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Definitions

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**NOTE: The National Club Baseball Association follows the [NCAA Div 1 rules of play](#) with the following exceptions listed below.**

- 1.00.00 (Conference Play)
  - 1.01.0 All NCBA conference play will be broken up into 4-game, 3-game, or 2-game series.
    - 1.01.1 While teams are allowed to play triple headers, they can never be forced to play 3 regular season conference games in a single day.
    - 1.01.2 When submitting scheduling requests for Conference Play, teams are only permitted to request two of the following off:
      - 1.01.2.1 Easter Weekend
      - 1.01.2.2 First Weekend of Spring Break
      - 1.01.2.3 Last Weekend of Spring Break
  - 1.02.0 3- Team Conferences
    - 1.02.1 NCBA teams in conferences made up of three or fewer teams will play both a 4-game series and a 3-game series against each conference opponent during a single NCBA season.
    - 1.02.2 NCBA teams in conferences made up of three or fewer teams will alternate which series (4-game or 3-game) they play home and away with each conference opponent from one NCBA season to the next.
    - 1.02.3 Example: If Virginia Tech played a 4-game series at Radford and hosted Radford for a 3-game series at Virginia Tech during the 2007 NCBA season, Radford will play a 4-game series at Virginia Tech and host Virginia Tech for a 3-game series during the 2008 NCBA season.
  - 1.03.0 4 Team Conferences
    - 1.03.1 NCBA teams in conferences made up of four teams will play both a 3-game series and a 2-game series against each conference opponent during a single NCBA season.
    - 1.03.2 NCBA teams in conferences made up of four teams will alternate which series (3-game or 2-game) they play home and away with each conference opponent from one NCBA season to the next.
    - 1.03.3 Example: If Virginia Tech played a 3-game series at Radford and hosted Radford for a 2-game series at Virginia Tech during the 2007 NCBA season, Radford will play a 3-game series at Virginia Tech and host Virginia Tech for a 2-game series during the 2008 NCBA season.
  - 1.04.0 5+ Team Conferences
    - 1.04.1 NCBA teams in conferences made up of five or more teams will play either a home 3-game series or an away 3-game series (but not both) against each conference opponent during a single NCBA season.
    - 1.04.2 NCBA teams in conferences made up of five or more teams will alternate their home and away 3-game series with each conference opponent from one NCBA season to the next.

