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2026 NCBA Swing Into Spring – Panama City Beach Guidelines

The National Club Baseball Association's Swing Into Spring is dedicated to Collegiate Club Baseball teams. The NCBA specializes in accommodating the needs of Collegiate Club Baseball teams and it is for this reason that we are expecting to have so much success with this event. The following is a list of adopted guidelines and procedures.

- I. All games will be played following the Official 2025-2026 NCBA Rules and Regulations.
 - a. All games will be played in a seven-inning format
 - b. Higher division rule applies for inter-division games. (Ex: D1 team plays D2 team, D1 rulebook)
- II. NO SEEDS, GUM, TOBACCO, METAL CLEATS, OR MOLDED CLEATS (ON MOUNDS)
- III. Each team will be expected to **provide three** NCBA game balls at the start of each game. Teams are responsible for tracking down foul balls, **NO BASEBALLS MEANS NO PLAY**
- IV. In the event of rain, we wait until rain stops, allow a minimum of 10 minutes to assess how much the ground is going to absorb and check radar for future weather. The site supervisor will meet with both teams within 10 minutes of the rain stopping to assess when play will resume. If a game is cancelled due to rain, the participating college/university will not be charged for the game if:
 - 1) The game is cancelled a minimum of three hours before scheduled game time.
 - 2) The team is playing a double header and the second is cancelled at the same time as the first.
 - 3) NCBA will attempt to reschedule any games due to weather if both teams agree and field and time space are available.
- V. Teams will be accepted and registered for the 2026 NCBA Swing Into Spring – Panama City Beach on a first come first served basis. (**Limit 30 teams per week**)
 - a. The initial registration agreement, registration fee, and performance bond are due by Oct. 15, 2025 to secure the early registration discount.
 - b. Schedule Request forms are due by December 15, 2025.
 - c. The remaining balance is due on or before January 31, 2026.
 - d. An additional \$10 penalty will be added to the per-game fee for all payments received after February 1, 2026 AND 50% of the performance bond will be forfeited. All fees must be postmarked by February 15, 2026 or 100% of the performance bond will be forfeited.
 - e. Once the schedule is released you will be held liable to cover all fees including practice and game fees in the event you choose to not attend
- VI. All teams participating in the 2026 NCBA Swing Into Spring – Panama City Beach are required to book their accommodations through NCBA approved hotel/resort booking partners prior to the lodging cutoff date of Feb 1 or pay a Lodging opt out fee of \$400 per team. We have contracted with several hotels/resorts/booking agents in the area securing low group rates for teams and family members. **Contributions from the sponsoring lodging help to offset field and umpire costs that exceed the per-game charge.**
- VII. Behavior deemed inexcusable, including resort misconduct and tardiness to games, will be subject to an NCBA fine taken directly from the team's performance bond. Failure to complete post-event survey, will result in loss of performance bond.
- VIII. Teams should arrive **a minimum** of ½ hour before scheduled game.
- IX. Schedule Request Forms due by 12/15/2025 or else team's schedule will be made by NCBA discretion.
 - a. Team's schedule requests will be considered in order received.
- X. Athletic trainers will be on site for games **ONLY**, not practices.