



### **2013 NCBA Rules Committee**

# **Annual Meeting**

July 28, 2012

12 noon EST

**NCBA Headquarters** 

850 Ridge Ave

Suite 301

Pittsburgh, PA 15212





### **2013 NCBA Rules Committee Members**

Sandy Sanderson - President Mitch Conner – North Atlantic Regional Director Christian Smith – Mid-Atlantic Regional Director Ryan Bressner – Mid-America Regional Director Marty Shaffer – Great Lakes Regional Director Eric Curitore – South Atlantic Regional Director Dano Jauregui – Northern Pacific Regional Director Ryan Norris – Gulf Coast Regional Director Michael Olivo – Southern Pacific Regional Director Rich Fiore – DII Elected Teams Rep Joe Kooping – DI Elected Teams Rep





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- 12:00 pm EST OPEN MEETING
- ELIGIBILITY
- Exception to eligibility rule 7.08.0 for students who lost eligibility because they spent time a university that did not have club baseball.
- Allowing players who have exhausted their 4 years of NCAA eligibility to still play club using their 5<sup>th</sup> year of NCBA eligiblity
- > No age restriction for league
- Allow seniors who graduate in the fall be eligible to play in the spring without a full time course load.





ROSTER

Preventing players from wearing jersey with a number or name that doesn't match that listed on the website roster to prevent confusion.

### LINE UP/SUBSTITUTES

Removing the requirement that only subs listed on the line up card are eligible to play unless requested by the opponent





EQUIPMENT

### BATS

- Changing to Wood Bats
- Change penalty for illegal bat rule

### BALLS

- Changing from AD Starr to Rawlings Baseballs
- Changing wording of the rules regarding the penalty for using a non-NCBA baseball in a game, specifically when is a forfeit awarded and when can the home team correct the situation by supplying the correct baseballs.

### UNIFORMS

- Clarification of "exposed under sleeve color" rule
- Should teams be allowed to advertise sponsors on their uniforms?





### **2013 NCBA Rules Committee Meeting Itinerary** EQUIPMENT

- RICHARDSON CAPS
- Stricter enforcement of the mandatory Richardson Cap Rule.
- PREGAME
- Should a regular season pregame warm up schedule be set allowing for both home and away team to get equal warm up and BP practice time?





LUNCH (2pm)

UMPIRES

- Should teams be able to petition that certain umpires be banned from working NCBA sanctioned games?
- > Extend the amount of time that an umpire can be late before the game is forfeited
- Require umpires to be at least JC certified

#### DESIGNATED HITTER

- Should the DH rule be amended so that position players can be DH'd for, not just pitchers?
- Should the DH rule be eliminated and pitchers bat for themselves (MLB National League)?
- Should the DH rulbe be changed from the NCAA rule to the MLB American League Rule?





MULTIPLE LEAGUES

Should teams with multiple squads be allowed to have their "B Squad" competing in a league outside the NCBA?

STATS

> How can consistent and accurate uploading of player stats be more strictly enforced?





Probation/Forfeits

- Should rule 25.02.0 be changed so that teams who forfeit during the final week of the season NOT be "automatically" placed on probation for the next full season and instead be evaluated on a case by case basis?
- Should we define when a season long probation is lifted (June 30 or after the teams final game?) so as to determine if any of their players are eligible for post season awards?
- Should probationary rulings publicized on the web be listed with the team name being kept anonymous to avoid team embarrassment?





SCHEDULING

- Should rule 1.03.0 be modified so that 4 team conferences play 5 conference games and 1 non conference game against each opponent instead of 6 conference games which doesn't always yield a head to head winner?
- Should conferences/districts that are authorized to play fall ball be allowed to start counting games effective Feb 15<sup>th</sup> instead of March 1<sup>st</sup> in the spring?
- Should rule 1.03.2.2 be clarified regarding if teams in a 3 or 4 team conference/district who play each other in two series a year would be required to travel to their opponent twice the following season after forfeiting an entire road trip series the previous year?
- Should the conference schedule include a mandatory cross conference nonconference game?

