



2024 NCBA Rules Meeting  
Wednesday July 26th, 2023

# 2023/24 NCBA ANNUAL RULES COMMITTEE MEETING RESULTS

COMMITTEE:

SANDY SANDERSON, PRESIDENT OF NCBA: **VIA ZOOM**

ERIC CURITORE, VP OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS & DIVISION I DIRECTOR: **IN ATTENDANCE**

JIMMY HENDERSON, DIRECTOR OF DII BASEBALL OPERATIONS: **IN ATTENDANCE**

MIKE GALLETTI, DIRECTOR OF DIII BASEBALL OPERATIONS: **VIA ZOOM**

RYAN NORRIS, DIVISION I REGIONAL DIRECTOR AT-LARGE BID: **IN ATTENDANCE**

JOE CARACCI, DIVISION I TEAMS REPRESENTATIVE: **VIA ZOOM**

CHAD LOWE, DIVISION II TEAMS REPRESENTATIVE: **IN ATTENDANCE**

PLEASE CLICK ON THE BELOW LINKS TO REFERENCE SPECIFIC RULES DETAILED IN DOCUMENT

NCBA DI RULES:

[https://clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2023\\_NCBA\\_DI\\_Rules.pdf](https://clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2023_NCBA_DI_Rules.pdf)

NCBA DII RULES:

[https://div2.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2023\\_NCBA\\_DII\\_Rules.pdf](https://div2.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2023_NCBA_DII_Rules.pdf)

NCBA DIII RULES:

[https://div3.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022\\_NCBA\\_DIII\\_Rules.pdf](https://div3.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022_NCBA_DIII_Rules.pdf)

NCAA RULES:

<http://www.ncaapublications.com/DownloadPublication.aspx?download=BA24.pdf>

WHILE ALL SUGGESTIONS WERE DISCUSSED, SOME SUGGESTIONS DID NOT RECEIVE  
ENOUGH SUPPORT TO WARRANT A VOTE.

OFFICIAL VOTE TALLY AND NOTES LISTED IN RED TEXT BELOW EACH SUGGESTION

FOR ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE RESULTS, TEAMS CAN REACH OUT TO VP  
OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS, ERIC CURITORE @ [ERIC.CURITORE@COLLCLUBSPORTS.COM](mailto:ERIC.CURITORE@COLLCLUBSPORTS.COM)



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## NCBA (All Divisions)

**Name:** *Austin Davis*

**Email Address:** *adavis0817@gmail.com*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *Kennesaw State*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *4.00.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I would like the extra innings rules stated and clarified within the game length section. It is currently in the Q+A section at the end of the rule book.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *We have played games that have gone into extras and there has been confusion over extra innings. We have played games where we had a "ghost runner" on 2nd to start the inning. Stating this clearly in the rules would help eliminate these types of scenarios.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Each extra inning outside of the regulation 7 or 9 will be played under the same format as each inning prior. No automatic runners, no changes in gameplay etc.*

**ADD VERBIAGE INTO THE RULES SPECIFYING EXTRA INNINGS PROTOCOL**  
**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**\*Under current NCBA Rules each & every extra inning will be played under the same format as each inning prior. No automatic runners, no changes in gameplay etc.**



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**Name:** NCBA

**Email Address:** N/A

**Which team are you associated with?:** N/A

**What is your role with the team?:** N/A

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *4.04.5*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *All teams must stay in the host hotel or pay the \$400.00 opt out fee.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *In 2023, we had an issue with a team paying the opt out fee because it was not in the rulebook and "we made it up." At the minimum, I would like the opt out fee policy that is already in place to be added to the rulebook.*

*In addition, the NCBA goes through the work of securing a room block for events and the rooms need to be utilized. A \$200.00 opt out fee is too shallow as we have teams opt out often. We need to up the fee to get teams in the host hotel more frequently. A \$400.00 precedent has been set by Wood Wars, ST East, and ST West.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *"All teams must stay in the host hotel or pay the \$400.00 opt out fee."*

**ADD VERBIAGE REMINDING CLUBS THE NCBA'S STANCE ON "STAY TO PLAY" HOTEL BOOKING PROCEDURE WITHIN EVENTS**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**\*The NCBA will add verbiage into the FAQ section stating the NCBA is a stay to play organization where teams requiring overnight lodging to participate in a tournament must stay at the host hotel or pay an opt out fee set by the tournament director.**



