



2025 NCBA Rules Meeting  
Wednesday July 17th, 2024

## 2024/2025 NCBA ANNUAL RULES COMMITTEE MEETING RESULTS

### COMMITTEE:

SANDY SANDERSON, PRESIDENT OF NCBA: *IN ATTENDANCE*

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

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

ALEC VERHOFF, DIRECTOR OF DII BASEBALL OPERATIONS: *VIA ZOOM*

RYAN NORRIS, DIVISION I REGIONAL DIRECTOR AT-LARGE BID: *VIA ZOOM*

JAKE ANDERSON, DIVISION I TEAMS REPRESENTATIVE: *VIA ZOOM*

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

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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 CLARIFICIATION 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:** *Eric Curitore*

**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?:** *7.07.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Should a player who graduates after fall quarter have to take a credit hour in both the winter and spring quarters to be eligible, or does he just have to do so in the winter?*

*Example - "Winter quarter begins January 8th & ends March 22. Spring quarter begins April 1st until mid June"*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Is it something we need to make a rule on?*

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

**Vote: NO VOTE**

*\*We have had minimal requests to update this due to the lack of impact across the league.*



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**Name:** *Matthew Mormile*

**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 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?:** *6.05.1.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Players that are student teaching or away at internships should be eligible to be removed from your team's roster if they are not within 100 miles of your school, not 200 miles.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Since this rule states that a player that is student teaching or completing an internship is not eligible to be removed from your roster if they are within 200 miles of your campus, we lost multiple roster spots to players that were not willing to commute to our school to play games from such a distance. To avoid this from happening again, we believe that the mile range for player removal should be reduced from 200 miles to 100 miles. This will help us have more roster flexibility, as we will be able to remove players that are unwilling to drive 3-4 hours to play games. Changing this rule will ultimately help our team take more players and expand our program.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *To be eligible to be removed from the roster, it must be documented that the player in question is either: graduated, transferred to another College or University, is studying abroad for the spring semester, has sustained a season ending injury, or is on a school sponsored co-op/internship that is equal to or greater than 100 miles from their designated campus.*

**CHANGE VERBIAGE TO STATE 100 MILES AS OPPOSED TO THE PREVIOUSLY RULED 200 MILES.**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Jackson Lee*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *Arlington Baptist University*

**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?:** *Remove*

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

*7.10.0 For a player to participate in the NCBA using a fifth year of eligibility, that player must NOT have exhausted four years of eligibility at the Varsity Level.*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *We suggest removing this rule from the rulebook.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *We believe that players who either transfer into a school or take longer to earn their degrees should be given the opportunity to play baseball as a part of their academic experience. Having an automatic 5th year, regardless of varsity experience, allows us to serve those student-athletes better. For example, transfers at ABU must complete a full Bible degree before being eligible to graduate, usually taking 3 years to do so. If they played two years at a JUCO and two years for our varsity team, they would run out of eligibility before they were done with school. Allowing 5 years of competition regardless of varsity status would allow all of our athletes to continue to play while finishing their degrees.*

*I understand the intent of keeping the competition level fair for everyone. Potentially a caveat could limit those at the NCAA Div. I level. However, our varsity athletes are not of that caliber and should be allowed to play as long as they are completing their degrees.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Players using a fifth year of eligibility may compete in the NCBA regardless of eligibility used at the Varsity Level.*

**ALLOW STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY EXHAUSTED 4 YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY AT THE VARSITY LEVEL TO UTILIZE THE NCBA'S 5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF PLAYING ELIGIBILITY  
DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Jake Anderson*

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

**What is your role with the team?:** *DII 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?:** *6.05.2.5*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I would like to change the wording of "4th conference game played" to be the same as moving players up to DI from DII, which is "April 15th" or a different date that is the exact same for all member teams.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *With some teams having to play conference games in the fall it is possible that by the end of September that some teams will have played their "4th conference game played" and would therefore not be able to move any players from DI down to DII, which could be as much as 6 months before some other teams. Giving teams the same amount of time to move players up or down would be beneficial to everyone and would promote fairness across the league as teams would have the same time to evaluate their talent and divide it up amongst their Division I and Division II teams creating the most competitive teams possible.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *6.05.2.5 - The deadline for players to be moved down to DII from DI is the NCBA Roster Freeze date of April 15th (or an earlier date so that teams that Division I teams that are out of their conference race can't stack their Division II with talent that doesn't belong there).*

**CHANGE WORDING OF 6.05.2.5 TO ALLOW SCHOOLS WITH DIVISION I & II NCBA TEAMS TO MOVE GUYS FROM THEIR DIVISION I TEAM DOWN TO THEIR DIVISION II TEAM TO APRIL 15TH, AS OPPOSED TO THE CURRENT RULE STATING BY THE DIVISION I TEAMS 4<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE GAME PLAYED.**