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- 1.04.3 Example: If Virginia Tech played a 3-game series at Radford during the 2007 NCBA season, Radford will play a 3-game series at Virginia Tech during the 2008 NCBA season.
- 1.05.0 Rain Outs
- 1.05.1 In the event that an NCBA conference game(s) would be rained out, the teams have until midnight Thursday of the week following the week that the game(s) were originally scheduled to be played to mutually agree upon a make up date and submit it to their Conference Coordinator for approval.
- 1.05.2 Should the teams fail to mutually agree upon the make up date, the Conference Coordinator will officially set the make up date at his/her discretion.
- 1.06.0 Non-Conference Games
- 1.06.1 All NCBA teams are welcome and encouraged to supplement their conference schedule with non-conference games against: NCBA Member Club Baseball Teams, Non-NCBA Collegiate Club Baseball Teams, and any other Collegiate Baseball Team.
- 1.06.2 Conference games ALWAYS take top priority over non-conference games, and it is possible non-conference games may need to be bumped from the schedule in order to make up rained out conference games.
- 1.07.0 Conclusion of Conference Play
- 1.07.1 Conference play officially concludes at midnight of the Sunday prior to the scheduled start of the Regional Playoffs.
- 1.07.2 No additional conference games may be played after the official conclusion of conference play, even if games that were rained out have not yet been able to be made up.
- 2.00.00 (Inter-League Play)
- 2.01.0 Any game played between an NCBA Division I team and an NCBA Division II team must be played using NCBA Division I Rules of play.
- 2.02.0 Any game between the NCBA Division I team of a College or University and that same school's NCBA Division II team is automatically considered an **Exhibition Baseball Game**.
- 2.03.0 Effective July 1, 2010 no baseball team holding membership in the NCBA may compete in another baseball league which runs simultaneously as the NCBA season.**
- 3.00.00 (Determining Conference Standing/At-Large Bids)
- 3.01.0 Determining Conference Standing
- 3.01.1 For a team to be eligible to win their conference, the total number of conference games they played must equal or exceed 75% of the average number of conference games played by all teams in their conference including forfeits.
- 3.01.2 For a team to be eligible to win their conference or receive an At-Large Bid, they must have played a minimum of 3 non-conference games excluding forfeits.
- 3.01.3 The first criterion for determining conference standing is conference-winning percentage.
- 3.01.4 The first tiebreaker for determining conference standing is conference game head to head results.
- 3.01.5 The next tiebreaker for determining conference standing is conference game results versus the next best conference team.
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- 3.01.6 The next tiebreaker for determining conference standing is the lower average of runs allowed per conference game played excluding forfeits.
  - 3.01.7 The final tiebreaker for determining conference standing is a coin toss.
  - 3.02.0 At-Large Bids
    - 3.02.1 On occasion the opportunity arises for one or more teams that do not win their conference to be selected to make the Regional Playoffs as an At-Large Bid.
    - 3.02.2 All teams selected to receive an At-Large Bid are chosen at the NCBA's discretion.
  - 4.00.00 (Game Length)
    - 4.01.0 NCBA Spring Training Showcase
      - 4.01.1 All **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games** played at the NCBA Spring Training Showcase will be played in a 7-inning format.
      - 4.01.2 Mercy Rule 4.06.0 will remain in effect during all NCBA Spring Training Showcase games.
    - 4.02.0 Regular Season
      - 4.02.1 Any Double Header regular season **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** will be played in a 7-inning format.
      - 4.02.2 Any single (Non Double Header) regular season **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** will be played in a 9-inning format.
        - 4.02.2.1 An exemption to this is, if a game was previously cancelled due to inclement weather and is being rescheduled to be played mid week, it may be played in a 7-inning format if approved by the NCBA front office.
        - 4.02.2.2 Requests to play a make-up game in a 7-inning format must be received (In writing) by the Conference Coordinator overseeing those games, no less than 48 hours in advance of the games scheduled start time.
      - 4.02.3 Mercy rule 4.06.0 will be in effect during all NCBA Regular Season games.
      - 4.02.4 If a team is winning at the end of five or more full innings and the official declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, the team that is ahead at the end of the last completed inning is declared the winner.
      - 4.02.5 If the score is tied at the end of five or more full innings OR if five full innings have not been played when the official declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, a **HALTED GAME RULE** will be in effect during NCBA Regular Season play.
        - 4.02.5.1 A regular season game that has been stopped prior to five or more full innings being played OR before a winner can be declared because of inclement weather, darkness, light failure or curfew will be continued at the next available opportunity as set forth by the Regional Director.
        - 4.02.5.2 A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the lineups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution; any player (or pitcher) who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.
        - 4.02.5.3 A halted game, when resumed will be played in the exact game length format in which it was started, and will continue until a winner is declared.
        - 4.02.5.4 Stats from this game will not count until the game is concluded and should not be submitted to the league.
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- 4.03.0 Regional Playoffs
- 4.03.1 All NCBA Regional post-season playoff games will be planned to be played in a 9-inning format.
- 4.03.1.1 It is at the discretion of the Regional Director whether it is logistically feasible to host the regional tournament in a 9-inning format. If deemed unfeasible, the Regional Director has the authority to alter the format of all or part of the regional tournament as deemed necessary to a 7-inning format.
- 4.03.2 Mercy rule 4.06.0 WILL be in effect during Regional post-season play.
- 4.03.3 A HALTED GAME RULE will be in effect during Regional post-season play.
- 4.03.3.1 A Regional post-season game that has been stopped at any time after its start because of inclement weather, darkness, light failure or curfew will be continued at the next available opportunity as set forth by the Regional Tournament Director.
- 4.03.3.2 A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the lineups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution; any player (or pitcher) who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.
- 4.03.3.3 A halted game, when resumed will be played in the exact game length format in which it was started, and will continue until a winner is declared.
- 4.04.0 National Championship World Series
- 4.04.1 All NCBA World Series post-season games will be played in a 9-inning format.
- 4.04.2 Mercy rule 4.06.0 will NOT be in effect during World Series post-season play.
- 4.04.3 A HALTED GAME RULE will be in effect during National Championship World Series play.
- 4.04.3.1 A World Series game that has been stopped at any time after its start because of inclement weather, darkness, light failure or curfew will be continued at the next available opportunity as set forth by the National Championship Tournament Director.
- 4.04.3.2 A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the lineups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution; any player (or pitcher) who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.
- 4.04.3.3 A halted game, when resumed will be played in the exact game length format in which it was started, and will continue until a winner is declared.
- 4.05.0 All games with the score tied at the end of nine innings (Seven for double headers and Regional post-season games) will continue into extra innings until a winner is declared. If the game is still tied when the official declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, the game remains tied until the game can be completed at a future date.
- 4.06.0 Mercy Rule:
- 4.06.1 7-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.
- 4.06.2 9-inning Game: If a team is up by ten or more runs at the end of seven or more full innings, that team is declared the winner, and play must be stopped.