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**Name:** *Jake Gehrke*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Oregon State*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *7.07.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I would like to modify this rule to include eligibility for students who are involved in degree partnership programs meaning they are going to a 4 year institution as well as a 2 year community college.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *The reason I would like to see this rule modified is because I believe it causes unnecessary financial pressure on players if they wish to participate in the NCBA in their first couple of years of their College careers. The aim of these programs is to reduce the cost of college for students by allowing them to complete credits at the Community College while still attending a University. This is accomplished by allowing them to combine the credits to be recognized for financial aid eligibility. For example, a student at Oregon State University can attend both Linn-Benton Community college courses as well as courses at Oregon State University and receive financial aid for being a Full-Time student. The approximate cost of tuition and fees of 15 credits for Oregon residents at Oregon State University is \$4,597 whereas approximate cost of tuition and fees of 15 credits at Linn-Benton Community college is \$2,132. A difference of \$2,465 per term which scales to \$7,395 per year if a student is attending through Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms. Not to mention, these numbers only go up if the student is a non-resident or international student. By not allowing players to participate in these programs puts serious financial burden on them if they wish to play in the NCBA. All in all, I believe it is unjust to deny these players eligibility to the NCBA simply because they are seeking to do what is financial smart for themselves.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *An exception is if a player is participating in a University sponsored degree partnership program that allows them to take courses at a 4 year institution as well as a 2 year community college. This allows them to combine credits to grant them to be Full-Time Status for financial aid eligibility.*

**CREATE EXCEPTION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SPONSORED DEGREE PROGRAMS WHO ARE NOT FULL TIME AT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL, TO BE ABLE TO COMBINE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CREDIT HOURS BEING TAKEN THROUGH BOTH SCHOOLS, TO ACHIEVE FULL TIME STATUS AS A WHOLE.**

**DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Drake Wertlieb*

**Email Address:** *wertlied@bc.edu*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *Boston College*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Remove*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *24.05.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *In terms of the last series of the season, not being allowed to forfeit at least one game is really tough. With finals rolling around and most seasons already being over, the need to play all 3 games is super difficult and hard to plan for. Would be easier if like one game could be forfeited so that a double header could be played and an overnight stay isn't necessary.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *We experienced this rule in effect last season. Us and Sacred Heart were out of contention and the series was pushed back to the week before finals. Sacred Heart had to scramble to find and field for 2 days (which was much more difficult than 1) and eventually failed and had to incur the penalty. It is difficult as series are rained out through the year, gets too close to finals, and have enough wiggle room or time to make happen.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Complete removal of probation clause-inning prior.*

**SCHOOLS WHO FORFEIT DURING THE LAST WEEKEND OF THE REGULAR SEASON ARE **NOT** SUBJECT TO AUTOMATIC PROBATION**

**DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Anonymous Umpire*

**Email Address:** *N/A*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *N/A*

**What is your role with the team?:** *N/A*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *23.03.3*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Requesting that coaches automatically face a suspension regardless of any type of suspension. If not through all games, perhaps just the postseason?*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Avoid coaches thinking they can be ejected and not face any consequences.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Update verbiage to remove not automatic.*

**ANY COACH WHO IS EJECTED WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE SUSPENDED 1 GAME. ADDITIONAL GAME(S) CAN BE APPLIED ONCE THE EJECTION REPORT IS EVALUATED.**

**DOES NOT PASS; 4-4, no change**



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**Name:** *NCBA*

**Email Address:** *N/A*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *N/A*

**What is your role with the team?:** *N/A*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *DI 22.02.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:**

*Include "alcohol" within the verbiage*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:**

*Provide clarity.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Alcohol & Smoking, which includes the use of e-cigarettes and vapes is prohibited by players, coaches, and managers before, during, and after any NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game while at the field or in the dugout.*

**CHANGE HEADING FOR 22.03.0 TO "DRUGS/ALCOHOL USE"**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

*\*Alcohol/drug use is prohibited by players, coaches, and managers before, during, and after any NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game while at the field or in the dugout.*



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**Name:** *NCBA*

**Email Address:** *N/A*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *N/A*

**What is your role with the team?:** *N/A*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *3.02.3.5*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Add Results versus Common Opponents to at-large bid selection factors*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Teams that finish 2nd in their conference are rarely on probation or have any forfeits so 3.02.3.3 and 3.02.3.4 don't come into play. Results versus Common Opponents seem to hold 2nd most weight behind results vs conference champions.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?** *"Head to head results versus common opponents"*