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



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**Name:** *Jonathan Frost*

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

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

**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?:** *11.02.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *We would like the ability to use baseball bats that have a "predominantly white" colored barrel, so we would like to see this rule removed from the rulebook.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Any BBCOR certified bat should be legal for use regardless of the color. If it is legal to use the Victus BBCOR Pencil bat then a white 2019 Louisville Slugger PRIME BBCOR bat should be legal for use along with the white Marucci cat 7. The color of the baseball bat does not interfere with play and because the bat is white should not disqualify a batter from being able to use it.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *The color of the BBCOR certified baseball bat a player is using does not matter as long as the baseball bat is BBCOR Certified still after production. (meaning for example the 33-inch blue meta prime was legal and then changed to illegal, so if a white bat was legal it could be used but if it were to get banned after certification like the meta prime then it would not be legal, but not because of the color rather the production of the baseball bat being too enhanced)*

**REMOVE RULE 11.02.0 & ALLOW PLAYERS TO USE PREDOMINANTLY WHITE BARREL BATS.  
DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

*\*The NCBA follows the NCAA rules regarding approved bats.*



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**Name:** *Eric Curitore*

**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?:** *26.01.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Is there anything we can do to limit the use of inappropriate music on site during their games? More and more teams bring their own speakers & play their own music before, during & after games. I have received many complaints from people attending the games, along w/ facility staff.*

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

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Does this fall under not operating under NCBA standards or should a specific rule be created? Something similar to the existing noisemakers rule aka creating something more specific.*

**CREATE RULE SIMILAR TO 9.02.1 - WHICH IS TIED TO PLAYERS NOT FULLY DRESSED IN UNIFORM.**

**A TEAM WILL RECEIVE A WARNING FROM THE UMPIRE TO REMOVE MUSIC WITH INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE AND/OR DEPICTIONS OF VIOLENCE, SEX OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE. IF IT DOES NOT STOP AFTER THE WARNING, THE COACH/MANAGER WILL BE EJECTED.**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Chad Lowe*

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

**What is your role with the team?:** *DII 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?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *15 - Field Requirements*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Add a deadline to notify opponents of field information and possibly times for regularly scheduled games.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *There isn't any guidance on a deadline outside of if the field is more than 25 miles away. A team could tell you the night before or even an hour before and nothing in our rules stipulates otherwise. Additionally, booking hotels the week because you don't know where the games are at, or the times causes teams to pay more money. Sports club departments also often require at least a week notice of travel information or else clubs receive punishments for not complying.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *The home team must notify their opponent in writing no less than 7 days prior to their regularly scheduled game of the field location and game times. Should the home team not provide this information, the opposing team can submit a formal protest under the NCBA guidelines for failure to secure a field.*

**REFERENCE 15.08 – NEW RULE WOULD SAY 0-25 MILES YOU HAVE TO LET THE VISITING TEAM KNOW BY 4:00 PM TUESDAY THE WEEK OF – NOT NECESSARY TO INCLUDE REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN THE CONFIRMATION BETWEEN TEAMS.**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Jake Anderson*

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

**What is your role with the team?:** *DI 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?:** *17.01.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I would like to see the DH be able to be used for any position player instead of just the pitcher.*

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

*Modifying this rule from "only be used for the pitcher" to "any position player" would allow teams to utilize the most of the talent that they have on their team and would help to level the playing field. It would also help allow deserving players the opportunity to be on the playing field thus allowing the most players to continue to play at the club level.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule:** *17.01.0 - The NCBA follows the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Designated Hitter (DH) rule (NFHS rule 3-1-4) which states that A hitter may be (not mandatory) designated for any one starting player (not just pitchers) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game.*

**ALLOW TEAMS TO DH FOR ANY POSITION PLAYER INSTEAD OF JUST THE PITCHER  
DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Joe Sclafani*

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

**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?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *1.04.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Change the earliest allowed start time to be dependent on how long the visiting team has to travel.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Currently with a universal 8AM start allowed, teams in certain scenarios can be forced to have to leave at 4AM with no recourse for a conference series. This impacts attendance and the quality of the game/series.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *“The conference series can begin no earlier than 8am local time on Saturday for teams within 2 hours of travel. Each additional hour of travel adds an hour to the earliest start time.”*

**CHANGE THE EARLIEST ALLOWED START TIME ON SATURDAY TO BE DEPENDENT ON HOW LONG THE VISITING TEAM HAS TO TRAVEL, AS OPPOSED TO THE CURRENT RULE OF 8:00AM NO MATTER THE DISTANCE.**