- 4.06.3 If the home team does not need to bat in their bottom half of the inning in order to go up by ten or more runs, then they are declared the winner, and play must be stopped.
- 4.06.4 This rule is not in effect during World Series post-season play.

## 5.00.00 (Line Up Cards)

- 5.01.0 Prior to the start of any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**, a line up card must be submitted to both the opposing team and the home plate umpire.
- 5.02.0 The line up card must designate a manager/head coach for the team for that particular game.
  - 5.02.1 In the event that the line up card does not designate a manager/head coach, by default who ever turns the line up card in to the home plate umpire is designated the manager/head coach for that particular game even if it's a player.
  - 5.02.2 The designated manager/head coach in a particular game will be charged for mound visits in that game in accordance with NCAA rules. (3 per game, 1 per inning)
- 5.03.0 The line up card must list the last name and number worn during that particular game for all starting players and available substitutes.
  - 5.03.1 Only substitutes listed on the line up card are eligible to compete in that particular game.

## 6.00.00 (Roster Size)

- 6.01.0 The official eligible NCBA roster is limited to no more than 33 players.
- 6.02.0 The 33 players listed on the roster are the **ONLY** players allowed to compete in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**.
  - 6.02.1 Any team found playing a player (in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**) not on the current official roster will be issued a forfeit for all games that the above-mentioned player has competed in.
  - 6.02.2 Any team found playing any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** with ZERO players on their eligible roster will **AUTOMATICALLY** be forced to forfeit any victories achieved while having no eligible roster.
    - 6.02.2.1 Additionally the team is **AUTOMATICALLY** placed on probation.
    - 6.02.2.2 Player statistics for both teams of a game forfeited due to a participating team having no eligible roster **DO NOT** count.
    - 6.02.2.3 In the event that an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** is played with neither team having an eligible roster, then the game itself and the player statistics from that game **DO NOT** count and both teams are **AUTOMATICALLY** placed on probation.
- 6.03.0 Each player, coach and manager on the roster **MUST** have a signed liability waiver on file with the NCBA.
  - 6.03.1 Any team found playing a player (in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**) without a liability waiver on file with the NCBA **may** be removed from the NCBA without reimbursement.
- 6.04.0 Each team is allowed to add players to 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.
  - 6.04.1 At no time can a team remove players from their roster.

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- 6.04.2 No more than 3 players rostered on a school's NCBA Division II team can be added to the roster of that school's NCBA Division I team in a single NCBA season.
- 6.05.0 Players are not deemed eligible to participate in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** until their paperwork has been processed with the league. When the player appears on the team's roster, which is available on the Official NCBA Website ([www.clubbaseball.org](http://www.clubbaseball.org)), then that player is then eligible to compete in **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**.
- 7.00.00 (Eligibility)
- 7.01.0 Players are not deemed eligible to participate in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** until their paperwork has been processed with the league. When the player appears on the team's roster, which is available on the Official NCBA Website ([www.clubbaseball.org](http://www.clubbaseball.org)), then that player is then eligible to compete in **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**.
- 7.02.0 Any team found playing an ineligible player will be penalized by forfeiting all games that that ineligible player participated in while holding an ineligible status.
- 7.03.0 All players playing in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** MUST be a member of the Institution, which that team represents. An example is that no member of the University of Texas may play for the Texas A&M Baseball Club.
- 7.03.1 Students from a school's Satellite campus ARE eligible to participate on the main campus's club baseball team, given that the satellite campus does not have its own NCBA sanctioned baseball team.
- 7.03.2 Players who begin the spring season as a registered student and then graduate in the middle of the season will remain eligible to compete for the remainder of the season.
- 7.04.0 A player with any previous professional experience in the sport of baseball is NOT eligible to play in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**.
- 7.05.0 Faculty members are NOT eligible to play in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**.
- 7.06.0 A player playing in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** MUST hold **Full-Time Status** with that team's College or University.
- 7.06.1 An exception is if a **Final Semester Student** requires less than a Full-Time load in order to graduate.
- 7.06.2 An exception is if a player who begins the spring season as a registered student and then graduates in the middle of the season will remain eligible to compete for the remainder of the season.
- 7.07.0 Any player playing in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** MUST have enrolled with **Full-Time Status** before their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- 7.07.1 The only exception is if a Student went straight from High School to the Military and then enrolled full time in college during the semester immediately following their discharge from the military.
- 7.07.2 In this case, the student athlete will only be granted the amount of eligibility left had he/she started their freshman year at age 24.
- 7.08.0 Each student-athlete shall complete his five seasons of participation in intercollegiate baseball within six calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full time program of studies in a

collegiate institution, with time spent in the armed services, on official church missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S government being excepted.