**ADD "HEAD TO HEAD RESULTS VS. COMMON OPPONENTS" TO POTENTIAL AT LARGE BID SELECTION FACTORS**

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**Name:** *Alexander Mellerski*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Chico State*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Coach*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *4.06.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Allow teams to put a "ghost runner" on second base at the beginning of extra innings, with the runner being the final out of the previous inning.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *A modification to this rule would better match both the MLB and NCAA rules for the "ghost runner" on second base at the start of extra innings. This will also speed up the potential pace of play, as evidenced by MLB's lack of games going longer than 11-12 innings (of the 237 games that went to extra innings in the 2022 season, only 13 went 13+ innings), and in doing so, will reduce player fatigue in a given weekend. However, I do believe a provision should be put in to also match the MLB and NCAA rulebook, in which in postseason play, no "ghost runner" should go to second base at the start of extra innings.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?** *4.06.0 All games with the score tied at the end of nine innings (Seven for double headers) will continue into extra innings until a winner is declared. Each half inning shall start with an automatic runner placed on second base, which shall be the player that made the last out of the previous inning. If the game is still tied when the official declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, the game remains tied until the game can be completed at a future date.*

*4.06.0.1 For purposes of calculating earned runs, the automatic runner who begins an inning on second base shall be deemed to be a runner who has reached second base because of a fielding error, but no error shall be charged to the opposing team or to any player. As such, the pitcher will NOT be charged with an earned run should the runner score. Likewise, the runner will be granted a run scored should they score, and a player responsible for batting the runner in will be given an RBI. However, the automatic runner will NOT be rewarded for reaching base, with no penalty or gain awarded to the player's on base percentage.*

*4.06.1 In postseason play (both the Regional Playoffs and the World Series), all games with the score tied at the end of nine innings will continue into extra innings until a winner is declared. NO automatic runner shall be placed on second base. If the game is still tied when the official*



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*declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, the game remains tied until the game can be completed at a future date.*

**EACH HALF INNING DURING EXTRA INNINGS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BEGIN WITH A RUNNER ON 2<sup>ND</sup> BASE.**

**DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Chad Lowe (on behalf of Parker University)*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA Rules Rep*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Rules Rep*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *7.09.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Each student-athlete shall complete his five seasons of participation in intercollegiate baseball within six calendar years from first official participation in any NCAA, NJCAA, NAIA or NCBA game, with time spent in the armed services, on official church missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S government being excepted.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *With our school being a graduate level dominated university, I have put together a request to have the 6 year window to compete changed from the current rule of when the student enrolls in undergraduate classes, to when they first compete in either club level baseball or varsity (NCAA NAIA NJCAA) level baseball. This is pretty uniform across the board of club sports, such as the NCCGA, NCVF, and some other sports that are with NIRSA as well. As I mentioned in the proposal, this is going to allow all universities to expand the great game of baseball and give opportunity to those who maybe didn't decide to play baseball until their senior year or graduate years, due to a variety of different reasons. Please see the attached proposal and I would love your feedback as to what all you think and if there is anything that you would like to add. Our baseball program has been a great image for our university in year 1 of the program and year 1 with the NCBA*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Each student-athlete shall complete his five seasons of participation in intercollegiate baseball within six calendar years from first official participation in any NCAA, NJCAA, NAIA or NCBA game, with time spent in the armed services, on official church missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S government being excepted.*

**A STUDENTS 6 YEAR CLOCK WILL BEGIN ONCE HE/SHE 1<sup>ST</sup> PARTICIPATES IN ANY LEVEL OF COLLEGIATE BASEBALL, AS OPPOSED TO WHEN THEY INITIALLY ENROLL IN COLLEGE FULL TIME.**

**DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 1 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Eric Curitore*

**Email Address:** *Eric.Curitore@CollClubSports.com*

**Which team are you associated with?** *NCBA*

**What is your role with the team?** *Front Office*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *24.00.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Should we include something outlining a team forfeiting mid game to also lose their performance bond? It is possible to view that as worse as not playing initially - which also results in a loss performance bond.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Help reduce forfeits.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Open to discussion*

**A DI OR DII TEAM WHO FORFEITS MID GAME IS SUBJECT TO ALSO FORFEITING PERFORMANCE BOND MONEY TIED TO THAT INDIVIDUAL GAME.**