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



## 2025 NCBA Rules Meeting Wednesday July 17th, 2024

**Name:** *Matthew Mormile*

**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 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?:** *19.02.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *If a runner makes contact with the catcher in a collision at the plate, the runner should be ruled out at home, regardless of whether or not the ball pops out of the catcher's glove or umpire judgement.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *I would like to see this rule modified due to the fact that we were essentially eliminated from the World Series due to a play like this. We were tied with Houston-Downtown in the top of the 4th inning in an elimination game. There was a man on second base and 2 outs. A ball was hit to our RF resulting in a throw home and a play at the plate. The ball beat the runner to the plate by about 40 feet, and because of this, the runner completely ran over our catcher with no attempt of a slide made by the runner. Upon collision, the ball popped out of our catcher's glove and the runner was ruled safe at the plate. After clear frustration was demonstrated by our players and parents in attendance, the umpires gathered on the field to review the call. 5 minutes later, they ruled that the call on the field would stand. We went on to give up 2 more runs that inning (even though we should have been out of it) and ended up losing the game 3-2, as we did not allow another run for the rest of the game. Since all of the hard work that we put in for an entire school year was essentially ripped out of our hands due to a "judgement call", we send in this proposal with the hope that any collision between a catcher and base runner will result in the runner being called out. We believe that modifying the rule in this way will not only help protect the safety of our league's players by encouraging base runners to avoid collisions, but also help umpires avoid making a "judgement call" in the heat of the moment.*

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

*When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who is clearly in possession of the ball, the runner shall be ruled out.*

**WHEN THERE IS A COLLISION BETWEEN A RUNNER AND A FIELDER WHO IS CLEARLY IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL, THE RUNNER SHALL BE RULED OUT AUTOMATICALLY.**

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



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**Name:** *Multiple Entries*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *See Below*

**What is your role with the team?:** *See below*

**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?:** *31.00.00*

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

*Kevin McKeon (Tampa): Enable video review if there is footage being recorded from the game.*

*Matthew Mormile (SUNY Cortland): Each team at the DI & DII World Series receives 1 challenge, with that challenge being reimbursed until they lose a challenge (since the games are on tape).*

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

*Kevin McKeon (Tampa): I believe that if video review is enabled, it can help umpires make an informed call on close plays. There has been a lot of close plays in our games last year, and there are also a lot of teams who record their games on video. By allowing umpires to review calls, it will be a helpful and fun addition to the game. If video review does not have a clearer view than the umpire did, the call stands. If the video was able to capture the play clearly, the umpire can make an informed decision on the play. My proposal is each team gets one challenge (like in the MLB) and if a play is very close the umpires can chose to review it, after they made their call on the field*

*Matthew Mormile (SUNY Cortland): In the scenario that I previously described in a recently submitted rule change proposal, I strongly believe that it would have been resolved and corrected if there was an opportunity to challenge a call on the field. Since DI & DII World Series games are currently broadcasted, I believe that teams at the World Series should have the opportunity to challenge a call on the field since umpires will be able to go back and watch the play that is being challenged.*

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

*Kevin McKeon (Tampa): If a Sanctioned NCBA game is being recorded, the umpires automatically have access to footage. Therefore, umpires can review plays.*

*Matthew Mormile (SUNY Cortland): Video replay is allowed for use by game official to determine calls during NCBA World Series games. Teams will be reimbursed their challenge until they lose a call on the field.*

**ALLOW VIDEO REPLAY TO BE USED BY GAME OFFICIALS SHOULD SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE BE PROVEN THROUGH VIDEO FOOTAGE.**

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



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**Name:** *Multiple Entries*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *See below*

**What is your role with the team?:** *See below*

**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?:** *4.08.1*

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

*Caden Colangelo (Clemson): I think it should be removed as not a single team in our conference (to my knowledge) has access to a pitch clock. I rather believe they're should be a limit on how many disengagements the pitcher gets. The batter however, can still call time due to their being no pitch clock. If the pitch clock is a important, I suggest mandating it or make each team purchase a pocket or wrist pitch clock to give to the umpire to use during each contest.*

*Ryan Norris (Gulf Coast Regional Director): Remove the pitch clock rule*

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

*Caden Colangelo (Clemson): I think pace of play is important to keep the game exciting and makes it feel at a faster pace.*

*Ryan Norris (Gulf Coast Regional Director): If a team is lucky enough to be able to play at a D1 field, they will have a pitch clock available. By rule, this means that they now are required to use it but they would have no experience running it or may not have enough personnel to attend to the clock. This was also the case at several regionals this year. It's a good thought but after looking at this for 1 season, it's obvious that it's impractical.*

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

*Caden Colangelo (Clemson): The use of a visible pitch clock is required should one be available. However, if no pitch clock is available, then each team should only be awarded 3 free trips, 6 defensive charged conferences, and one extra free trip in the event of an extra inning game. Additionally, pitchers are limited to two disengagements (pickoff attempts or step-offs) per plate appearance. However, this limit is reset if a runner or runners advance during the plate appearance. A third disengagement, or a disengagement violation, would result in a balk.*

