



2027 NCBA Rules Meeting
Saturday July 25th, 2026

2027 NCBA ANNUAL RULES COMMITTEE MEETING RESULTS

COMMITTEE:

1. Sandy Sanderson, NCBA President – Sandy Sanderson
2. Vice President of Baseball Operations - Eric Curitore
3. Director of Division I Baseball Operations - Eric Curitore
4. Director of Division II Baseball Operations - Ryan Lancaster
5. Director of Division III Baseball Operations - Jacob Kortenber
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7. Division I Rules Committee Representative - Caden Colangelo
8. Division II Rules Committee Representative – Chad Lowe
9. Chief Operating Officer – Christian Smith

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

Voting results & additional notes are listed in red text below each proposal.

For any further clarification regarding the results, teams can reach out to VP of
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NCBA (All Divisions)

Name?

Ryan Lancaster

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA Front Office

What is your role with the team?

Director of DII Baseball Operations

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?

6.05.0

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

Teams can remove players up until their first NCBA sanctioned game in the Spring or until the Roster Freeze deadline of April 15th.

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

If teams can add players up until April 15th why can't they be allowed to be removed? If a player gets injured during the season & is out for the rest of the season, I feel the team should be able to remove him if there is a replacement. Some schools also have players who don't show up anymore and are wasting a roster space for someone that actually would play.

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

6.05.0: EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED TO ADD & REMOVE PLAYERS TO/FROM THEIR ROSTER AT ANY TIME UP UNTIL AND INCLUDING APRIL 15. ONCE THE TEAM'S ROSTER HAS GROWN TO 33 PLAYERS, NO MORE PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED.

REMOVE 6.05.1.2 OR MODIFY TO: THOSE PLAYERS BEING REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER CAN ONLY BE REMOVED UNTIL THE TEAM'S FIRST NCBA SANCTIONED GAME IN THE SPRING

DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2, 1 ABSTAIN



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Name?

Bryce Weaver

Which team are you associated with?

Univ. of Pittsburgh

Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?

Division I, Division II, Division III

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:

Allow more eligibility

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

We have a player who is in a six-year program for undergrad/grad, and he just finished his fifth year of club ball. He'll still be a full-time student in the fall and spring. Why shouldn't he be allowed to keep playing in the NCBA? There are other rules that address problems - age limits, enrollment status, varsity limit, staff participation, etc. NCAA allows five years of eligibility, but players work around that all the time, and this guy just wants to keep playing for fun, not for professional development.

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

7.09.0 - Up for discussion...

Eliminate the five-in-six limit completely or specify for certain students who are continuous participants

7.09.3 - Any player who completed four or more years of eligibility at any NCBA level does not have a restriction on the number of years of eligibility, provided they meet all other criteria.

EXTEND NCBA PLAYING ELIGIBILITY FROM 5 YEARS TO 6 YEARS? THIS WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO HAVE 6 YEARS TO COMPETE IN 6 SEASONS OF COMPETITION.

PASSES: 9 VOTES TO 0

PER NCAA RULES, YOUR WINDOW TO COMPETE STARTS UPON FULL-TIME COLLEGE ENROLLMENT OR THE ACADEMIC YEAR FOLLOWING YOUR 19TH BIRTHDAY, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST. SHOULD WE APPLY THE SAME BUT PUSH BACK THE AGE FROM 19 TO 22 ALLOWING MORE TIME TO UTILIZE YOUR 6 YEARS TO COMPETE?

PASSES: 9 VOTES TO 0



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The NCBA's new eligibility rules will read as follows:

- 7.09.0 A player's eligibility period is six calendar years, beginning on the earlier of: (a) the player's first full-time enrollment at any collegiate institution, or (b) the start of the academic year following the player's 22nd birthday, if that birthday occurs before September 1.
- 7.09.1 A player may compete in NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games for a maximum of six seasons within a six-year period.
 - 7.09.1.1 For a player to participate in the NCBA using a sixth year of eligibility, that player must NOT have exhausted four years of eligibility at the Varsity Level.
- 7.09.2 The six-year period is paused only for active-duty military service or an official religious mission.

SHOULD THE NCBA MIRROR THE NCAA & REMOVE MEDICAL REDSHIRTS?

PASSES: 9 VOTES TO 0

SHOULD THIS RULE ALSO CATER TO CURRENT & PAST NCBA PLAYERS?

PASSES: 9 VOTES TO 0



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Bryce Weaver

Which team are you associated with?

Univ. of Pittsburgh

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?

4.03.2

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

Remove the 48-hour notice rules

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

Two games scheduled for Saturday and one for Sunday. It rains Friday night, so between field conditions and darkness, we won't be able to get two games in on Saturday. Just let us do what we need to in order to play three games. If we can play a nine on Saturday, we will, but we won't want to schedule nine when we're already in a squeeze.

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

Eliminate 4.03.2.1.1 and 4.03.2.2.1. The other rules prevent teams from being stupid and making decisions without approval of opponents or Regional Directors.

SHOULD "48 HOURS" BE DELETED FROM 4.03.2?

PASSES: 9 VOTES TO 0



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Name?

Rob Perkey

Which team are you associated with?

Univ. of Pittsburgh

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?

19.00.00 and 20.00.00 and 21.00.00

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

Use NCAA rules. NCBA differences aren't important or they're already redundant.

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

I appreciate the desire to have some old school in the game, but MLB switched to a force-play slide rule ten years ago, and players and umpires don't even know there's still the freedom to slide within an arm's length in the NCBA. NCAA rule is fine.

For HBP rule, just use NCAA. The only difference in the NCBA and NCAA rule is that an intentional act to get hit by the pitch can be called a strike if the pitch isn't in the strike zone. There aren't enough occurrences of that in the NCBA to merit a different rule.

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

Eliminate rules 19.00.00, 20.00.00, and 21.00.00

SHOULD THE NCBA ADOPT THE NCAA'S SLIDE RULES IN FULL? PREVIOUSLY THE NCBA ALLOWED RUNNERS TO BE IN ARMS DISTANCE OF THE BAG WHEN SLIDING INTO ANY BASE – AS OPPOSED TO THE NCAA'S RULE REQUIRING THE RUNNER TO SLIDE DIRECTLY INTO THE BASE

ADOPT NCAA'S SLIDING RULES:

PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 2, 1 ABSTAIN



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SHOULD THE NCBA ADOPT THE NCAA'S HIT BY PITCH RULES? PREVIOUSLY THE NCBA HAS GIVEN THE UMPIRE THE DISCRETION IF THE PITCH IS A STRIKE OR BALL WHEN A BATTER INTENTIONALLY LEANS INTO A PITCH – AS OPPOSED TO THE NCAA'S RULE WHERE THE PITCH IS CALLED A STRIKE REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE PITCH IS LOCATED.