**NO VOTE TAKEN - WILL REEVALUATE IN FUTURE SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY**



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**Name:** *Eric Curitore*

**Email Address:** *Eric.Curitore@CollClubSports.com*

**Which team are you associated with?** *NCBA*

**What is your role with the team?** *Front Office*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *26.00.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Provide clarity into already existing rules.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Clarity.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Open to discussion*

**MODIFY 26.00.00 HEADER TO STATE "PROBATION, EXPULSION, SUSPENSION" WHILE ADDING 26.11.0 STATING PLAYERS AND COACHES CAN BE SUSPENDED/EXPELLED FROM PARTICIPATION SHOULD THEIR CONDUCT NOT BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE BY NCBA STANDARDS**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Chad Lowe*

**Email Address:** *lowe.92@osu.edu*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA Rules Rep*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Rules Rep*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *4.08.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Do we need to define the pace of play rule or link to the NCAA rule?*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?** *this is likely going to be more and more of a discussion now that MLB enforces it along with NCAA.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Open to discussion.*

**ADD 4.08.01 - VISIBLE PITCH CLOCK REQUIRED SHOULD IT BE AVAILABLE  
PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Ryan Norris*

**Email Address:** *Ryan.Norris@CollClubSports.com*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Regional Director*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *5.04.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Eliminate the option for using the initial on the lineup card.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Allow initials instead of names makes the gameday support staff have to work harder.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Eliminate "(or initial)".*

**ELIMINATE "(OR INITIAL)" FROM 5.04.0, WHICH WILL NOW REQUIRES LINEUP CARDS TO LIST PLAYERS FULL FIRST & LAST NAME**

**PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Ryan Norris*

**Email Address:** *Ryan.Norris@CollClubSports.com*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Regional Director*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Remove*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *6.05.2*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Ensure that we subset this rule*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *COVID-19 impacts should be over now.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Delete the rule.*

**REMOVE RULE 6.05.2 TIED TO ALLOWING PLAYERS TO BE TEMPORARILY REMOVED FROM ROSTER DUE TO POSITIVE COVID TEST**

**PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 1 VOTES**





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**Name:** *Ryan Norris*

**Email Address:** *Ryan.Norris@CollClubSports.com*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Regional Director*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *11.02.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *11.04.0 essentially clarifies rule 11.02.0 and seems to be worded better.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Clean up*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *I suggest moving 11.04.0 up to 11.02.0 as a replacement.*

**TAKE CURRENT 11.04.0 & REPLACE IT OVER 11.02.0. HAVING BOTH IS REDUNDANT.  
PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Ryan Norris*

**Email Address:** *Ryan.Norris@CollClubSports.com*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Regional Director*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *30.00.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Clarify that we mean no usage for umpiring calls.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Clean up*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *There is NO video replay allowed for use by game officials to determine calls during any NCBA sanctioned baseball games.*

**Notes:**

**MODIFY 30.00.0 TO STATE THERE IS NO VIDEO REPLAY ALLOWED "FOR USE BY GAME OFFICIAL TO DETERMINE CALLS" DURING ANY NCBA SANCTIONED BASEBALL GAME**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Jacob Sherwindt*

**Email Address:** *jsherwin@andrew.cmu.edu*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *Carnegie Mellon*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Remove?*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *7.07.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I propose a modification to rule 7.07.0. The change would enable graduate students who do not hold full-time status with their respective university or college, yet are otherwise eligible to play in the NCBA, to apply for a waiver for rule 7.07.0. This waiver, subject to approval, will allow them to participate in NCBA sanctioned games. The decision to approve or reject such waivers should fall under the jurisdiction of either the Commissioner directly or an appointed authority chosen by the Rules Committee. This change aims to lift the barrier for those graduate students who cannot maintain a full-time status due to financial limitations or academic responsibilities, yet still aspire to engage in NCBA activities.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *The stipulation is currently that a player must hold full-time status to play in an NCBA sanctioned game. In my view, this rule is not equitable and limits the opportunities for postgraduate players. The current rule may be suitable for undergraduate students, but it restricts the ability of graduate students, who often hold part-time status due to financial constraints or academic responsibilities, from participating in one of the most enjoyable parts of their college life. According to data from the National Center for Education Statistics, 43% of graduate students are enrolled as part-time students. This means that a significant fraction of students who could contribute to, as well as benefit from the NCBA, are being excluded. Modifying the rule would not only let some of these students participate but also enhance the competitive level of the NCBA by including a talent pool of committed and academically-driven players. The NCBA in its mission statement states that it tries to build "lasting relationships based upon trust, commitment, dedication, understanding, and strong lines of communication"; I believe that a rule allowing for graduate students with extenuating circumstances, that do not comply with rule 7.07.0, and have a history of exemplary behavior to play in the NCBA will further this mission. Finally, a rule like this could potentially incentivize players to further their education in some capacity.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Proposed rule 7.07.05: "An exception is if a player is a Graduate student enrolled in a team's College or University holding part-time*