*Ryan Norris (Gulf Coast Regional Director): Remove it. Leave the pace of play warning in the section.*

**CHANGE RULE FROM SAYING PITCH CLOCK IS REQUIRED TO NOT ALLOWED.**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**4.08.0 Now reads – “NCAA pace of play rules will be enforced after, and not before, a warning is issued by umpire.”**



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**Name:** *Caden Colangelo*

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

**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?:** *Modify*

**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:**

*I believe that NCBA should follow the same tiebreaker rules as NCAA... at least for the 9-inning contest. And for the 7-inning contest, I believe you should still follow NCAA rules. However, if people think it shouldn't be followed for 7-inning contests, I propose to have the 8th and 9th innings of 7-inning contest to be played normally and if still tied, then each subsequent inning is played with the tie breaker rule from NCAA. The tie breaker rule states:*

*By conference rule or mutual agreement prior to the start of the game, teams may start each extra half-inning (10th inning of a 9-inning game or 8<sup>th</sup> inning of a 7-inning game) with a runner on 2nd base. The player starting the extra inning as the runner at 2nd base is the player (or their substitute) in the batting order immediately before the first batter of the extra inning.*

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

*I believe it to be beneficial on teams simply because the lack of pitching depth teams have for the weekend (especially away teams). Lastly, I think this would allow for NCBA games to start incorporating bunting and bunt defenses into their late game gameplay which would allow the game to become more interesting as well as played at a higher level.*

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

*Teams may start each extra half-inning (10th inning of a 9-inning game or 8<sup>th</sup> inning of a 7-inning game) with a runner on 2nd base. The player starting the extra inning as the runner at 2nd base is the player (or their substitute) in the batting order immediately before the first batter of the extra inning.*

**ONCE IN EXTRA INNINGS, EACH HALF INNING WILL BEGIN WITH A RUNNER ON 2<sup>ND</sup> BASE.  
DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Caden Colangelo*

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

**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?:** *5.08.0*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *If a pitcher throws 1-25 pitches in a day, no calendar day of rest is required before pitching again.*

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

*There were kids this year that threw over 110 pitches in a weekend. I think forcing teams to manage pitching better is an excellent way to increase roster sizes, recruiting, and the competition level of NCBA games. It will force teams to actually strategize their pitching some and save kids from injury. I see no problem in even making a rule that says 1-30 you can roll back the following day, but I definitely think a pitcher should not be able to exceed 110 pitches in a day or throw over 140 pitches in a weekend. This makes the games the more competitive and forces teams to actually develop some pitching instead of relying on one or two arms.*

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

*If a pitcher throws 1-30 pitches in a day, no calendar day of rest is required before pitching again.*

**IMPLEMENT PITCH LIMITS FOR INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS THROUGHOUT WEEKEND.  
DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Caden Colangelo*

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

**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?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *16.00*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I would like to see anyone who comes out of the game for a major injury such as a suspected concussion or collision be able to reenter the game.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *I was hurt this season and had to come out of the game and couldn't reenter. With most rosters especially on traveling weekend being nowhere near the NCAA roster size, I think it is important to allow substitutions for injury or one re-entry per player with their sub becoming "burned" following reentry. Additionally, for the concussion side of it, it is in line with NCAA rules.*

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

*Reentry. A player who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion must be immediately removed and receive appropriate medical evaluation. The player may not return until cleared by the appropriate medical personnel.*

- 1) While the evaluation is taking place, the injured player, whether a starter or a substitute, may be replaced by any eligible player who has not yet participated in the game.*
- 2) If the injured player is cleared to resume participation, the player may reenter in their original lineup spot only. A player may only reenter the game one time. The temporary replacement player may again participate in the game as a substitute in the same lineup spot only.*
- 3) If the injured player resumes participation and is later substituted with a player other than the temporary replacement, the temporary replacement may return to the game only in the same spot in the lineup.*
- 4) If a temporary replacement player is substituted for (pinch runner, pinch hitter or defensive substitution), that player may not reenter the game.*
- 5) If a temporary replacement player is removed for a concussion evaluation, that player may only reenter in that position in the lineup.*
- 6) If a team has no remaining eligible players, a starter or substitute who has previously participated in the game may replace the injured player.*

**A PLAYER WHO IS FORCED TO LEAVE THE GAME TO MAJOR INJURY SUCH AS A SUSPECTED CONCUSSION OR COLLISION IS ELIGIBLE TO RE-ENTER LATER ONCE EVALUATED & CLEARED.  
DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Aaron Gilbreath*