ADOPT NCAA'S HPB RULES:

DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 1



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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?

New Section

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

Technically, iPads and cell phones aren't permitted in the dugout according to NCAA rules, but a lot of teams use them to keep score. Our social media guys like microphones and video, too.

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

All technology but remain strict about the purpose and intent of device usage.

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

31.00.00 - Communication, audio, and video devices are permitted in the dugout and on the field with the exceptions below.

31.01 - Two-way communication devices are not permitted anywhere on the field (cell phones, iPads, etc.)

31.02 - If the umpires determine any electronic device is being misused to gain an advantage, teams receive one warning to stop, and any subsequent offenders and the head coach are ejected.

Adopt something that protects us from having players get in trouble for having their phones in the dugout.

TECHNOLOGY IS ALLOWED IN THE DUGOUT & OUTSIDE THE LINES BUT IS NOT PERMITTED BY PLAYERS OR COACHES ON THE FIELD

PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 1



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Name?

Ryan Mancinelli

Which team are you associated with?

West Chester

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?

1.06.3

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

I would like Invitational Tournament games such as Panama City or the Suny Cortland Tournament to count toward official record AND count as non conference games for all who participate.

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

Our team struggled in the Spring with rain outs and field availability, having these tournament games contribute to our non-conference games played would be a major help. Also, I believe that if a NCBA club team plays another NCBA club team, regardless of if it is a tournament or not, it should go toward overall record.

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

All NCBA sanctioned tournament games will contribute towards a team's non-conference games played, and their record.

NO VOTE

**NCBA Note – We will be implementing this where applicable during upcoming Fall Tournaments.*



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Name?

Jacob Rumberger

Which team are you associated with?

Bowling Green State University

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?

26.00.0

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

Teams on probation should only have to serve a one year punishment. The reasoning being that some of the players and officers being punished were never on the team when they committed the punishable offense. Also, players should still be eligible for awards because they played games that counted for other teams, so their stats should as well. This would give a better appreciation for who the best players in the league were that year.

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

For example, Bowling Green had many new players that were not involved with the reason behind being on probation and being postseason ineligible. They should not have to bear the punishment. Also, Bowling Green had standout players that could have been recognized for their efforts but were not.

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

TEAMS WILL SERVE A ONE-YEAR SUSPENSION FROM PLAYOFFS IF ON PROBATION. PLAYERS WILL STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS.

DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 1



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Name?

Mitchell Roberts

Which team are you associated with?

University of Denver

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?

7.08.0

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

I would like to propose amending Rule 7.08.0 to include an exception clause that would allow for eligibility waivers in cases where life circumstances delayed full-time enrollment, but the player is now fully enrolled and in good standing

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

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to provide a fair & limited pathway for student athletes whose full-time college enrollment was delayed by legitimate life circumstances beyond their control. The existing rule serves an important purpose by maintaining competitive integrity & preventing abuse of eligibility. This proposal fully supports that objective while recognizing that not every student's educational path follows a traditional timeline. It provides a narrowly tailored exception for individuals whose enrollment was delayed by documented hardships such as parenthood, financial hardship, military service, medical circumstances, or other comparable obligations. Rather than automatically granting eligibility, this amendment establishes a case-by-case waiver process that requires documentation and league approval, ensuring that only legitimate circumstances are considered. This proposal does not eliminate the existing age rule or create automatic eligibility. Instead, it simply provides the NCBA with the discretion to evaluate exceptional cases individually, allowing the league to distinguish between those attempting to circumvent the rule & those whose educational paths were legitimately delayed by circumstances beyond their control. This approach preserves the intent of the existing rule while allowing the league to exercise reasonable discretion in extraordinary situations.



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

Any player participating in an NCBA-sanctioned game must have enrolled as a full-time student before their 26th birthday. However, the NCBA may grant eligibility waivers on a case by-case basis for individuals whose delayed enrollment resulted from significant life circumstances, including but not limited to parenthood, financial hardship, military service, medical circumstances, or other comparable obligations. To be eligible for a waiver, applicants must currently be enrolled full time and be in good academic standing at their institution

No Vote

*NCBA Note – NCBA eligibility has increased for all students through a prior proposal, which will now also provide more potential opportunities for those who took time off after high school & have yet to enroll full time. Previously, students were required to enroll full time no later than their 25th birthday. That has now changed, as student's 6-year clocks begin no later than their 22nd birthday, resulting in them potentially being eligible even after their 25th birthday under certain circumstances.



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Name?

Jack Sauer

Which team are you associated with?

University of Miami

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?

17.02

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

I would like for there to be a universal DH, a designated hitter that can hit for any position player, not just the pitcher.

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

Smaller schools often have guys who are two way, pitchers that also start at a position on the field when they aren't on the mound. Because they don't have the luxury of a large roster there aren't many "pitcher only" playing with these smaller schools & there is often less talent. Also, small schools don't always have a solid backup with the bat while larger schools with bigger talent pools have guys lined up behind positions that can get it done with both the glove & the bat. Changing this rule would help the health of pitchers who also start games as a position player regularly. Many pitchers do not want to hit when they are on the mound but without the depth to have a solid bat play in their place it can be really difficult to take their bat out of the lineup. In my experience there is a lot of arm discomfort & even minor injury in the NCBA among pitchers & often smaller schools with predominantly two way pitchers, are forced to have a pitcher play a position following their outing in order to keep their best bats in the lineup. Allowing a DH to hit for any position will allow for better competition from smaller schools who don't have depth in the field & will improve arm health among players who pitch & want to keep their bat in the lineup.



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

The designated hitter is a player designated to bat for one starting defensive player and all subsequent substitute players who occupy that defensive position. The DH may bat in any position in the batting order, and that batting-order position may not be changed. The defensive player for whom the DH is batting must be designated before the game and included on the lineup cards presented to the umpire. In this case, the team is using 10 players, with the designated defensive player not listed in the batting order. If another player enters to play the designated defensive position, the DH continues to bat for that player until the DH role is terminated in accordance with DH substitution rules.