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*status and otherwise eligible to play in the NCBA, submits a waiver to rule 7.07.0 for consideration and is approved. Approval would be granted by the Commissioner or a designated authority chosen by the Rules Committee. Approval will be based on a review of the graduate student's academic status and previous engagement with the NCBA, ensuring that both academic and sporting commitments can be adequately met."*

**ALLOW NON-FULL TIME GRADUATE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER TO BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN NCBA SANCTIONED GAMES DESPITE NOT BEING FULL TIME.  
DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 1 VOTES**



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**DI ONLY**

**Name:** *Ryan Ollenberger*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Northern Arizona*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *23.03.1.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *The maximum number of player/coach's May not exceed 2 persons. Replacing the previous 1 coach.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *This player may change or go in the field. Obstructing the player coaches position. I believe 2 player/coaches is sensible and does not infringe the pace of play or display any advantage/disadvantage*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *"There may be no more than 2 player/coaches during a particular game."*

**MODIFY RULE 23.03.1.1 STATING NO MORE THAN 2 PLAYER/COACHES ARE ALLOWED DURING A PARTICULAR GAME**

**DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**THROUGH DISCUSSING THE INITIAL PROPOSAL ABOVE, THE VOTE BELOW WAS CREATED TO ADDRESS COACHING DESIGNATIONS IF AND WHEN THE HEAD COACH IS EJECTED:**

**23.03.4 – Coach Ejections –** *In the event that a coach is ejected, the team is required to designate a new head coach to the umpire head chief immediately, and assumes all rights as coach.*

- *Failure to designate a replacement head coach will result in 1<sup>st</sup> player listed on lineup card to assume head coach role.*

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Brandon Imai*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *UC San Diego*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *18.00.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Allow a courtesy pinch runner to run for the Catcher with 2 outs.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Games at the NCBA club level run almost 3 hours long, with doubleheaders taking 6+ hours. With MLB instituting new sweeping pace-of-play initiatives, it is evident that baseball is aiming to take strides to speed up play. Adding a courtesy runner for the catcher with 2 outs would aid this. It takes on average 3-5 minutes for a catcher to put on gear, and while teams usually send out a backup catcher to assist in warmups, the pitcher loses valuable time to focus in with his current catcher. Additionally, catching is the highest exertion position on the field meaning fatigue runs high. Playing in the sun takes a toll on the catcher. Allowing a courtesy runner would help reduce fatigue and injury. Furthermore, this rule is already implemented in most travel ball tournaments to speed up the game. As long as both teams agree to it, I do not see how this rule will break the spirit of baseball.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *With 2 outs, a courtesy runner may run for a catcher who reaches base. This runner must not currently be in the game and has to be listed as a substitute on the official lineup card. This rule only applies to a player who is listed as starting catcher on the official lineup card, or to the player who was last in the catcher position the prior inning. This rule does not apply to a player who will be going into the catcher position in the subsequent inning.*

**ALLOW COURTESY RUNNERS TO PITCH RUN FOR CATCHERS WITH 2 OUTS  
DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES; 1 ABSTAIN**



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**Name:** *Ryan Norris*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA Reg. Director*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Reg. Director*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Remove*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *9.04.2.1.1 & 9.05.1.4.2.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Remove these sub bullets*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *I'm not really sure what the purpose of the subbullet is. The bullets right about these rules cover it.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Remove these rules.*

**REMOVING SUB BULLETS ADDRESSING HOW MUCH A TEAM CAN LOSE FOR VIOLATING RULE.  
PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Steven Baker*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA Reg. Director*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Reg. Director*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *N/A*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Proposal for courtesy runners for the catcher in DI below..*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Allow courtesy runner for catcher. I believe this will speed up game play. Also, in the spirit of club baseball it provides an opportunity to get an additional player on the field contributing to the game.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Mirror DII/DIII rules.*