7.08.1 For foreign students, service in the armed forces or on an official church mission of the student's home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States.

7.08.2 If a student-athlete enrolls in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following the completion of any one of the commitments described in the exceptions in this bylaw, the elapsed time (i.e. the exact number of calendar days) between completion of the commitment and the first opportunity for enrollment may be added to the exact number of days served on active duty in the armed services or on an official church mission and will not count toward student-athlete's six year eligibility. It is not permissible to extend the six-year period by additional time beyond the first opportunity to enroll; i.e. the opening day of classes of the first regular term at the institution in which the student athlete enrolls as a regular student immediately following the termination of the active duty commitment.

7.09.0 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.

7.10.0 If a player is injured and is unable to play any part of a season, he may file an appeal for a medical red shirt. If the appeal is granted, the player may be granted an additional season of competition. All appeals must be filed with the NCBA Commissioner and are granted at the Commissioner's discretion.

7.11.0 NCBA rules indicate that any competition, regardless of time, during an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** counts as a season of competition. It does not matter how long the player was involved in a particular game (for example, one at bat, one pitch, one pinch running appearance), the player is charged with one season of competition.

## 8.00.00 (Academic Eligibility)

8.01.0 At the time of any roster submission, a letter from the academic institution must be submitted to the NCBA listing that each player holds a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and is not on academic warning or probation.

8.02.0 Teams in the North Atlantic Region are required to submit a 2<sup>nd</sup> academic eligibility letter prior to the start of the spring portion of their conference season in order to reconfirm that all rostered players remain academically eligible.

## 9.00.00 (Uniforms)

### 9.01.0 Definition

9.01.1 The following items have been determined to be considered part of the team uniform and thus must match the rest of the team: Hat, Jersey Top and associated decorations and trim, Pants and associated trim, Belt Color, Sock Color, Exposed Under Sleeve Color.

9.01.2 The following items have been determined to be exempt from having to match the rest of team: Sock style, Catchers Gear Color.

### 9.02.0 Penalty

9.02.1 In the event that a player and/or coach is not dressed in uniform with the rest of the team, the umpire is to give that player/coach an opportunity to get into uniform or else is AUTOMATICALLY ejected from that game.

9.03.0 Players Uniform

9.03.1 The NCBA will adhere to all NCAA requirements regarding player's uniforms excluding the following exceptions.

9.03.1.1 It is **NOT** required that each team have **TWO** sets of uniform jerseys of contrasting colors.

**9.03.1.1.1 Effective July 1, 2013 this rule will be revoked and all NCBA DI teams will be required to carry two sets of uniform jerseys of contrasting colors.**

9.03.1.2 It is the responsibility of the visiting team to wear a contrasting uniform color to the jersey worn by the home team **ONLY** if a contrasting uniform color is available.

**9.03.1.2.1 Effective July 1, 2013 it will be the responsibility of the visiting team to wear a contrasting uniform jersey color to the jersey worn by the home team during any NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game.**

**9.03.1.2.2 Effective July 1, 2013 the penalty for any player/coach of a visiting team that is not wearing a contrasting jersey color to the home team will be as follows:**

**9.03.1.2.2.1 The umpire will give any/all players/coaches in violation one opportunity to change their jersey in order to become compliant with the rule.**

**9.03.1.2.2.2 Should the player/coach fail to come in to compliance, they will be **AUTOMATICALLY** ejected from the game.**

9.04.0 Coaches Uniform

9.04.1 The NCBA will adhere to all NCAA requirements regarding coach's uniforms excluding the following exceptions.

9.04.1.1 A coach may wear a jacket or windshirt **OVER** the uniform top provided it is a team issued item, which matches the team's colors.

9.04.1.2 When coaching the bases, the uniform game jersey must be worn. If a team jacket or windshirt is worn, it **MAY** be worn **OVER** the official uniform provided it is a team issued item, which matches the team's colors and is of a non-distracting nature.

9.05.0 Official Hat of the NCBA

9.05.1 All players and coaches on teams holding membership in the NCBA will be required to wear the officially designated brand of baseball hat (Richardson) during all **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**.

9.05.1.1 Failure to comply with this rule will result in a player being deemed "Out of Uniform" and thus ineligible to participate in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** while out of uniform.

9.05.2 All players and coaches on teams holding membership in the NCBA will be required to wear a hat featuring the official NCBA logo (see 8.03.2.1) during all **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**.