CAN TEAMS DH FOR ANYONE ON THE FIELD OUTSIDE OF JUST THE PITCHER?

DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0, 1 ABSTAIN



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Name?

Rob Perkey

Which team are you associated with?

University of Pittsburgh

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?

4.08.0

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

This doesn't address a few NCAA specifics, and it should be clear what is expected to be enforced. I don't care if they're enforced or not, but the rules should address things like conferences, timeouts, and step offs that aren't 100% related to the pitch clock.

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

Reduce inconsistency among whether umpires know the rules or not

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

4.08.2 - NCAA conference rules are to be enforced in all NCBA games

4.08.2.1 - (Three offense per game, six defensive with three maximum from coaches)

4.08.2.2 - batter calling timeout counts as offensive conference (or doesn't, if the NCBA wants that)

4.08.2.3 - pitchers are limited to one reset per at-bat, penalty is ball (or not, whatever)

**NCBA Note – Conference/mound visit rules are already laid out in full within section 5.00.0 of the NCBA rulebook.*

SHOULD THE NCBA SIMPLY STATE WE WILL FOLLOW NCAA CONFERENCE RULES, ALLOWING THE NCAA RULEBOOK TO DICTATE CURRENT RULES & ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE FUTURE?

DOES NOT PASS: 9 VOTES TO 0



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Name?

Multiple Entries

Which team are you associated with?

Multiple Entries

What is your role with the team?

Multiple Entries

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?

Modify

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

3.02.3.2

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

Re-evaluate the At Large Bid & how it's selected.

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

(Nevada) - Timing of games in schedule should be factored in. Along with momentum of second place team. For example win/loss streaks of each team and overall record.

EX: Nevada played Davis in the first series of the year. After that series Nevada almost won out and was on a 9 game win streak up until Sonoma and then another streak post Sonoma. Along with the fact the Davis played less games then Nevada and in turn Nevada had more wins than Davis. Nevada was the only team in nation to have more wins then their conference champion and still not win division, let alone not make the playoffs.

(Richmond) - Last season, we came in second place in our conference and missed regionals, despite having a better record than the At-Large bid team that made it. We felt we had a good case, considering we beat the one seed twice and finished the season 9-3 in the spring semester.

(Marist) Marist missed the playoffs while SUNY Cortland was selected as that at-large bid to the New England regional playoffs. Based on the criteria listed for at-large selection in the rulebook, Marist held the slight advantage. Despite this, Cortland was selected to make the playoffs. When Marist asked for an explanation of the decision, an NCBA representative explained that



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three forfeit victories Marist earned against Fairfield (in which Fairfield won the games on the field) were held against them in the decision-making process.

We feel that holding games that Marist knew would be forfeit victories before they played against them in the at-large process is unfair, especially since it is not outlined as a possibility in the rulebook.

Additionally, since there are criteria listed for the at-large bid and Marist held the advantage in those criteria, selecting Cortland instead sets a precedent that teams do not know what listed criteria actually matters and what unlisted criteria does.

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

(Nevada) - *Performance versus champion is considered along with, streaks, momentum, and timing of series within the season schedule*

(Richmond)

3.02.3 Factors taken into account by the NCBA when selecting an At-Large Bid consist of but are not limited to:

3.02.3.1 Did the team finish in 2nd place in their district?

3.02.3.2 What is the team's overall win-loss record, including winning percentage, for the current season?

3.02.3.3 What is the strength of the team's overall schedule, as measured by the combined winning percentage of its opponents?

3.02.3.4 How did the team perform head-to-head against their district champion, and against any other teams under consideration for an At-Large Bid?

3.02.3.5 Is the team currently on probation?

3.02.3.6 Has the team forfeited any games during the current season?

3.02.3.7 In the event that two or more teams remain closely matched after consideration of the above factors, the Selection Panel may require the teams to compete in a play-in game, with the winner receiving the At-Large Bid.

(Marist) - ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

A team is eligible for at-large consideration if and only if it finishes in second place in its conference at the conclusion of the regular season. The candidate pool consists of a finite number of teams: the second-place finisher from each of the three conferences, except those on probation or otherwise precluded from postseason play.

CRITERIA — APPLIED IN ORDER



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Each criterion is applied only if the previous criterion fails to produce a single winner. Once a criterion produces a single winner, the process stops and the bid is awarded. The three candidates are always evaluated together at each tier.

Criterion 1 — Head-to-Head Record. Condition to apply: any combination of games between candidates played each other (minimum 1 game each).

Compare win percentage among all regular season games played directly between the three candidates. The candidate with the highest win percentage is awarded the bid. If candidates have not played each other or played to a .500 record against each other, this criterion does not apply. Advance to Criterion 2.

Criterion 2 — Common Opponent Record. Condition to apply: any two of the three candidates share at least one common opponent. Compare win percentage in all regular season games played against opponents that two or more candidates faced in common. The candidate with the highest win percentage across all common opponents is awarded the bid. If no common opponents exist between any two candidates, this criterion does not apply. Advance to Criterion 3.

Criterion 3 — Conference Strength Index. Condition to apply: always. Calculate the Conference Strength Index (CSI) for each candidate's conference. CSI is defined as the average non-conference win percentage of the five teams in the conference other than the candidate. The candidate whose conference has the highest CSI is awarded the bid. If the highest and second-highest CSI differ by less than .050, this criterion does not produce a winner. Advance to Criterion 4.

Criterion 4 — Conference Win Percentage. Condition to apply: always. Compare win percentage in conference games only. The candidate with the highest conference win percentage is awarded the bid. If two or more candidates are exactly equal, this criterion does not produce a winner. Advance to Criterion 5.

Criterion 5 — Run Differential. Condition to apply: always. Calculate cumulative run differential across all regular season games, with each individual game capped at +10 or -10 runs. No single game may contribute more than 10 runs in either direction to a team's cumulative total. The candidate with the highest capped run differential is awarded the bid. If two or more candidates are exactly equal, this criterion does not produce a winner. Advance to Criterion 6.

Criterion 6 — Committee Vote. A committee vote is convened only in the event of an exact dead heat through all five preceding criteria. The committee shall consist of designated representatives from each conference. A majority vote determines the at-large recipient. Committee members whose conference has a candidate under consideration must recuse themselves from the vote.