**ALLOW COURTESY RUNNER FOR THE CATCHER (REGARDLESS OF OUTS)**

**DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 1 VOTES**





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**Name:** *Eric Curitore*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Front Office*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *N/A*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Teams have requested we explore making the World Series a true double elimination style event.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *One can view things as not fair if the undefeated team loses to a team who already has a loss in the Championship. Both teams have 1 loss & should play again.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *n/a*

**SHOULD THE WORLD SERIES BE DOUBLE ELIMINATION IN FULL?  
DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Justin Waters*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *East Carolina*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Club Sports Director*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *4.03.2*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *All regular season games will be 7 innings*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:**  
*Availability of good pitching and recovery time for student athletes*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Any regular season NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game will be played in a 7-inning format.*

**ANY & ALL DIVISION I REGULAR SEASON GAMES SHOULD BE 7 INNINGS (AS OPPOSED TO DOUBLE HEADER GAMES BEING 7'S & INDIVIDUAL GAMES BEING 9's)**

**DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**DII ONLY**

**Name:** *Kevin McKeon*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *U of Tampa*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *1.07.2*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I would like to see a Conference 4-team double elimination playoff very similar to the College World Series. For example, Top 4 seeds in the conference make it into a tournament-like playoff (1 seed plays 4 seed, 2 seed plays 3 seed). Winner is granted the Conference and plays the currently formatted Out-of-Conference playoffs, while the second place team is granted the wild card seed.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *I would like a competitive tournament to decide the winner of our Conference.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *"The top four teams compete in a double-elimination tournament to decide the winner of their conference."*

**CREATE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT PRIOR TO POSTSEASON  
DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Robert Cordova*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Loyola Marymount*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *17.04.1.1.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *The Designated hitter is treated like a defensive position and players playing another defensive position can switch between the designated hitter and their previous defensive position (excluding pitcher which is not considered a defensive position in 17.03.1) without killing the DH for the rest of the game or being subbed out.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *This is a NCAA rule assuming most pitchers are only pitchers, however, this is not at all the case in the league which we play. It is very common for club players to start the game at a position and then come in to pitch later in the game. Therefore, under the current rules, if a position player wants to take an inning to warm up before they pitch, they will be subbed out of the game and are unable to reenter. Allowing position players to switch in and out of the DH position would allow a player to switch to the DH position and warm up to pitch, use the bathroom, etc; while the previously designated hitter plays another defensive position. This allows for a flexibility that is very appropriate for the NCBA.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *The Designated hitter is only terminated if a pitcher being hit for goes in to play a defensive position or if a defensive position player, including the designated hitter, goes in to pitch.*

**ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY TO THE DESIGNATED HITTER POSITION  
DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Chad Lowe*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA Rules Rep*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Rules Rep*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *28.00.00*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Allowing a division to have two schools from the same university.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Increases the competitiveness of the upper divisions if they team has met all of the requirements other schools have met and would be eligible for promotion. DI should feature the most competitive and organized teams. Allowing schools with two teams who are both of these will only improve the level of play at the upper level and provide DII players with a better club baseball experience.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *remove Does NOT have a NCBA DI team under 28.01.01*

**ALLOW A SCHOOL TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE TEAM WITHIN THE SAME NCBA DIVISION  
DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Anthony Speelman*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Hofstra University*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Coach*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *N/A*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Adding Conference Championships. Basing champion and who advances strictly off of regular season record consisting of only 15 or so games is not the fairest way to give everyone a chance to make it through. First place team could host a double elimination weekend conference championship tournament for top (x) number of teams. Or even just the top two teams doing a best of 3 series I think would be better.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *It would make the season as a whole more entertaining as you're not possibly mathematically eliminated after 2-3 series. Would also keep the entire season meaningful as the season isn't over if you're not in first place, each team would continue fighting till the end for a chance to make it to the tournament, not give up after a few bad games because there's no way to bounce back.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Not entirely sure how to word the rule. Possible solution though top 4 teams make it to conference championship tournament then becomes round robin style. 1v4 2v3. Then winner vs winner.*

**Notes:**

**NO VOTE BASED OFF PRIOR SIMILAR PROPOSAL**



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**Name:** *James Manzo*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *SUNY Cortland*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *6.01.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I would like to see the maximum roster size go from 33 to 35.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *It gives a couple extra opportunities for students to continue playing the game they love. This rule would benefit medium and bigger sized schools because they tend to have a higher demand to play.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *The official eligible NCBA roster is limited to no more than 35 players.*