**9.05.2.1** The logo for the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA) features the letters "NCBA" in a large, green, serif font. To the right of the letters is a white baseball with red stitching and the "NCBA" logo on it. The entire logo is set against a background of horizontal green lines.

**9.05.2.2** Teams may choose the color in which the letters N-C-B-A will be embroidered on their hats.

9.05.2.3 Failure to comply with this rule will result in a player being deemed “Out of Uniform” and thus ineligible to participate in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** while out of uniform.

10.00.00 (Jewelry)

10.01.0 Jewelry may be worn during **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, unless the umpire feels the item is of a direct safety hazard.

11.00.00 (Bat Rules)

11.01.0 The NCBA follows NCAA Bat Rules which states that only bats that are BBCOR certified are legal for use.

**11.01.1 Until July 1, 2011 the NCBA will also deem BESR certified ALUMINUM barreled bats as legal for use.**

11.01.2 BESR certified COMPOSITE barreled bats will remain ILLEGAL for use.

11.01.3 The penalty for a player who uses an illegal bat (per NCAA rules) are as follows:

11.01.3.1 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.

11.01.3.2 If the bat is detected after the first pitch of the at bat and prior to the first pitch to the next batter, the bat is to be removed from the game, the batter is declared out, and the runners are not allowed to advance. If the player tries to use an illegal bat again in that game, he is **AUTOMATICALLY** ejected.

12.00.00 (Official League Ball)

12.01.0 The official league ball of the NCBA will be the A.D. Starr AD600N professional baseball featuring the NCBA logo.

12.02.0 During **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, the home team is responsible for providing a sufficient quantity of official league baseballs for each competition.

12.03.0 Any game played without the official league ball will result in a forfeit against the home team.

13.00.00 (Medical Personnel)

13.01.0 While it is not required for the home team to provide on site medical personnel (i.e., trainer or EMT), the home team is required to provide some sort of communications equipment capable of summoning medical personnel in the event of an emergency (i.e., telephone, cell phone, or CB radio).

14.00.00 (Umpires)

14.01.0 During **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, the home team is responsible for providing umpires for each competition.

14.02.0 It is the responsibility of the home team to provide the umpires with a copy of the Official NCBA Rules prior to the start of each game.

14.03.0 The umpires **MUST** be of High School certified or higher.

14.03.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that umpires be Junior College certified or higher.

**14.03.2 It is RECOMMENDED that umpires be NCBA CERTIFIED if available.**

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- 14.03.3 Legion certified umpires are acceptable.
- 14.03.4 An umpire is deemed unqualified to umpire an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** if he/she is currently registered as a student at one of the schools scheduled to compete in that game.
- 14.04.0 It is required that the home team schedules two umpires to officiate each competition.
- 14.04.1 The game may be played provided that at least one approved umpire is present.
- 14.05.0 If no umpires have arrived within 15 minutes after the competition is officially scheduled to start, the game is forfeited to the visiting team.
- 14.06.0 If a second game of double-header is scheduled, the home team has an additional 45 minutes from the time that the first game was declared a forfeit to get NCBA approved umpires to the field or the second game is also forfeited to the visiting team.
- 15.00.00 (Field Requirements)
- 15.01.0 The NCBA encourages the use of fields with bullpens available, but acknowledges that they are not a requirement.
- 15.02.0 The NCBA encourages the use of chalked or painted Out of Play lines, but acknowledges the use of “Imaginary” Out of Play lines to be acceptable.
- 15.03.0 In the event that a home team desires to secure a home field for use during any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** that is more than 75 miles from their campus, they must seek and be granted approval by their scheduled opponent and Conference Coordinator in advance.
- 15.03.1 In this case, the home team must submit their request for approval to their scheduled opponent and Conference Coordinator (via email AND phone call) no less than 14 days prior to the first day of the scheduled week in which the respective game(s) are scheduled to be played.
- 15.03.2 In this case, the visiting team has 5 days from the date of requested approval to respond to the home team and Conference Coordinator, otherwise, the home team is granted approval by default.
- 15.03.3 In the event that the home team fails to request approval in a timely manner or is not granted approval by their scheduled opponent, they will be forced to find a field closer to campus or forfeit the game(s).
- 15.03.4 However, in the event that the home team fails to request approval in a timely manner and/or the visiting team has denied the home team approval to use the field in question, yet the visiting team travels to this field in question regardless, then the NCBA will automatically assume that the visiting team approves of the use of the field in question.
- 15.04.0 In the event that a home team desires to secure a home field for use during any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** that is between 25 and 75 miles from their campus, they must notify their scheduled opponent and Conference Coordinator in advance.
- 15.04.1 In this case, the home team must submit their notification to their scheduled opponent and Conference Coordinator (via email AND phone call) no less than 7 days prior to the first day of the scheduled week in which the respective game(s) are scheduled to be played.
- 15.04.2 In the event that the home team fails to notify their opponent in a timely manner, they will be forced to find a field closer to campus or automatically be placed on probation.