GENERAL PROVISIONS



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All determinations are based solely on regular season results. Forfeits count as losses for the forfeiting team and wins for the opposing team. Rainouts or canceled games that were not rescheduled and completed are excluded from all calculations. All win percentage calculations are rounded to three decimal places. In the event of a discrepancy in recorded statistics, the official scorebook of record governs.

No Vote

***NCBA Note – This process will continue to be evaluated.**



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Name?

Chad Lowe

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

Rules Representative

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?

31.01.1

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

Can we update the wording to allow for a full weekend of play the first weekend of Spring? We use the date of 1/31 instead of potentially allowing for a full weekend to start the Spring season as 1/31 could fall on a Sunday.

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

Provide a full weekend of play during the first weekend of the spring season.

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

Off season defined as...."Monday following the 2nd Sunday of November - last Friday of January for..."

CHANGE THE DATE OF THE SPRING SEASON STARTING FROM FEBURARY 1ST TO THE LAST FRIDAY IN JANUARY?

PASSES: 9 VOTES TO 0



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Name?

Chad Lowe

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

Rules Representative

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Modify

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

15.09

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

Update the mileage so it isn't all inclusive between different bands.

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

Based on the wording you could have a location fall into multiple mileage bands.

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

Change from 25 to 75, to 26 to 75, and 76 miles or more.

UPDATE THE VERBIAGE TO BE CONSISTENT WITHIN BOTH BANDS?

PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0, 1 ABSTAIN



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Name?

Jacob Kortenber

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA Front Office

What is your role with the team?

Director of Division III Baseball Ops

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?

15.00

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

NCBA encourages the use of fields with outfield walls and padding, but acknowledges that they are not a requirement.

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

The NCAA just added a rule this year that walls in the outfield must be padded, and I noticed that we did not go over this in our rulebook. Considering we default to the NCAA rulebook when something is not mentioned, we could put it in here to cover ourselves.

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

ADD VERBIAGE STATING THE NCBA ENCOURAGES FIELDS THAT UTILIZE FENCES THAT HAVE PADDING, BUT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THEY ARE NOT A REQUIREMENT.

PASSES: 9 VOTES TO 0



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Name?

Hayden Wilkerson

Which team are you associated with?

Longwood

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?

9.00.00

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

Make any hat allowed to wear but recommend "The Game"

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

"The Game" hats are extremely uncomfortable

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

Wear a hat with your teams logo, preferable "The Game" brand

COMPLETELY ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR NCBA TEAMS TO UTILIZE THE GAME FOR HATS?

DOES NOT PASS: 9 VOTES TO 0

*NCBA Note – The loss of a major sponsor could cause membership dues to significantly increase, while also decreasing the overall image of the league allowing teams to mismatch & not be uniform.



Name?

Chad Lowe

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

NCBA DII Rules Representative

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?

4.03.7

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

Clarify the wording of this rule about who wins when a game is called early.

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

4.03.6 HOME TEAM LEADING WHEN GAME IS CALLED

If a game is called because of weather, darkness, light failure, curfew, or another unplayable condition, the game is official and the home team wins if:

*The visiting team has completed its half of the fifth inning; and
The home team is leading when the game is called.*

4.03.7 VISITING TEAM LEADING WHEN GAME IS CALLED

If a game is called because of weather, darkness, light failure, curfew, or another unplayable condition, the game is official and the visiting team wins if:

*At least five complete innings have been played;
The visiting team is leading when the game is called; and
The visiting team was leading at the end of the last complete inning.*

NO VOTE

**NCBA Note – This is tied to cleaning up the existing rules verbiage.*



Name?

Chad Lowe

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

NCBA DII Rules Representative

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?

11.04.1.1

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

NCAA Rule states the batter is out "If such an illegal bat is detected before the first pitch, the batter shall be called out and the bat shall be removed from the game." NCBA rule If the bat is detected before the first pitch of the at bat, the bat is to be removed from the game and the player must use a legal bat. If the player tries to use an illegal bat again in that game, he is AUTOMATICALLY ejected.

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

11.04.0 states the penalty for a player who uses an illegal bat (per NCAA rules) are as follows and they are slightly different because the batter is out.

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

Either match the wording to NCAA or change wording to (developed based on NCAA rules).

NO VOTE

**NCBA Note – We recognize this change could directly penalize players who unknowingly use an illegal bat, which is far more common than players who knowingly use an illegal bat.*



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Name?

Chad Lowe

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

NCBA DII Rules Representative

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?

8.01.1

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

Change wording from 12+ credits as this contradicts rule 30 regarding 2 year institutions only needing 9 credits to be full-time.

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

Clarity and uniformity between two rules.

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

Change from 12+ credits: "to be enrolled in the institution-certified stated minimum credits for full-time status"

NO VOTE

NCBA Note – Update verbiage in 8.01.1 to state “Full Time Status” as defined in 31.02.



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Name?

Jacob Ranero & Caden Colangelo

Which team are you associated with?

Clemson

What is your role with the team?

Officer / NCBA 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?

7.03.1.2

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

(Jacob) - Bridge students continue to tryout for our team, but are told they cannot be eligible to play in games, so I want to change this so that they are eligible for NCBA.

(Caden) - I'd like Bridge Students, specifically those in dual-sponsored programs, to be able to play club baseball.

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

(Jacob) - Our school has a very integrated Bridge program where the students are involved in student life and live on campus. They hear about club baseball and want to play and have enough skill to help the team, but are marked ineligible by the NCBA.

(Caden) - I want to see this rule changed so the NCBA can better serve its members, teams, and prospective members alike. I believe it should be modified because the current language enforces unequal treatment by allowing students at satellite campuses to participate while excluding students in bridge programs. This distinction is a result of the NCBA's own eligibility verbiage rather than an established precedent, such as NCAA policy. Revising the rule would create a more equal and consistent standard while expanding opportunities for students to participate in club baseball.



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

(Jacob) - 7.03.1.2 *If a student is participating in a Bridge Program (or similar) and is dual-enrolled (meaning they are officially recognized as enrolled in the school and have a student ID for both the Bridge school and school sponsoring the baseball club), then they are eligible to compete in the NCBA provided they meet academic requirements.*

(Caden) - 7.03.1.2 *If a student is participating in a dual-sponsored Bridge Program (meaning they hold a student ID at both institutions and/or their program is tied to one university) with BOTH the bridge school and the school sponsoring the baseball club, then they are eligible to compete in the NCBA provided they meet the academic requirements.*

SHOULD STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTLY FULL TIME STUDENTS AT A SCHOOL, BUT HAVE ACCESS TO IT'S FACILITIES & PROGRAMS THROUGH A BRIDGE PROGRAM AT THEIR CURRENT SCHOOL, BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE PARTNER SCHOOL?

