



**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER RULES COMMITTEE REPORT
FEBRUARY 2011**

This document serves as a report to the men's and women's soccer community from the NCAA Soccer Rules Committee. The committee met February 7-9 in Indianapolis and is using this opportunity to inform the membership of its main topics of discussion.

- 1. RULES SURVEY.** The committee discussed several topics for consideration in a rules survey that will be available during the spring 2011 nontraditional soccer season, including:
 - Speeding up the throw-in
 - Engaging in pregame team handshakes
 - Assigning points for overtime win
 - Permitting artificial noisemakers
 - Imposing penalty for excessive (rehearsed) celebration

- 2. SECRETARY-RULES EDITOR TRANSITION.** The secretary-rules editor transition from Cliff McCrath to Ken Andres will begin during the fall 2011 season. When Mr. Andres' term begins September 1, 2011, most coaches are in the habit of sending their requests for interpretations and protests to Cliff, whose information is listed in the 2010 and 2011 Soccer Rules and Interpretations book. Ken's information will be listed in the 2012 and 2013 rules book publication and is listed here for your upcoming convenience: Ken Andres; kandres.ncaasre@gmail.com; 856/816-1687; 264 Kings Highway East; Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033.

- 3. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS.** The committee agreed that the availability of one-click options to submit a protest, report a card or request an interpretation would be very useful. A quick reference index (that excludes protests' personal information) could be made available from the information submitted.

- 4. OTHER.** Tim Lenahan, head men's soccer coach at Northwestern University, was elected to serve as chair effective September 1, 2011.

Thank you for your time and attention to this report. If you have feedback or questions regarding the soccer rules process or this report, please direct your communication to [Janet Oberle](#), chair, or [Teresa Smith](#), NCAA staff liaison.