

### National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment

Commissioning research and establishing standards for athletic equipment, where feasible, and encouraging dissemination of research findings on athletic equipment and sports injuries

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## **NOCSAE** Welcomes New Board Member



Will Rodecap

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (August 5, 2020)** – The announcement was made at the NOCSAE Summer Board meeting on Friday, July 24, 2020, that Will Rodecap has been appointed by the Athletic Equipment Managers Association (AEMA) to serve on the NOCSAE Board of Directors as a (consumer/user) voting member.

Rodecap, who is the Head Athletic Equipment Manager for the Athletic Department at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., will be replacing Alan Ansell, a former coordinator of athletic facilities with Bishop's University in Quebec, Canada, who has represented the AEMA on the board since 2005.

Rodecap is a longtime member of the AEMA and he has been an AEMA Certified Equipment Manager for more than 20 years. He was elected vice president of the AEMA June 2018.

Prior to Rodecap's work as the head athletic equipment manager at Kansas State, he worked from 2008-2011 at the University of Kansas Athletics Inc., in Lawrence, Kan. as the Olympic Sport Equipment Manager, overseeing baseball, men's and women's golf, as well as women's tennis and volleyball, competing in the Big 12 Conference.

He also previously worked as the head equipment manager at Colorado State University for seven years, and the head equipment manager at the University of Tulsa for three years.

"We are excited to welcome Will to our board of directors," says NOCSAE Executive Director Mike Oliver. "I have found him to be extremely helpful, knowledgeable, and well-versed in what NOCSAE does and where we are going."

Rodecap has a Master of Education degree in adult education and human resources from Colorado State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Kansas State University.

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#### About NOCSAE

NOCSAE, the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment, is an independent and nonprofit standards development body with the mission to enhance athletic safety through scientific research and the creation of performance standards for athletic equipment. Formed in 1970, NOCSAE is a leading force in the effort to improve athletic equipment and, as a result, reduce injuries. NOCSAE efforts include the development of performance and test standards for football helmets, gloves and facemasks, baseball and softball batter's and catcher's helmets, baseballs and softballs, ice hockey helmets, soccer shin guards, lacrosse helmets and facemasks, and polo helmets. NOCSAE is comprised of a board of directors representing stakeholders from a number of groups – including consumer and end users, equipment manufacturers and reconditioners, athletic trainers, coaches, equipment managers, and academic and sports medicine associations. These diverse interests have joined forces in an attempt to arrive at a common goal of reducing sports-related injuries. NOCSAE is a nonprofit, charitable organization supported by individuals and organizations with an interest in athletics. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.nocsae.org">www.nocsae.org</a>.