Example – Tri-County Technical College (TCTC) & Clemson have a direct relationship allowing TCTC students a structured path to future Clemson enrollment. This provides TCTC students access to Clemson's facilities & club sports ahead of being full time students at Clemson.

DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 3

THE NCBA CURRENTLY ALLOWS STUDENTS AT SATELITTE CAMPUSES WHO DO NOT HAVE A NCBA TEAM TO PARTICIPATE AT THE SATELITTES MAIN CAMPUS – SHOULD THAT BE REMOVED?

Example – students at Ohio State University - Lima can play for the NCBA club at Ohio State's main campus in Columbus since Ohio State - Lima does not have a club baseball team.

DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 3



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Name?

Ryan Norris

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

Gulf Coast 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?

1.04.1, 1.04.2

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

The current rules state that these scheduling provisions only apply to Conference games. I am proposing that we remove the word "Conference" to apply this to All games.

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

I do not believe that was the intent of the past rules committee votes. As it currently reads, non-conference games can begin prior to the Saturday start date/time without any regulation from the league or recourse.

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

1.04.1 Unless mutually agreed upon by both teams in writing to the regional director, a series can begin no earlier than 8am local time on Saturday.

1.04.2 Unless mutually agreed upon in writing to the Regional Director by both teams, the final game of a weekend series may not be scheduled to start later than 4pm local time Sunday of that week.

ELIMINATE THE WORD "CONFERENCE" IN 1.04.1 & 1.04.2 TO KEEP THINGS CONSISTENT FOR ALL NCBA SANCTIONED GAMES SCHEDULED ON THE WEEKEND.

PASSES: 9 VOTES TO 0



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Name?

Ryan Norris

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

Gulf Coast Regional Director

Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?

Division I, Division II, Division III

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

4.08

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

Consider whether we should add a rule outlining the change implemented by the NCAA regarding between inning timing.

"Pitcher warm-up pitches between innings are now unlimited within a 120-second window (starter) / 150-second window (reliever), replacing a fixed pitch count."

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

We don't currently have a rule so leaving it out would default to NCAA (similar to the 1st to 3rd pickoff) but for clarity we may want to consider it.

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

Add to FAQ:

Pitcher warm-up pitches between innings are now unlimited within a 120-second window (starter) / 150-second window (reliever), replacing a fixed pitch count."

SHOULD THE NCBA ENFORCE TIMED WINDOWS INBETWEEN INNINGS FOR WARMUP PITCHES – 120 SECONDS (STARTER), 150 SECONDS (RELIEVER).

DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 1, 1 ABSTAIN

SHOULD THE NCBA ENFORCE A SPECIFIC # LIMIT INBETWEEN INNINGS FOR WARMUP PITCHES – 8 FOR NEW PITCHERS, 5 FOR SUBSEQUENT (RETURNING INNINGS).

PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 1



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Name?

Ryan Norris

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

Gulf Coast 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?

Add

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

11.05

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

The NCAA added a new rule (Bat Testing 1.12.g/Appendix G) — “For Division I, require all non wood bats used during competition be reviewed by baseball bat testing conducted prior to the start of play of each date of competition... To require the bat testing sticker(s) for each day of competition of each team be placed on the lineup card given to the umpire.”

We need to expressly state that we will not follow this rule for the NCBA.

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

We cannot enforce or follow this rule with our current setup; however, if we don't address it in the rules, we default to the NCAA which isn't desirable here. Need to close the loophole.

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

Add new section 11.05.

11.05.0 The NCBA does NOT require the NCAA's pre-game bat compression testing protocol or bat testing sticker system to be performed at any NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game. Teams are NOT required to place a bat testing sticker on the lineup card for NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games.

PASSES: 9 VOTES TO 0



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Name?

Josh Knorr

Which team are you associated with?

Adrian College

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?

Modify

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

6.05.3.5

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

Deadline for players to move between d3 to d1 moved from 3 conference games to 6. Reason is typically the NCBA has us playing 2 conference series (6 games). We move to have this rule changed to 6 conference games just in order for us to have enough time to watch guys play. Our else we will shoot to only play one conference series in the fall, but obviously makes the Spring a little dicey. We feel this is optimal for all teams with two divisions to have optimal time to notice any changes that can be made within the program. This past year having 2 teams for the first time we noticed a lot of changes we could make during the winter. We feel lots of schools would benefit and appreciate this extension.

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

To have more time to assess the talent in the program, and see who improves and who declines during the winter.

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

FOR PLAYERS ON SCHOOLS WITH MULTIPLE TEAMS, THE DEADLINE TO BE MOVED FROM ONE DIVISION TO ANOTHER IS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE D1 TEAM'S 6TH PLAYED OR FORFEITED CONFERENCE GAME OF THE SEASON.

DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0, 1 ABSTAIN



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DI & DII ONLY

Name?

Multiple Entries

Which team are you associated with?

Multiple Entries

What is your role with the team?

Multiple Entries

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?

Modify

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

3.00.00

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

Increase the # of teams who qualify for the Regional from 4 to 6 or possibly 8.

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

(Kennesaw St, Nevada, Clemson) – We would like to see this rule added because with the current set up, losing one conference series determines the entire season causing each conference weekend to have an exaggerated weight. We even have some teams not wanting to play us until April because they fear one loss determines their whole season. This rule allows teams to possibly lose a conference series but back their abilities by winning a few big out of conference games. It makes quality matter more over location or conference setup.

(GA Tech) – Under the current system, only 4 of the 16 teams in our region make the regional playoffs. Since there is only one at-large bid, losing just one conference series during the season makes it extremely difficult to reach the playoffs. If this conference series happens to be scheduled early in the season, a team's season can be effectively over with several months of baseball left to play. Losing more than one series overall in a season makes it almost impossible to reach the playoffs. The necessity to win every single series or be out of a playoff spot makes



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the NCBA season more like college football than college baseball (where a team that finishes under .500 in conference play can end up winning the World Series like Oklahoma did this year). Only 4 teams making the playoffs also guarantees that several competitive teams will be left out. At one point last season, there were 7 teams in the South Atlantic region that were ranked in the NCBA Top 20 Poll, but only 4 were able to make the playoffs under the current system. Finally, expanding the regional playoffs to 6 teams would give teams an opportunity to play more games, which is the whole reason most people join club baseball in the first place.