16.00.00 (Reentry)

16.01.0 There is NO REENTRY allowed in any Division I NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game.

17.00.00 (Designated Hitter)

17.01.0 The NCBA follows NCAA Designated Hitter Rules which state that the designated hitter may only be used for the pitcher.

18.00.00 (Courtesy Runners)

18.01.0 There are NO COURTESY RUNNERS allowed in any Division I NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game.

19.00.00 (Slide Rules)

19.01.0 Bases

19.01.1 During all NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games, any player forced into a base may slide within one arm's length on either side of the bag in order to break up the play.

19.01.1.1 It is at the umpire's discretion on ruling if a base runner slides with an attempt to injure rather than aggressively trying to break up the play. An example would be the base runner raising his spikes to injure the fielder.

19.01.1.2 If the umpire rules that the base runner's slide is in fact with an attempt to injure, the base runner is automatically ruled OUT and ejected from the game.

19.02.0 Home Plate

19.02.1 During all NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games, the NCBA has adopted the NCAA Collision Rule regarding contact at the plate:

19.02.1.1 When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who clearly is in possession of the ball, the umpire shall judge: (1) Whether the collision by the runner was avoidable (could the runner have reached the base without colliding) or unavoidable (the runner's path to the base was blocked); (2) Whether the runner actually was attempting to reach the base (plate) or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder; or (3) Whether the runner was using flagrant contact to maliciously dislodge the ball.

**19.02.1.1.1 PENALTY—If the runner attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner shall be declared out even if the fielder loses possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all other base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the interference.**

19.02.1.1.1.1 If the fielder blocks the path of the base runner to the base (plate), the runner may make contact, slide into, or collide with a fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base or plate.

19.02.1.1.1.2 If the flagrant or malicious contact by the runner was before the runner's touching the plate, the runner shall be declared out and also ejected from the contest. The ball shall be declared dead immediately. All other base runners shall return to the bases they occupied at the time of the pitch.

19.02.1.1.1.3 If the contact was after a preceding runner had touched home plate, the preceding runner will be ruled safe, the ball becomes dead immediately and all other base runners will return to the base they had last touched before the contact.

19.02.1.1.1.4 If the runner is safe and the collision is malicious, the runner shall be ruled safe and ejected from the game. If this occurs at any base other than home, the offending team may replace the runner.

19.02.1.2 If the defensive player blocks the base (plate) or base line clearly without possession of the ball, obstruction shall be called. The umpire shall point and call, "That's obstruction." The umpire shall let the play continue until all play has ceased, call time and award any bases that are justified in Rule 2. The obstructed runner is awarded at least one base beyond the base last touched legally before the obstruction.

19.02.1.2.1 If the base runner collides flagrantly, the runner shall be declared safe on the obstruction, but will be ejected from the contest. The ball is dead.

## 20.00.00 (Hit By Pitch)

20.01.0 A batter has the right to his position in the batters box and is not required to make an attempt to get out of the way of a pitch.

20.02.0 If the umpire feels that the batter intentionally moves into the path of the ball in order to be hit by the pitch, the batter is not awarded first base and the pitch is called a ball or strike at the umpire's discretion.

## 21.00.00 (Tobacco/Drug Use)

### 21.01.0 Smokeless Tobacco Use

21.01.1 Smokeless Tobacco use is permitted during **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, both on the field and in the dugout.

21.01.2 The home team may request that Smokeless Tobacco not be used in the dugouts/field and both teams must honor the request.

### 21.02.0 Smoking

21.02.1 Smoking is prohibited by players, coaches, and managers before, during, and after any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** while at the field or in the dugout.

### 21.03.0 Drug Use

21.03.1 By signing the liability waiver each player agrees that the use of drugs, alcohol, or any other substances that could cause danger or detrimental effects upon the participant's performance as a member of this organization is strictly prohibited during NCBA Sanctioned Competition.

21.03.2 Random drug testing will not occur at any point during the NCBA sanctioned season.

## 22.00.00 (Ejections)

22.01.0 In the event that a player or coach should be ejected from an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**, it is required that the team's primary representative complete an NCBA Ejection Report and submit it via email to both the appropriate Regional Director and NCBA Commissioner.

