



USA Roundnet Rule Change Processes

Overview

Due to the variable nature of rule changes, the following components do not necessarily comprise a strict path that would be best for all possible changes. Instead, the following components will be used as a guiding reference for developing, reviewing, and implementing rule changes.

1. Community Input

Though a potentially valuable step, community input is not a requirement in the lifecycle of a rule change. The Rules Committee (“The Committee”) may solicit outside input from the USA Roundnet community (i.e. Members). This could include, but is not limited to, sourcing ideas through brainstorming, accepting fully-formed proposals, and accepting feedback on existing ideas to be used in prioritizing prospective rule changes.

2. Submission

The rule change is developed into a formal proposal outlining the specific changes to be made (rules effected) and any supporting rationale (i.e. applicability to core values on rules).

3. Committee Initial Decision

- a. The Committee will consider the following elements before putting the proposal to a vote:
 - i. Anticipated impact on the sport
 - ii. Assess compliance with Principles of Rule Changes.
 - iii. Socialize internally with officiating and tournaments committees to identify any interdependencies and need for coordination
- b. Upon documenting this review process, The Committee will decide to either approve or reject the rule change.
 - i. This approval may be provisional or official.
- c. This initial decision will be shared with the Board of Directors for feedback.

4. Comment Period

- a. For any rule change, The Committee can prescribe a comment period before the rule can be adopted.

- i. The length of the comment period should be proportionate to the scope, scale, and timing of the proposed change.
 - This may but does not necessitate allowing the opportunity to test the proposal to gather qualitative or quantitative feedback.

5. Final Approval

- a. The Committee determines the final wording of the proposal based on inputs from steps 3 and 4.
- b. The Committee documents plans for any affected committees to resolve interdependencies impacted by the proposed rule change.
- c. The Board of Directors votes to approve or reject the proposal.