(Colorado State) – *Get more teams in and in case of a tie breaker it allows for more teams to get a chance*

(Clemson) – *This this will reduce the number of teams “checking out” later in the season. Our shortened seasons make sense logistically, but make our seasons too much like football. If you lose one series, your season can be over. I’ve heard of teams that don’t want to play conference games until April because they said their own teams will check out if they lose and have no chance in February. I think it will generate more buy-in, create more hype with the addition of a selection show, and better represent the national talent pool. It will still take into account geographical locations (we don’t have the money to make it as diverse as the NCAA), but it won’t keep the playoffs completely locked by geography any longer. If deserving teams can get there, they can play.*

(Boston) – *I would like to see the expansion of the number of playoff teams in each region from 4 teams to 8. This would include the top 2 teams from each division and two wildcard teams using the criteria that is already in place. They would be split into two groups of 4, and then the winners would play a three-game super regional series the following weekend for a spot in the World Series. The team with the better regular season win % can host the super regional series.*

You could even increase it to 6 teams and have a wild card weekend where 1 and 2 get a bye to regionals, and 3v6, 4v5 play a 9-inning game for a spot at the regionals.

12% of teams make the NCBA playoffs per year. That number is conceptually too low compared to other leagues, given the talent on these teams.

Speaking on behalf of the guys from the New England region, where we play conference games in both the fall and spring, having a bad fall can completely take you out of the running before the spring even starts. Our team takes half of our players during the winter, so in certain years, we’re out of the running before our team is even complete.

I also think, in general, expanding the playoff field will help discourage forfeiting and make for more exciting playoff races down the stretch. Introducing a super regional will create a super fun atmosphere at the host’s stadium and will drive up the interest in club baseball.



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(Marist) - We want to do away with the at-large bid/four-team playoff and replace it with a six-team playoff with no subjective selection process. This rule change is based on the New England region (three conferences of six teams), but the exact playoff format can be altered depending on how

many conferences and teams a region has. The core of the proposal is that the at-large bid should be discontinued and the playoffs expanded.

The top two seeds will receive a first-round bye while seed Nos. 3-6 will play a single-elimination wild card round. The two wild card winners will move on to face the top two seeds in a double elimination tournament. This proposed tournament features only one additional game when compared to the current format.

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

Regional playoffs are to have 6 seeds with conference winners taking the first 2-3 and At-Large Bids taking the last 3-4. The teams will be seeded in the regional based on SOS or RPI.

3.03.0 Regional Playoff Seeding

3.03.1 Seeding for all opening round NCBA Regional post-season playoff games will be:

3.03.1.1 At-Large bids will be seeded 4th through 6th by Conference win percentage, then Overall win percentage, then Top 20 Poll, then coin toss.

3.03.1.2 Conference winners will be seeded first by Conference win percentage,

In a 6 team qualifying regional the 1 and 2 seeds will receive 1st round byes, while the opening round match ups will be the number 3 and number 6 while the 4 and 5 seeds play

3.02.0: Every conference champion and runner-up qualifies for the six-team regional tournament.

3.02.1: The three conference champions will be seeds Nos. 1-3, with seeding determined by the seeding rule outlined in 3.03.1.2. The runners-up will be seeds Nos. 4-6, with seeding also determined by the seeding rule outlined in 3.03.1.2.

3.02.2: Tournament Structure:

3.02.2.1: Seed Nos. 1 and 2 receive a first-round bye. In a single elimination wild card round on day one of the tournament, seed No. 3 will play seed No. 6 and seed No. 4 will play seed No. 5.

NO VOTE

NCBA Note – Expanding the current playoff format brings on challenges for both the NCBA & those teams participating. Logistically, it creates more games throughout an already tight weekend. No playoff team should play 3 nine inning games in a day, as starting the event Thursday is most likely necessary. Most schools are already working around classes, exams and/or graduation. Financially, it'll increase expenses for teams (additional day of traveling & lodging) along with the NCBA (additional travel costs & increased operating costs due to more games (field time/umpires).

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Looking ahead, we're interested in exploring the feasibility of adding a 5th team into the bracket in the future. While it won't be implemented for the 26/27 season, it is something we're committed to evaluating with the help of team's feedback moving forward.



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DII & DIII ONLY

Name?

Chad Lowe

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

NCBA DII Rules Representative

Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?

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?

17.05.2

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

Clear-up the differences between the DII and DIII language on reentry for DH if terminated. They are worded differently between the two. Also, need more details on why if the DH is terminated, they are not allowed to re-enter as a position player.

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

The rule wording is confusing and a little unclear. Additionally, a Pitcher is allowed to be removed and become the DH, but cannot reenter. They could reenter if they were pulled as a pitcher the way the rule reads in 16.04.

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

1st: at minimum match the wording between DII and DIII on 17.05.2.1.2

2nd: review the interpretation between rule 16 and 17 as these seem to contradict each other.

NO VOTE

NCBA Note – No vote needed due to no rules being changed. Rule verbiage will be addressed & corrected as needed.



DI ONLY

Name?

Caden Colangelo

Which team are you associated with?

Clemson / NCBA DI Rules Rep

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?

3.00.0

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

I'd like to see an expanded 6-team playoff format with proportional bids based on region size, at-large bids, and seeding chosen based on a quantifiable metric such as RPI (Ratings Percentage Index), and potentially offer at large bids/cross-regional play in regionals.

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

I think that this will reduce the number of teams "checking out" later in the season. Our shortened seasons make sense logistically but make our seasons too much like football. If you lose one series, your season can be over. I've heard of teams that don't want to play conference games until April because they said their own teams will check out if they lose & have no chance in February. I think it will generate more buy-in, create more hype with the addition of a selection show, and better represent the national talent pool. It will still take into account geographical locations (we don't have the money to make it as diverse as the NCAA), but it won't keep the playoffs completely locked by geography any longer. If deserving teams can get there, they can play.

Currently, there is nothing stopping multiple teams in a tougher conference from having one or both of their next best teams being knocked out, although they could win another conference in another part of the country. Year to year, talent and success vary across the country, by region,



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and by conference. Our playoff format should be dynamic too, in order to accommodate these changes.