- 22.01.1 The team's primary representative has 72 hours from the time of the ejection to complete and submit the Ejection Report.
- 22.01.2 If a team fails to report an ejection within 72 hours of the ejection, the team is automatically placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- 22.01.3 Upon reviewing the Ejection Report, the NCBA may determine that a further suspension is necessary.

## 22.02.0 Player Ejections

- 22.02.1 In the event that a player is ejected for any of the following reasons, he is AUTOMATICALLY suspended for an addition 1 game: Arguing Balls/Strikes, Arguing Safe/Out Calls, Violating ANY Slide Rule.
- 22.02.2 In the event that a player is ejected for threatening or making physical contact with an opposing player, coach, or umpire, that player is AUTOMATICALLY suspended for an additional 3 games.
- 22.02.3 In the event that a pitcher is ejected for intentionally throwing at a batter, that pitcher is AUTOMATICALLY suspended for an additional 3 games.
- 22.02.4 In the event that a player is ejected for any of the following reasons, he is NOT automatically suspended for any additional games: Uniform Violation, Use of an Illegal Bat, Use of Foul Language, Bench Jockeying.

## 22.03.0 Coach Ejections

- 22.03.1 In reference to ejections, a "coach" is defined as anyone on the bench or on the field dressed in uniform with the team who is not listed on the teams roster or on the line up card for that particular game AND includes the acting manager for that game as determined by the line up submitted to the umpire at the start of the game even if this manager is also a player (i.e. the a player/coach).
  - 22.03.1.1 There may only be one player/coach during a particular game.
- 22.03.2 In the event that a coach is ejected for threatening or making physical contact with an opposing player, coach, or umpire, that coach is AUTOMATICALLY suspended for an additional 3 games.
- 22.03.3 In the event that a coach is ejected for any of the following reasons, he is NOT automatically suspended for any additional games: Arguing Balls/Strikes, Arguing Safe/Out Calls, Uniform Violation, Use of Foul Language, Bench Jockeying, Pitcher Intentionally Threw at a Batter.

## 22.04.0 Automatic Suspensions

- 22.04.1 If a player, coach, or manager who is ejected fails to leave the premises peacefully and without further incident, they are AUTOMATICALLY suspended for 1 additional game on top of any other suspension they may have earned based upon the reason for their ejection.
- 22.04.2 Suspensions that can not be fully served during the NCBA season in which they were accrued will carry over and be served at the beginning of the following NCBA season.

## 23.00.00 (Forfeitures)

- 23.01.0 In the event that a visiting team should forfeit any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** to the home team; the visiting team is required to inform the home team via telephone of their intent not to play at least 48 hours in advance of the predetermined start of the first game.

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- 23.02.0 Should the visiting team not provide the home team with sufficient notice to cancel umpires and/or field rentals for the game(s) in question, the visiting team assumes financial responsibility for the payment of those umpires and/or field rentals should any cancellation fees be incurred.
- 23.03.0 In the event that a home team should forfeit any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** to the visiting team; the home team is required to inform the visiting team via telephone of their intent not to play at least 48 hours in advance of the predetermined start of the first game.
- 23.04.0 Should the home team not provide the visiting team with sufficient notice to cancel their transportation and/or lodging arrangements for the game(s) in question, the home team assumes financial responsibility for the payment of those transportation and/or lodging costs should any cancellation fees be incurred.
- 23.05.0 Should a team forfeit even a single game during the last week of the NCBA regular season, that team will **AUTOMATICALLY** be placed on probation for the next full NCBA season.
- 24.00.00 (Protests)
- 24.01.0 No protest ever shall be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire.
- 24.02.0 On Field Protests
- 24.02.1 On Field Protests consists of protests regarding Uniform Violations, Equipment Violations, Umpire decisions believed to be in violation of NCBA rules, Umpire qualifications, and In-Game Known Roster Violations.
- 24.02.2 Any On Field protest by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed.
- 24.02.2.1 If the game ends (legal contest) in a protest able situation, the offended team has until all fielders have left fair territory to voice its protest intentions.
- 24.02.2.2 All On Field protests must be made to the umpire-in chief.
- 24.02.2.3 All On Field protests must be reported to the NCBA (via the NCBA GAME PROTEST FORM) no later than midnight E.S.T. of the Tuesday following the “NCBA Week” in which the protested game occurred.
- 24.02.3 When a coach claims that an umpire’s decision violates NCBA rules, the umpire-in-chief must: (1) allow the coach the right to file a protest; (2) announce to each coach, to the official scorer and to the public-address announcer that the game is being played under protest, and (3) note and record the game situation at the time of the protest. No replay of any part of a game will be allowed even if the protest is proven to be legitimate, if the play in question did not directly affect the outcome of the game. If the protest is proven to be legitimate and could have had a bearing upon the game, then it is upheld and play resumes from the point of the protest.
- 24.02.4 When a coach questions the validity that an opposing player is actually the player on the roster who he claims to be, that coach may request that the umpire-in-chief have the player in question produce a photo ID.
- 24.02.4.1 In the event that the player in question is unable to produce a photo ID, then the game may be played under protest by the opposition as an On Field Protest.
- 24.03.0 Off Field Protests
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- 24.03.1 Off Field Protests consists of protests regarding Failure to secure fields, Failure to schedule qualified umpires, and In-Game Unknown Roster Violations.
- 24.03.2 All Off Field protests must be reported to the NCBA (via the NCBA GAME PROTEST FORM) no later than midnight E.S.T. of the Tuesday following the “NCBA Week” in which the protested game occurred.