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

**What is your role with the team?:** *Athletic 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?:** *7.09.00*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *This rule change will allow schools with graduate students who did not either get the opportunity or have the time/commitment to play club baseball as part of the NCBA in their undergrad. This is a great chance to expand the game of baseball at the club level for all universities and understanding that not every student's educational journey will look the same. At the same time, by starting the clock when they play varsity level baseball, this will still minimize the opportunity for those who did play collegiate baseball to play club baseball at the graduate level. With Parker University being one of the first graduate level dominated programs to join the NCBA, I feel that the other members of the NCBA could grow their programs with players in graduate level studies, and did not feel that Parker was at a competitive advantage by having players on their roster who are older than most undergraduate students. The majority of the players who would be eligible to play under the new proposal would benefit those who could be anywhere between 5 and 8 years from the last time that they played competitive baseball. This proposal would allow the NCBA to recruit future graduate dominated universities and institutions to the NCBA.*

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

*This rule change will allow those institutions who have graduate programs more opportunity to compete.*

- *This rule change should not provide any competitive advantage, due to the fact that if such student athlete has not started the 6 calendar year window, then that means they are further out of playing competitive baseball in comparison to a Freshman in college, for example.*
- *The rule of being 26 years old or younger when you begin full-time courses at your institution should stay in place, to put a cap on the age limit.*
- *Most graduate programs are a 2–3-year MAX. Parker University for example is a graduate level dominated school. Their educational requirements are 2 years of in class studies, followed by a 1 year of clinic/internship requirements. In 2023, Parker did not have anybody in the last year who could commit the time to join the baseball team. With that being said, most*



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*universities grad school programs might have 2 years of an opportunity to play baseball. Under the current rule, they might not have that opportunity to play just because they began their undergraduate degree at a certain date, even though they have never played baseball.*

- This will continue to grow the game of baseball and make it more available to those who did not have the opportunity to play as part of their undergrad. It will also benefit those who decided to play their senior year of undergraduate, takes a couple years off of school, then enrolls in graduate school and could still have the opportunity to play.*
- The National Collegiate Club Golf Association (NCCGA), the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF) Southern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (SIVA) and many sports involved with NIRSA, just to name a few, do NOT have a 6-year window to compete from when they begin their undergraduate degree, instead their eligibility requirements is what I am proposing. This would allow the NCBA to be uniform with the other associations.*

*In my years in collegiate athletics (which I coached NCAA Baseball for 8 years) you cannot tell me there is an advantage being a 25/26 year old playing baseball for the first time since high school (7 or 8 years) vs an 18/19 year old who likely just completed playing some form of high school baseball a year prior. Baseball is not a sport you can take years off and all of a sudden pick back up and compete at this level, hitting a lot of low to mid 80s arms and talent of that caliber.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Either completely eliminate it. OR state that the 6-year window does not begin until you play baseball at any collegiate level. (NCBA, NCAA, NAIA, JUCO)*

**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:** *Rich Warnol*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *Grand Canyon University*

**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?:** *14.07*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *All umpires that are hired for Conference Regional games and NCBA World Series be current Junior College, NAIA, or NCAA certified. Having knowledge of college baseball rules and regulations.*

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

*The lack of knowledge at these competitions have been pretty brutal. Skillset also very low as it seems they are not at a high level of games during the regular season.*

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

*Conference Regional and NCBA World Series umpires will be current collegiate regular season umpires that have worked the majority games in the same year as they officiate the post-season games for the NCBA.*

**MANDATE ALL UMPIRES HIRED FOR NCBA POSTSEASON EVENTS TO BE COLLEGE CERTIFIED - JUCO, NAIA OR NCAA.**

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



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**Name:** *Rich Warnol*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *Grand Canyon University*

**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?:** *9.04.1.3*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Coaches helmets should be a baseball helmet and must bear the manufacturer's certification indicating satisfaction of NOCSAE test standards.*

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

*Because the NCBA is a collegiate league, and ALL games should be run as if we were playing collegiate baseball and not recreation beer league baseball.*

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

*When coaching the bases, the coaches' helmet must bear the manufacturer's certification indicating satisfaction of NOCSAE test standards and must be baseball color must match the team's colors as well as match one another.*

**WHEN COACHING THE BASES, THE COACHES' HELMET MUST BEAR THE MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATION INDICATING SATISFACTION OF NOCSAE TEST STANDARDS.**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**\*\*Q/A section of rulebook. Page 32 – "Do base coaches have to wear helmet?"**

**Answer should now read: "Yes, NCBA follows NCAA rules, which mandate that base coaches MUST wear a NOCSAE helmet and play cannot continue until the rule is met."**



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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Grand Canyon University*

**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?:** *19.01.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Slide rule to add for safety and all levels have a mandatory slide directly into base on force play unless avoiding contact.*

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

*Every umpire will know this rule as majority of rules read this way and its a safety issue.*

