

NCBA Division I Rules Committee Representative Candidate Form

Name:

Caden Colangelo

Affiliation with NCBA:

Current Player/Team Officer

Years involved with NCBA and in what capacity:

- 2023-2024: Player for Clemson Club Baseball
- 2024-2025: Player for Clemson Club Baseball & Vice-President
- 2025-2026: Player for Clemson Club Baseball & President



Baseball Experience:

- Played for a nationally ranked travel team in HS (Stars Baseball Carroll)
- Played for the #29th-ranked HS team in the nation in 2022 (Colgan High School, VA) - All District (1st) and Region Honors (2nd) Senior Year
- Played 2 full years of Club Baseball at Clemson (1x All American Selection (2nd), 2x All Region Selection (2nd and 3rd))

Why would you make a good NCBA Division I Rules Committee Representative?

I'd be lying if I said I loved every second of playing club baseball. During my freshman year at Clemson, I had to wrestle with losing my spot on a college roster (Emory), had to watch all my old teammates continue playing at the MLB and college level, and I had to show up to practice for club ball with 10 kids in attendance, if lucky. Thankfully, growing up, I had gotten to watch my father, who runs one of the most successful travel baseball and softball organizations in the country. With the help of a few teammates and applying the knowledge I have gained from him, we have now grown the program to have over 40-50 kids in attendance at practice every night between the two teams (we added a second team just this year). Through the work we have put in, my club baseball experience has now become amazing, and I tell all my friends who are playing baseball for smaller schools that they are crazy for not playing club.



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The reason for saying all that is because we didn't just put in that work for myself and those around me, but for those players to come. I see the future of club baseball being much greater than some see. I see that in the next 10-15 years, many club teams will become a "JV" team for many varsity teams, especially at the mid-major level. I also see the more imminent future of club baseball being filled with NCAA, NJCAA, etc., transfers who lose their roster spot because of the portal. Just this year, we have seen about ten players who either played at a school and transferred to Clemson after losing their spot/leaving for other reasons, or players who had commitments in high school and got them pulled late.

I know I would be a great rules committee representative because my work ethic and passion for creating a better club baseball experience for future players are unmatched. Secondly, I submit 2-5 rules every year for review... sorry guys :) Thirdly, also spent countless time reading the rulebook due to issues with our team (bridge kids, academic issues, etc.). Additionally, I've also spent a lot of time reading the other club sport manuals (NCSA, etc). Lastly, I am very organized and respond to emails very quickly, which I know will help me perform my duties at a very high level.

Additional Comments:

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I pray you all have a blessed holiday season!