#### 24.04.0 Lost Protests

- 24.04.1 In the event that a team loses 4 protests during a single NCBA season, that team loses the right to protest again during that particular season.

- 24.04.1.1 A “lost protest” is defined as a protested game in which no penalty or disciplinary action is assessed against the team or umpire accused of violating NCBA rules in that particular protest.

#### 25.00.00 (Team Probation/Expulsion)

- 25.01.0 A team can be placed on probation if they forfeit 3 or more NCBA scheduled conference games in a single season, forfeit to 2 or more conference opponents in a single season, or if they conduct the baseball operations of their team in a manner not considered acceptable by NCBA standards.
- 25.02.0 Should a team forfeit even a single game during the last week of the NCBA regular season, that team will AUTOMATICALLY be placed on probation for the next full NCBA season.
- 25.03.0 A team can be expelled from the league if they forfeit 2 or more NCBA scheduled conference games or if they conduct the baseball operations of their team in a manner not considered acceptable by NCBA standards during a probationary season.
- 25.04.0 Probations and Expulsions are not automatic and are evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the NCBA.
- 25.05.0 The NCBA will publicize to all member teams if, when, and why a team is placed on probation.
- 25.06.0 A team placed on probation will NOT be eligible for the early payment discount off the annual dues.
- 25.07.0 A team placed on probation will be required (Upon request from their opponent) to provide their opponents with field, umpire, and game contracts prior to each scheduled conference series.
- 25.08.0 Players and Coaches on a team that is currently on probation are INELIGIBLE for any Conference, Region, or National award recognition of either the weekly or seasonal variety. (I.e. All American, All Region, All Conference, MVP, Player/Pitcher of the Week, etc.)



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## Definitions:

Any baseball game featuring one or more teams holding membership in the National Club Baseball Association can be classified in to one of three categories: “**Off Season Baseball Game**”, “**Exhibition Baseball Game**”, and “**NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**”.

“**Off Season Baseball Game**” is defined as any baseball game featuring one or more teams holding membership in the NCBA, which takes place between July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> inclusively. (July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 14<sup>th</sup> & Monday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of November – February 28<sup>th</sup> for North Atlantic Region teams) “**Off Season Baseball Games**” are not sanctioned by the NCBA.

“**Exhibition Baseball Game**” is defined as a baseball game featuring one or more teams holding membership in the NCBA, which is played for the purpose of practice and training rather than for competition. An “**Exhibition Baseball Game**” may take place between February 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> inclusively. (September 15<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of November & March 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> for North Atlantic Region teams) For a baseball game to be deemed “**Exhibition**”, it must be declared in writing by participating teams holding membership in the NCBA to their respective Conference Coordinators no less than 48 hours before the scheduled start time. “**Exhibition Baseball Games**” are not sanctioned by the NCBA.

“**NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**” is defined as any and all baseball game featuring one or more teams holding membership in the NCBA, which is played for the purpose of competition, and takes place between February 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> inclusively. (September 15<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of November & March 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> for North Atlantic Region teams) Scores, Results, and Statistics from “**NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**” are recorded and tabulated.

“**Full-Time Status**” is defined as a minimum 12.0 Credit Hours for Undergraduate students at 4 Year Colleges/Universities and 9.0 Credit Hours for Undergraduate students at 2 Year Colleges. For Graduate students, there is no definitive number of Credit Hours required to be considered Full-Time as long as the player is considered Full-Time in the eyes of the Institution that he represents.

“**Final Semester Student**” is defined as a student who will be graduating at the end of the spring semester.

“**Malicious Contact**” is defined as any contact to the neck, head, or face of an opposing player.