**Notes:**

**INCREASE ROSTER SIZE FROM 33 TO 35**

**DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**



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**Name:** *James Manzo*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *SUNY Cortland*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *6.05.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I would like the amount of players that can be removed from a roster go from 5 to 8.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *For example at my university it is an education heavy school that leaves many players student teaching or doing an internship required by a major in their last semester many choose to do this away from school and are unable to play. In some cases this can be many students who will be unable to play leaving potential for spots being wasted on the roster due to being unable to remove more players. Also, I think this happens at many schools where certain players seem to show tons of commitment and interest after making a team and then choose not to come back in the middle of the year. By increasing this amount it gives schools the ability to have a more versatile roster.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *In a single NCBA season, no more than 8 players can be removed from a team's official NCBA roster.*

**INCREASE NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT CAN BE REMOVED FROM A ROSTER UP FROM 5 TO 8  
DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**





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**Name:** *James Manzo*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *SUNY Cortland*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *6.05.1.2*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Currently the window to remove players is from January 24<sup>TH</sup> through January 31<sup>ST</sup>. I would like the period of one week at the end of January to remove players be extended to two weeks to remove players.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *I think it gives schools the opportunity to prepare more for their upcoming spring portion of their season. Allows schools to have the time to find out from every player if they will be back or if they graduated. Some players can be very hard to get in touch with.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Those players being removed from the roster can only be removed between January 24th and February 7th inclusively.*

**EXTEND THE WINDOW OF TIME PLAYERS CAN BE REMOVED BY A WEEK LATER; JANUARY 24 TO FEBRUARY 7.**

**DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**EXTEND THE WINDOW OF TIME PLAYERS CAN BE REMOVED BY A WEEK EARLIER; JANUARY 17 TO JANUARY 31.**

**DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 3 VOTES**



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**Name:** *James Manzo*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *SUNY Cortland*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *6.05.1.3*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *2 extra spots on the roster for players that have been hurt and are out for the rest of a semester/season. Almost like an injured list.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *I would like to see this added because injuries occur and are unplanned and obviously a hurt to teams. With these 2 injury spots it can allow you to remove a player from the active roster and put them in this spot and it will not count towards a remove from the roster and does not have to be done in January because it is an injury that can occur at any time.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Each team is allowed 2 designated spots for players injured for the rest of a semester/season. These players can be removed from the active roster and added to this list and can be done at anytime throughout the season. If added to this list a player cannot compete in games for the rest of the semester that they were added but could potentially be added back to the active roster come the spring semester if they were on this list in the fall semester.*

**CREATE TWO EXTRA SPOTS ON THE ROSTER THAT CAN BE UTILIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR INJURED PLAYERS & WON'T TAKE UP AN OFFICIAL ROSTER SPOT TOWARDS THE 33 LIMIT**

**DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Jack Balboni*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Fordham University*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *19.02.1.1.1.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *When the fielder has the ball in the base path and the runner has not passed the fielder to get to the next immediate base, the runner cannot slide into the fielder in the base path when the fielder has the ball. The runner must make a conscious effort to slide before making contact with the fielder or must peel out of the base path. When the runner does neither in such situation, the umpire shall call the runner in question and the batter who hit the ball both out.*

*Runners should not be able to slide into fielders when the fielders are in the base path and have the ball.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Player safety. Encouraging runners to slide into a fielder ( especially when the fielder has no opportunity to get out of the way in the middle of a base path ) is a potentially harmful act to fielders. Take a soft ground ball hit to the second baseman with a runner on first with less than two outs. The second baseman has no choice but to come into the base path on such a play to field the ball if he wants to have enough time to have a chance at turning a double play. But under current NCBA rules, the runner at first when the ball was hit can slide into the second baseman because the second baseman is in the base path to break up the double play.*

*Think about the alternative to this play. If the NCBA allows this rule to continue, second basemen must choose whether they want to risk themselves to be slid into by a runner or simply wait for the ball to move past the base path (where the second baseman cannot be slid into) and thus a double play is unlikely. A rule where its effects inhibit the natural course of the game in baseball to the degree to the point where a player must choose between his safety and how many outs he can potentially get for his respective team should not have a place in our game.*

*This rule came up for our team in the first round of the 2023 New England Regional against New Hampshire.*



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**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *When the fielder has the ball in the base path and the runner has not passed the fielder to get to the next immediate base, the runner cannot slide into the fielder in the base path when the fielder has the ball. The runner must make a conscious effort to slide before making contact with the fielder or must peel out of the base path. When the runner does neither in such situation, the umpire shall call the runner in question and the batter who hit the ball both out.*

MODIFY SLIDE RULE 19.00.0.

**DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Ryan Stinger*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Texas A&M CoC*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *17.01.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Allow for a DH for any player*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *There are pitchers than can be a better hitter than other players on the field. This should allow for a DH to replaced the less skilled batter.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *The NCBA follows NCAA Designated Hitter Rules which state that the designated hitter may be used for any player. The NCAA rule is listed below for convenience.*

**ALLOW FOR A DH FOR ANY PLAYER.  
NO VOTE; COVERED EARLIER**



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**Name:** *Drew Roy*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA*

**What is your role with the team?:** *NCBA DI Mid America Reg. Director*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division II*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *28.00.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *re-evaluate criteria for auto call ups from DII to DI*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Establish minimum undergraduate enrollment for automatic promotion to NCBA Division I.*

*NCBA member schools with varsity sports that compete below the level of NCAA Division I must have an undergraduate enrollment greater than 10,000 students to be AUTOMATICALLY promoted to NCBA Division I. Schools that fall under this enrollment can still be requested to move up to Division I, but they cannot be forced to do so. Now that Division III is the developmental league, Division II should be a level stable enough that smaller enrollment schools can permanently compete at. Schools with undergraduate's enrollments larger than 10,000 students will still be subject to automatic promotion if they should qualify.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *N/A*

**ESTABLISH MINIMUM UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT FOR DIVISION II SCHOOLS WHO PLAY THEMSELVES INTO AUTOMATIC PROMOTION UP TO DIVISION I PER NCBA RULE 28.00.00**

**DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**



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**DIII ONLY**

**Name:** *Noah Chin*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *George Washington*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Officer*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *26.02.0-1.2*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Our ultimate goal is to be able to participate in the post season and the championship. However, circumstances may come up (in our case, commencement) that make it extremely difficult to attend. We would like to modify the rule so that a conflict like that does not penalize the subsequent years' teams..*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *We had a conflict between the post season and our commencement and would not have been able to participate in the championship had we won our first playoff series. Thankfully we ended up losing to York which sent them to the tournament, but had we won that series, we would have had to forfeit our spot and penalize this year's and next year's teams for it.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Ideally, our solution would be to move the schedule up so that the season is over before graduation season. We love the game of baseball and the opportunity to compete to be the best is something that our team fights for each year. However, many of our seniors will pick their commencement over the playoffs, as this is one of the most important events in their lives for them and their families. In compliance, I have modified the rule in case this is impossible.*

*By signing the NCBA LPA (League Participation Agreement) the team is not only contractually agreeing to participate in the NCBA, but also to compete in the post season should they qualify unless granted exemption as approved on a case by case basis (At Large Bids Excluded).*

*We also welcome the opportunity to work with you in any way possible to move the season up so that a champion is crowned before April is over.*

**MOVE THE LAST WEEKEND OF THE REGULAR SEASON UP BY ONE WEEKEND TO HELP SCHOOLS WORK AROUND CONFLICTS**

**DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *NCBA*

**Email Address:** *N/A*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *NCBA*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Front Office*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *1.03.00*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Should conference series at the Division III level be 2 game sets?*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Division III teams are typically brand new & working to get established. By making each conference series 2 game sets it'll help alleviate expenses & logistics by limiting overnight stays and lastly limiting the amount of games you need to secure & pay for umpires & fields. It'll also help in making up games that need to be rescheduled later on as well. Division III teams should have less hurdles into finding ways to succeed & get established that early in their development.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:**

*1.03.1.1 AND 1.02.1.1*

*At the discretion of the NCBA DIII front office, the formatting of the "conference series" may be altered from 3-game to 2-game series throughout the entire Directional District to accommodate the logistical needs of its members.*

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**





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**MISCELLANEOUS**

New 15.05; Encourages, but not requires that facilities for collegiate baseball have protective fencing or netting on the field side of the dugout at a height not less than 3-feet from the field level.

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

Add bullet to 14.03 stating no parent/sibling can be umpire regardless if they meet all other certification requirements.

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**