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

3.00.00 (Determining Conference Standing/At-Large Bids/Playoff Seeding)

Regional playoffs will be a 6-team double-elimination format. Each conference winner will be granted an automatic bid into their regional playoffs. Each region will have a minimum of 1 National/Neighboring Region At-Large reserved for the next best RPI excluded from NCBA playoffs (this could be a team from the same region). The remaining playoff bids will be allocated as either Regional-specific At-Large bids or as a National/Neighboring Region At-Large bid proportionally based on the number of teams in each region (with larger regions receiving more guaranteed Regional-specific At-Large bids than those of smaller regions). The three conference winners will be seeded by RPI and assume the 1, 2, and 3 seeded positions. The remaining bids will be seeded by RPI regardless of bid designation (Regional-specific At-Large vs. National/Neighboring Region At-Large bids).

NO VOTE

NCBA Note – Possible playoff expansion was addressed through a prior proposal.



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DII ONLY

Name?

Multiple Entries

Which team are you associated with?

Multiple Entries

What is your role with the team?

Multiple Entries

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?

4.07.0

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

Create earlier mercy rules

(Dave Stull) - I would propose adding a 12 run mercy rule to be implemented after 4 innings.

(Stanford) - Our team would like the mercy rule to be moved up from five innings to also include a mercy rule after four innings. Our idea is that this mercy rule would be up twelve by four innings (or maybe fifteen).

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

(Dave Stull) - Allow games that are out of hand to end sooner.

(Stanford) - We would like to see this rule adopted because multiple games last season had a run differential of over 10-15 runs in the third inning. Prolonging these games to 5 innings is not helpful to anyone. The reason why we want a run rule in the fourth inning allows at least half of the game to be played (similar to the mlb only counting rain-outs as official games after they've played 5 innings and since D2 only plays 7 innings) and lowering the mercy rule.



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

(Dave Stull) - I would propose adding a 12 run mercy rule to be implemented after 4 innings. Keep the current 10 run after 5 innings.

(Stanford) - If a team is up by ten or more runs at the end of five or more full innings or a team is up by fifteen or more runs at the end of four innings, that team is declared the winner, and play must be stopped.

SHOULD THE GAME BE CALLED WHEN A TEAM IS UP 12+ RUNS AFTER 4 INNINGS?

DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 1



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Name?

Multiple Entries

Which team are you associated with?

Multiple Entries

What is your role with the team?

Multiple Entries

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?

18.01.00

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

Bring back Courtesy Runners

(Kansas State) - I would like the courtesy runner to come back for the pitcher and catcher, (batter last out/designated player set at the beginning of the game)

(Dave Stull) - Allow courtesy runner for catchers

(Denver) - I would like to see the rule modified to allow a courtesy runner with 2 outs for the catcher.

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

(Kansas State) - We have several injuries to our catchers specifically running my the bases, they were vocal about disliking the rule change last year. Sometimes we only have one catcher, and they are very prone to injury after catching over 20 innings in 2 days. It also allows teams to get more players involved, so we can play guys that may not be talented enough to start. This rule change last year made making the lineup harder because less people were able to play in a game.



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(Dave Stull) - It would speed up the time between innings when the catcher has been on base when the final out of the inning is made.

(Denver) - The current no-courtesy-runner rule can actually slow the pace of play. The biggest example is when the catcher reaches base with two outs. Instead of preparing for defense, the catcher remains on base until the inning ends, forcing everyone to wait while they put on their catching gear before the next inning starts. Allowing a courtesy runner exclusively for the catcher with two outs would speed up transitions between innings without providing a significant competitive advantage. The change would improve pace of play while keeping the game fair for both teams.

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

(Kansas State) - A designated runner is allowed to run the bases for a catcher or pitcher. The runner must be one of two options: 1. The last batted out. 2. a player listed on the bench at the start of the game (this benched player must be the only designated runner to run for either the catcher or pitcher position. A second designated runner is allowed to run for the other position group).

(Dave Stull) - Courtesy runners will be allowed for catchers only in Division II games

(Denver) -

18.01.1 When there are two (2) outs and the catcher of record reaches base safely, either as a batter or runner, the offensive team may use a courtesy runner.

18.01.1.1 The courtesy runner must be either an eligible player currently on the bench who has not entered the game or the player who recorded the most recent out. The courtesy runner does not count as a substitution.

18.01.1.2 The courtesy runner is provided solely to allow the catcher to prepare for the defensive half-inning and does not count as a substitution.

18.01.1.3 If no eligible player is available to serve as the courtesy runner, no courtesy runner may be used.

SHOULD COURTESY RUNNERS BE ALLOWED IN DIVISION II?

DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 2



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Name?

Ryan Lancaster

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA Front Office

What is your role with the team?

Director of DII Baseball Operations

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?

3.01.2

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

Bump up the eligibility for postseason from 1 non-con game to 2 non-con games.

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

I think this will help the playoff be more competitive and help us determine at-large bids easier in some scenarios. There are some instances where teams can go an entire season playing half their games and half being forfeits with only one non-con game and make the playoffs as an at-large bid. An extra required game can help with some teams getting over the all-region/American requirement.

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

For a team to be eligible to win their conference or receive an At-Large Bid, they must have played a minimum of 2 non-conference games excluding unplayed forfeits.

PREVIOUSLY, NCBA DII SCHOOLS WERE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE 1 NON-CONFERENCE GAME TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE POSTSEASON – SHOULD THAT NOW BE INCREASED TO 2 GAMES?

PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0, 1 ABSTAIN



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Name?

Mike Schiavone

Which team are you associated with?

Marist 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?

1.01.2

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

Instead of requiring teams in the New England, New Penn, Chesapeake, and Northern Plains' regions to schedule one conference series in the fall, they should be required to schedule at least two and play at least one conference series in the fall.

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

Over the past couple of seasons, several teams have struggled to get all of their conference games in after not playing any during the fall. Multiple teams have resorted to scheduling mid-week games and more than three games in a weekend in order to play nearly all of their conference games in a very short period of time before the end of the spring season. The weather in the spring is considerably more unpredictable than the fall, especially considering teams in these regions cannot reasonably consider playing until early-mid March. Teams also typically lose three weekends (two for spring break, one for Easter) that could otherwise be used to play in the spring. Therefore, attempting to play an entire conference slate in the spring is incredibly difficult and often results in scrambling to schedule games, and sometimes, an inability to play all 15 conference games.

