



2024-25 Women’s Basketball Rules Changes

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Women’s Basketball Rules Committee and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel. These changes are effective with the 2024-25 season.

Rule(s)	Rules Change and Rationale
<p>Disqualifying Foul</p> <p>Rules 10-14.1.a.6, 10-14.1.b.3, and 10-14 Penalty</p>	<p>To amend the current article as follows: "Disrespectfully contacts an official or makes a threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, spitting, or attempting to make physical contact with an official." The penalty for physically abusing an official is ejection from the contest and a one-game suspension.</p> <p>Rationale: The current playing rules do not address any consequences, other than ejection from that game, for any individual who physically abuses a game official. This proposed rule aligns women’s basketball with other sports which prescribe additional suspensions for physical abuse of an official. This change also aligns with the Playing Rules Oversight Panel’s directive to rules committees to review its rules and penalties surrounding sportsmanship and ethical conduct and reaffirm that those rules adequately address the unsporting behavior occurring during competition.</p>
<p>Replay</p> <p>Rule 11-2.1.a.1</p>	<p>To provide the officials the opportunity to review whether the player’s last foot prior to leaving the floor was out of bounds prior to releasing a shot as time expired (game clock reading zeros) in any quarter or overtime.</p> <p>Rationale: This change would provide the officials with another tool to assist in getting the call right on last-second shots. Under the current rules, officials are not able to review out of bounds unless it was called on the floor. In addition, last-second shots as time expires are required to be reviewed by rule. This does not add a review as the officials are already over at replay reviewing whether the ball was released prior to the expiration of time on the game clock, and this review aligns with rules in the WNBA and FIBA on this play.</p>
<p>Replay</p> <p>Rule 11-3.1.r Administration</p>	<p>To require that any replay review, whether initiated by a coach’s appeal or by the officials of their own volition, occur immediately following the foul to determine whether a successful field goal or free throw should count or be canceled when an “off-ball” foul is committed by either team.</p> <p>Rationale: Last year’s rule change moved the replay review to the next electronic-media timeout when the “off-ball” foul was committed by the defensive team during a successful field goal. The committee determined that it is more beneficial for all reviews to be conducted in the same fashion and there was no significant benefit to delaying the review when the defensive team fouls.</p>