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

*On any force play, the runner, in the vicinity of the base, must slide on the ground before the base and in a direct line between the two bases. It is permissible for the slider's momentum to carry them through the base in the baseline extended (see diagram).*

*Exception—A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder.*

**MODIFY SLIDE RULE STATING YOU MUST SLIDE DIRECTLY INTO BASE, AS OPPOSED TO THE CURRENT RULE MANDATING YOU BE WITHIN 1 ARMS LENGTH.**

**DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1 VOTE (1 ABSTAIN)**



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## DI ONLY

**Name:** *Eric Curitore*

**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?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *31.01.3*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Should the Mid America - West be eligible to play NCBA Sanctioned Games in the Fall?*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *These teams struggle to complete all their scheduled conference games by the end of the Regular Season, which also creates more hurdles for them to meet non-conference game requirements.*

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

**ALLOW TEAMS IN THE MID AMERICA REGION - WEST CONFERENCE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY NCBA SANCTIONED GAMES IN THE FALL TO HELP PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY LATE IN THE SPRING.**

**PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0**

**\*Must have majority approval from these teams prior to making it official within the 24/25 season.**



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**Name:** *Jake Anderson*

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

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

**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?:** *4.07.2*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I would like to adopt a similar run rules that the NJCAA has in place for 9 inning games. I would like to see the 10 run rule moved up to the 5th inning, from the 7th inning, for 9 inning games*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *When we have played against NJCAA teams we have been beaten badly quite a few times and both teams have been thankful for the NJCAA run-rules for 9 inning games. For 9 inning games they have two tiers 10-runs after 5 innings, and 8-runs after 7 innings to show that you are narrowing the gap as the game progresses. These rules have been a huge help for pitching on both sides and have allowed for the most competitive games possible since the ones that were out of hand were ended when the result was imminent. An example of the usefulness of this rule is that in the two 7's and one 9 inning game format that is currently used by the NCBA, if the 9 inning game is clearly decided by the 5th inning, then at least 2 innings of pitching can be saved and applied to the 7 inning games. This allows teams to be more strategic with their pitching, especially for non-pitch heavy teams.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *4.07.2 - 9-inning Game: If a team is up by ten or more runs at the end of five or more full innings, that team is declared the winner, and play must be stopped.*

**9 INNING GAMES ONLY; WHEN UP BY 10 AFTER 6 INNINGS THE GAME SHALL BE CALLED  
DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 4 VOTES**

**9 INNING GAMES ONLY; WHEN UP BY 15 AFTER 6 INNINGS THE GAME SHALL BE CALLED. 10 AFTER 7  
REMAINS.  
PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 3 VOTES**



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**Name:** *Austin Davis*

**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*

**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?:** *15.00.00*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *We would like to see minimum field size requirements implemented.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *We believe that implementing minimum field sizes of 300 down the lines (or shorter if there is a large wall/fence) and at least 330 to center would prevent teams from playing on small fields that produce "cheap" outcomes.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *The NCBA requires the use of fields where the distance down the foul lines measures at least 300 feet, and where the distance to center field measures at least 330 feet. Distances may be shorter should there be a fence/wall tall enough to make up for the decrease in distance from home plate to the fence.*

**MINIMUM FIELD SIZE REQUIREMENT - 300 FEET DOWN THE LINES & AT LEAST 330 TO CENTER  
DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**\*The NCAA rulebook only states recommendations for field size requirements & does not mandate specific distances. They also do not require a field have fencing. To add either requirement to our rules could result in teams having further issues securing fields.**



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**DII ONLY**

**Name:** *Eric Curitore*

**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 II*

**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?:** *6.05.3*

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

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Is it a competitive advantage to utilize the same player on both your DII & DIII teams?*

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

**NO VOTE - 6.05.3 WILL REMAIN**

*\*Only 1 school within the entire NCBA had both a Division II & Division III member team, which is not even 1% of the total NCBA membership. This school did not explore or utilize this rule, though we understand how it can be important to new clubs first starting out within the lower NCBA Divisions.*



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**Name:** *Ben Buller*

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

**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?:** *Game Length*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *The Sunday game should be 9 innings*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *More innings for pitchers to get some use*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *9 inning on single game day rule*

**NO VOTE**



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**Name:** *Joe Cook*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *West Chester 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?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *28.01.2*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *An exception and/or amendment for 'new' D2 teams that win a World Series - perhaps for the first 3 or even 5 years of existence.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:**  
*Specifically using West Chester as an example, as that is our only experience. I would also like to be very clear that we aren't specifically opposed to moving up to D1 in 24/25 - we'll play anywhere the NCBA deems appropriate for our team.*

