Contact information for both Vickie and Craig are located in the rule book.

4) Convention Recap

a) Division I Caucus

(1) Mid-Year Transfer Legislation

- (a) The NFCA staff, DI representatives, and legal counsel are currently working on a proposal to limit immediate participation of mid-year transfers. We will continue surveying the membership and will provide updates as new information becomes available.

(2) Fall Recruiting Calendar

- (a) The NFCA staff, DI representatives, and legal counsel are currently working on a few different options regarding a fall contact period. We will continue surveying the membership and will provide updates as new information becomes available.



- 5) NCAA Compliance Update: Jody Sykes; University of Oregon
  - a) A reminder to please continue talking to your AD, SWA, and FAR regarding the proposals being moved forward by the NCAA. The NCAA Convention is Jan 21-24 and while there are not many votes scheduled, it is a good idea to share your opinions PRIOR to that meeting.
  
- 6) Upcoming Communication
  - RPI and Selections
    - o Please see the attached document for basic information. A webinar will follow in late February.
  - All-Region and All-American Process
    - o You will receive updated information (minimal changes in 2020 for DI) next month.
  
- 7) Adjournment  
11:25am