This also can create scheduling issues for teams that do play all of their conference games before the regular season's final weekend. In 2025-26, Marist was looking for an opponent to play during the final weekend in an effort to improve their odds of being selected as the at-large bid. Despite contacting 17 different teams, Marist was unable to secure an opponent. This is in part because every team in the New England East conference — which makes up a large chunk



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of the teams within a reasonable travel distance from Marist — had conference games scheduled during the final week. Mandating teams to play in the fall will make it easier for teams to get all of their conference games in and provide greater opportunity to add non-conference games near the end of the season.

Ultimately, teams in the aforementioned regions should be treating the fall as the bulk portion of their season. There are far more playable weekends in the fall when considering weather, spring break, and Easter. While it may not be feasible to force teams into that sort of thinking, we believe there should be some sort of mandate that teams use the fall to an extent.

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

1.01.2: Any team that is located in the New England, New Penn (new name TBD), Chesapeake, or Northern Plains Region will be required to schedule two conference series and play at least one in the fall.

1.01.2.1: Weather is the only acceptable reason to not play at least one conference series in the fall. If weather forces the cancellation of both scheduled fall series, teams can reschedule them in the spring (they do not have to be rescheduled in the fall).

1.01.2.2: Any teams that fail to play a fall conference series for any reason other than weather:

a- will be ineligible to qualify for the playoffs in the given year (except in unique circumstance, see 1.01.2.4)

b - lose their entire performance bond for the year (\$300)

1.01.2.3: Teams may decide to move one of their scheduled fall conference series to the spring with no penalty, but they do so at their own risk — if any factor other than weather forces the cancellation of their other fall series, they will face the penalty outlined in 1.01.2.2.

1.01.2.4: In unique circumstances, teams that do not successfully play one fall conference series for reasons other than weather may apply for a waiver from the NCBA to maintain playoff eligibility. Waivers will be issued at the discretion of the NCBA.

NO VOTE

NCBA Note – No rule change needed, but a point we will push to teams playing in the Fall.



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DIII ONLY

Name?

Multiple Entries

Which team are you associated with?

Multiple Entries

What is your role with the team?

Multiple Entries

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?

17.02 – Allow the DH to hit for any position player

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

(Cleveland State) - Instead of the DH only being available for the pitcher, we would like to have the option to have the DH replace any position player in the batting lineup.

(Catholic) - Allow the DH to hit for a position player

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

(Cleveland State) - We run low on guys and sometimes we have to put players who are Pitchers Only into the field and play out of position. It would be nice to have those guys be DHed for. It also gives us a better chance to allow all players on our team to get an opportunity to play.

(Catholic) - Allowing a DH for a position player gives teams more flexibility while increasing participation. Managers can keep their best defensive players on the field while putting their strongest hitters in the lineup, creating more strategic roster decisions rather than limiting them.



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This rule also allows more players to get into games, which is especially important in DIII club because of larger rosters. Many of the league's best pitchers are also some of its best hitters, so a position-player DH gives teams more options without forcing them to sacrifice offense or defense.

This is already allowed in many high school leagues, so it is a proven rule that increases flexibility and gets more players involved.

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

(Cleveland State) - The Designated Hitter may be used to hit for any position player in the lineup.

(Catholic) - DH may be used for the pitcher or any position player

CAN DIVISION III SCHOOLS DH FOR PLAYERS OUTSIDE OF THE PITCHER?

DOES NOT PASS: 9 VOTES TO 0



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Name?

Miles Salvi

Which team are you associated with?

DePaul University

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?

17.01.0

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

Allow for 1 Extra Hitter only at the Division 3 level.

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

At the Division 3 level, we are looking to get as many people playing time as possible, so the Extra Hitter allows us extra flexibility in how we get people into games. Through conversations I've had with other club officers throughout the season, they also were sad to see the Extra Hitter go away this past season. It hurt our ability to put together our best lineups because we had to sit some of our top hitters to get others in the game.

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

The Designated Hitter and one Extra Hitter are the only players outside of the nine position players in the field to be eligible to bat in NCBA Sanctioned Games. Any additional players or Extra Hitters other than the ones allowed outside of the nine position players are prohibited.

CAN DIVISION III SCHOOLS USE AN EXTRA HITTER IN THEIR LINEUP?

DOES NOT PASS: 9 VOTES TO 0



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Name?

Jacob Kortenber

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA Front Office

What is your role with the team?

Director of Division III Baseball Ops

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?

1.01.0

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

Remove the option for 3-game conference series.

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

There has not been a singular conference that voted for 3-game series at the Division III level in the last 2 years. We should just make it 2 game series for everyone all around so that we have a set differential in between DII and DIII. This also makes it a whole lot easier for DIII teams logistically, as if doubleheaders are played every series, there would very rarely be scenarios where teams would have to stay in hotels.

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

1.01.0 All NCBA District Play will be broken up into 2-game series.

Eliminate 1.01.1

MANDATE ALL DIVISION III CONFERENCE SERIES ARE 2 GAME SERIES

PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 1, 1 ABSTAIN



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Name?

Chad Lowe

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA

What is your role with the team?

NCBA DII Rules Representative

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?

6.05.3

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

Prohibit appearing for both teams in same weekend and require designation deadlines.

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

Reduces risk for players being injured, teams loading up and playing their 3 best players in a weekend or in playoffs.

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

Add wording that players can not appear in the same weekend for both teams including playoffs.

NO PLAYER ROSTERED ON ANY SCHOOLS DIVISION II & III CLUB CAN APPEAR FOR BOTH TEAMS IN THE SAME WEEKEND – INCLUDING PLAYOFFS

PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 3

NCBA Note – This rule was initially created to help schools who had both a Division II & Division III club have roster flexibility to help field a team when needed. This rule was not to create advantages for schools to utilize the same players for both teams at the same time consistently.



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Name?

Jacob Kortenber

Which team are you associated with?

NCBA Front Office

What is your role with the team?

Director of Division III Baseball Ops

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?

17.05.1

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

Take out "(10-player lineup)" in the rule.

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

This makes it so that teams believe that 10-player batting lineups are allowed when not fully reading through the rule.

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

17.05.1: Pitcher or DH is moved to a defensive position.

NO VOTE

NCBA Note – No rule change proposed. Clean up existing rules verbiage.