*We believe the spirit of this rule is to provide competitive balance across all divisions - the NCBA obviously doesn't want a 'juggernaut' dominating D2 when that team should be in D1. This makes complete sense that no one could possibly disagree with. Our proposal is simply to consider a Club's overall status prior to moving up or down, as we believe a 'new' team has a greater burden in the first few years of existing than a team that has been playing for years on end. For an example, I can say without a doubt that we here at WCU are attempting to build a lasting PROGRAM rather than a team. We certainly have a 5 year goal of joining D1, however we would prefer to do that on solid footing. Our specific case:*

*The NCBA has already reached competitive balance in the Chesapeake Region. This is clearly evident in looking at our Regular Season results, with every single series played having at least one game that was a 1-run difference in the final score. In fact, West Chester was literally 1 inning away from not even making it to Regional Playoffs let alone attending and winning a Championship. Additionally, every Conference within the Chesapeake Region came down to the final weekend of games; Penn State vs Bloomsburg in the West, WCU vs Stevenson in the South and then actually a single make-up game of WCU vs Georgetown, and Fordham had to lose their final series for Montclair State to win the North.*

*Finally, for larger schools with both a D1 and D2 Team this rule simply doesn't apply to them as the D2 Team can never 'move up', which offers those larger schools a possible competitive advantage as they could load up their D2 Team just to win a World Series in any given year with no lasting affect.*



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*One last note, the financial implications of making a run to the World Series creates a burden that extends into the following year. For instance, 2023 was the first year existing for WCU and total expenditures were just under \$30k - mostly away games once we were approved plus the one-time expenses of uniforms, etc. In the 2023/24 NCBA year with a Regional Playoff trip AND World Series trip included, our total expenditures were just under \$55k. While we were able to fundraise and (barely!) cover our expenses, the run to a Championship does create a burden for the upcoming 2024/25 team to bear. Confidentially speaking, the WCU Club was left with less than \$400 after all expenses were paid.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** 28.02.0 Remove the word "other" so the rule reads "All instances where a team may be moved....will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

SHOULD A TEAM MEET THE REQUIREMENTS TO MOVE UP INTO DIVISION I BASED OFF THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN 28.01.0, THAT MOVE IS NOT AUTOMATIC AND SHOULD BE EVALUATED CASE BY CASE.

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



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**Name:** *Multiple Entries*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *See below*

**What is your role with the team?:** *See below*

**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?:** *18.01.0*

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

*Brett Miller (North Georgia): There should be the option to courtesy run for the catcher along with the ability to courtesy run for the pitcher. Not one or the other but both during the game.*

*Victor Villarreal (Sacramento State): We would like to have the pitcher of record be included to be eligible for a courtesy runner.*

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

*Brett Miller (North Georgia): I believe this should be added not only because it will allow for me players to feel involved and be in game but it will also help improve pace of play. Like many of the teams around the country including us some of our best players hit and pitch and when they are stranded out on the bases tired and exhausted from running it can be a detriment to their ability to go back out and pitch. So by allowing a courtesy runner for the pitcher as well as the catcher we will be able to get the best out of the pitchers across the country while allowing for more opportunities for those not good enough to find themselves in the starting lineup.*

*Victor Villarreal (Sacramento State): We have had injuries with our pitcher running the bases and has further delayed the game.*

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

*Brett Miller (North Georgia): A courtesy runner may be used to run for the catcher as well as the pitcher with any outs in the inning.*

*Victor Villarreal (Sacramento State): A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher or catcher with any outs in an inning.*

**ALLOW COURTESY RUNNERS FOR BOTH PITCHERS & CATCHERS WITHIN ALL NCBA DII SANCTIONED GAMES**

**DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 4 VOTES**

**\*NCBA Division II Teams can already courtesy run for their catcher with any outs in an inning as noted in 18.01.0, as long as they meet the criteria through 18.01.1.**



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**Name:** *Ryan Norris*

**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 II*

**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?:** *18.00.00*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Remove all of section 18 and no longer allow courtesy runners in Div II.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *As we grow the maturity and brand of the NCBA Div II league, we need to continually improve the quality of play and force teams to abide by typical college rules. This change has been discussed for a few years with the intent to move in this direction.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Simply update Section 18 to match the Div I rules stating that courtesy runners are not allowed.*

**REMOVE COURTESY RUNNERS FROM DIVISION II  
DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1 VOTE (1 ABSTAIN)**



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**Name:** *Ryan Norris*

**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 II*

**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?:** *16.00*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Eliminate re-entry in Div II play.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *We need to continue to elevate the level of play in Div II. This is the next step. It's time.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *There is NO Reentry allowed in any Division II NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game..*

**REMOVE RE-ENTRY FROM DIVISION II**

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



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**DI & DII ONLY**

**Name:** *Chad Lowe*

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

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

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

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

**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:** *Move the Championship game to a 1 PM Start time.*

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

*Flexibility - Moving the start time up would allow teams/families the option to check-out of their hotels and travel immediately home after the game instead of spending more on hotels and personal time required with the 7 PM start. Additionally allows the game to be moved back due to weather to play within the same day potentially instead of having to move or split it between days. This takes the decision out of the field reps hands as well because all parties should be present and available from 12 PM and on for the day.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Internal note for NCBA staff/volunteers that the World Series championship game will be moved up.*

**MOVE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TO A 1PM START TIME, AS OPPOSED TO IT'S CURRENT 7PM START TIME.  
NO VOTE**

**\*Begin dialogue with schools who have participated in these games in the past to gain feedback for a possible future change.**



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**Name:** *Multiple Entries*

**Which team are you associated with?:** *See below*

**What is your role with the team?:** *See below*

**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?:** *N/A*

**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:**

*Kent Gordon (Ohio State): The change I would like to address deals with the format of the World Series. I believe this format is the same for DI and DII. Under the current format, it is not a true double elimination if an undefeated team reaches the championship. Take Ohio State DII as an example from this previous year, 3-0 heading into the championship game. I would like to propose adding a provisional game in the chance that an undefeated team loses in the "championship" game. I have now been on both sides, winner and loser, of that championship game and both times I felt strongly that an undefeated team should retain their double elimination right. In my opinion, the NCBA is falsely advertising this tournament as double elimination when in reality it is not. Take the regional tournament structure for instance, that holds a provisional game at 11am on that Sunday \*IF the undefeated team loses the first game. It would be easily to implement a similar structure to the World Series. I suggest moving the championship game up to 4pm and holding 7pm as a provisional game if need be. This would be easily implemented and just makes sense.*

*Jeff Bober (Northern Plains Regional Director): World Series National Championship: Change the format to add an additional game if 1 team only has 1 loss.*

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

*Kent Gordon (Ohio State): Equality, fairness, and correction of an already advertised double elimination tournament. It just doesn't make sense as it currently stands to advertise the tournament as double elimination and a team can walk away losers after one loss. I understand the constraints this would place on field reservations, umpires, and teams as well. The potential for a team to play 7 games is stretching the limits of what is acceptable for arm health.*

*Jeff Bober (Northern Plains Regional Director): Enough is enough with DI and DII having (1) winner-take-all National Championship Game, regardless of record in the tournament. All regionals are true double-elimination, the DIII World Series is true double elimination, but the others aren't..? Make it make sense.*



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*I was bitten by this rule my senior year at Illinois, it just happened this year in DII for Ohio State, and I'm sure it's happened a handful of other times. It makes absolutely no sense for a team with 0 losses in the World Series to be eliminated with only 1 loss. Granted, the B1G Conference Tournament is run this way as well, and I feel just as strongly there. It's a double-elimination tournament...until it's not.*

*I've heard the argument about having a "true National Championship Game atmosphere," and I understand that to a degree, but I guarantee that the teams and their families would rather not be "cheated," for lack of a better term, out of a true chance at a title. Plus, they've already had a more special atmosphere during their other games at the World Series.*

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

*Kent Gordon (Ohio State): To add the double elimination format to the Championship game of the World Series. This would involve moving the current scheduled game to 4pm and holding a provisional slot at 7pm if need be. The Winner of the 4pm game would be the home seed.*

*Jeff Bober (Northern Plains Regional Director): My proposal would only be for cases when there is one team with 0 losses and one team with 1 loss facing off for a National Championship. If both teams have 0 losses, or both have 1 loss, there would only be the (1) winner-take-all National Championship Game. That way, everything is on a level playing field entering that day. If teams with differing amounts of losses are facing off, all you would need to do is make the day of the National Championship start a little earlier around 4ish, and have an if-necessary game at 7ish. You already have the facility for the day, and people are already planning on staying in the hotels for that night. Really, the only major change I see is that the umpires could possibly be due one additional game of pay...that's it. You can still have all the pomp and circumstance of the World Series/National Championship, but it would just be a couple hours earlier. There shouldn't be any worry about it being at night, either – the NCAA CWS can end on a Sunday afternoon these days with the new scheduling.*

**THE FINAL TWO TEAMS, REGARDLESS IF THEY HAVE 0 OR 1 LOSS ENTERING THE FINAL, PLAY IN A BEST OF 3 FORMAT TO DETERMINE CHAMPION**

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

**IF BOTH TEAMS ENTER THE FINAL WITH THE SAME AMOUNT OF LOSSES (0 OR 1), THE FINAL IS WINNER TAKE ALL. SHOULD ONE TEAM HAVE 0 LOSSES WHILE THE OTHER HAS 1, THE TEAM WITH 0 LOSSES MUST BE BEATEN TWICE.**

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

**\*Begin dialogue with schools who have participated in these games in the past to gain feedback for a possible future change.**