### TIE BREAKER RULES

Should a new tie breaker rule "lower runs allowed per conf game played against the tied opponents" be incorporated into the list of tie breaker rules?





- POST SEASON
- PLAYOFFS
- Should playoffs be expanded for larger Regions/Districts to 6 or 8 teams?
- AT LARGE BIDS
- Should a formula be used (such as conf win%) to select the At-Large bids instead of the NCBA selection committee simply choosing the recipient?

### POST SEASON ELIGIBILITY

- Should a rule be put in placed stating that all member teams are agreeing to compete in the post season (should they qualify) by signing the NCBA LPA and if they fail to do so, what should be the penalty?
- Require all Conference Coordinators/District Coordinators to check photo IDs of all players prior to the start of each playoff game.
- Remove "Auto Ejection Rule" for playoff and WS games.





### WORLD SERIES

- Should the total WS travel expenses of all 8 teams be pooled together and split 8 ways amongst the 8 participating teams?
- Should the WS format be changed from it's current format to pool play with the top 2 teams from each pool moving on to a 4 team double elimination bracket?
- During the WS, should the teams that lose in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the winners bracket also be flipped to the other side of the bracket when they move to the losers bracket?
- Should dues be raised by \$100 to all teams in the NCBA, and each WS qualifying teams would receive additional WS travel funding equal to \$100 times the number of teams in that team's Region or District?
- Should WS Championship game be best of 3 series or switch to true double elimination format
- Should seeding be changed so that higher seed is home team always unless lower seed has fewer WS losses?





### **2013 NCBA Rules Committee Meeting Itinerary** MISCELLANEOUS

### HR DERBY

- Should the format of the derby be changed from 4 rounds to 3 rounds (16-6-3 or 12-6-3 format) to shorten the length of the event?
- If changed to a 12-6-3 format should participants receive 10 outs in the first round rather than the usual 8?
- Should a swing off be incorporated into the final round tie breaker if the event is switched to a 3 round format?

TOBACCO

Should use of tobacco be banned?

TRAVEL

Should a limit be placed on how far a team is allowed to travel for a conference series?





### **2013 NCBA Rules Committee Meeting Itinerary** MISCELLANEOUS

STATS

Require stats to be updated on line before a player is eligible for POW/PIW





NCBA DI rule changes

- Should the requirement that all single games be played in 9 inning format be changed to simply require that 1 of the 3 game series games be played in a 9 inning format?
- Should \$50 of the seized performance bond for forfeits be given to the team that was forfeited to?





NCBA DII Rule Changes

- Should DH Rule 17.04.3 be reworded: "Individual may not return as the DH or in any other capacity." Which is then immediately followed by "the player cannot return except as allowed by Reentry Rule 16.00.00"
- Should courtesy runners only be allowed with two outs in the inning?
- Switch to 9 inning games for DII
- Should DII Uniform Rules be the same as DI?
- > All Americans





6:38 pm – CLOSE MEETING





ELIGIBILITY

- Should an exception to eligibility rule 7.08.0 be added for students who lose eligibility because they spent time at a university that did not have club baseball as an option?
   0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should NCBA Rule 7.09.0 be eliminated?
   0 Votes YES 9 Votes NO 1 ABSTAIN
- Should NCBA Rule 7.09.0 be amended to allowing players who have exhausted their 4 years of NCAA eligibility to still play club using their 5<sup>th</sup> year of NCBA eligibility provided they met certain restrictions on amount of Varsity playing time and at what level they played varsity collegiate baseball?
  - ➢ 3 Votes YES 5 Votes NO 2 ABSTAIN
- Should eligibility rule 7.07.0 be removed?
   0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





ELIGIBILITY

- Should a rule be added that teams that are only authorized to play NCBA games in the spring NOT be allowed to submit an academic eligibility letter that was signed prior to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>?
  - ➢ 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should players who graduate at the end of the fall semester be allowed to participate in the spring provided they are registered in at least 1 credit?
  - ➢ 6 Votes YES 5 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





ROSTER

- Should a rule be put in place which prevents players from wearing a jersey with a number or name that doesn't match that listed on the website roster to prevent confusion
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN

### LINE UP/SUBSTITUTES

- Should we remove the requirement that only subs listed on the line up card are eligible to play unless requested by the opponent?
  - > 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- PREGAME
- Should a recommendation be added to the rules which states that prior to regular season NCBA games, that once both teams have arrived on site and the field is available, that the visiting team be afforded an equal amount of time to use the field for warm ups as the home team?
  - ➢ 7 Votes YES 3 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





BATS

- Should we change the league to only wood bats?
  - Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should we add verbiage to the rules that states that wood bats and BBCOR composite bats are legal for use?
  - ➢ 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should the process to notify the umps and the penalty issued when a player is caught using an illegal bat be changed?
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN

### BALLS

- Should the the official NCBA baseball be changed from AD Starr to Rawlings?
  - ➢ 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should the wording of the rules regarding the penalty for using a non-NCBA baseball in a game be changed, specifically when is a forfeit awarded and when can the home team correct the situation by supplying the correct baseballs?
  - > 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





UNIFORMS

- Should the wording of the "exposed under sleeve color" rule be clarified?
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should teams be allowed to advertise sponsors on their uniforms provided the sponsor and the advertisement artwork be approved by the NCBA?
   8 Votes YES 2 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should the NCBA charge an "Approval Fee" to any team seeking permission to advertise a sponsor on their uniform?
  - > 1 Votes YES 8 Votes NO 1 ABSTAIN

RICHARDSON CAPS

- Should penalties be made more severe for teams found in violation of the mandatory Richardson Cap Rule.
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





#### UMPIRES

- Should teams be able to petition that certain umpires be banned from working NCBA sanctioned games?
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should the amount of time that an umpire can be late before the game is forfeited be extended?
  - O Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should the rules be changed to require umpires to be at least JC certified?
   1 Votes YES
   9 Votes NO
   0 ABSTAIN





DESIGNATED HITTER

- Should the DH rule be amended for DI so that position players can be DH'd for, not just pitchers?
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- Should the DH rule be amended for DII so that position players can be DH'd for, not just pitchers?
  - > 1 Votes YES 8 Votes NO 1 ABSTAIN
- Should the DH rule be eliminated and pitchers bat for themselves (MLB National League)?
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
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### MULTIPLE LEAGUES

- Should teams with multiple squads be allowed to have their "B Squad" competing in a league outside the NCBA?
  - 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN

### STATS

- Should additional penalties be added to teams who are not consistent and accurate at uploading of player stats?
  - > 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should it be required that stats be updated on line before a player is eligible for POW/PIW?
  - ➢ 6 Votes YES 4 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





Probation/Forfeits

- Should rule 25.02.0 be changed to remove "Next Full Season" and instead be evaluated on a case by case basis?
  - ➢ 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should the verbiage "unless previously declared automatic" be added to rule 25.04.0?
  - ➢ 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should we define when a season long probation is lifted (June 30 or after the teams final game?) so as to determine if any of their players are eligible for post season awards?
  - 10 Votes "JUNE 30" 0 Votes "After Team's Final Game"
- Should probationary rulings publicized on the web be listed with the team name being kept anonymous to avoid team embarrassment?
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





SCHEDULING

- Should rule 1.03.0 be modified so that 4 team conferences play 5 conference games and 1 non conference game against each opponent instead of 6 conference games which doesn't always yield a head to head winner?
  - 2 Votes YES 8 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should conferences/districts that are authorized to play fall ball be allowed to start counting games effective Feb 15<sup>th</sup> instead of March 1<sup>st</sup> in the spring?
  - ➢ 8 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 2 ABSTAIN
- Should rule 1.03.2.2 be clarified so that teams in a 3 or 4 team conference/district who play each other in two series a year would be required to travel to their opponent twice the following season after forfeiting an entire road trip series the previous year?
  - 9 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 1 ABSTAIN
- Should the conference schedule include a mandatory cross conference nonconference game?
  - 2 Votes YES 7 Votes NO 1 ABSTAIN





### TIE BREAKER RULES

- Should a new tie breaker rule "lower runs allowed per conf game played against the tied opponents" be incorporated into the list of tie breaker rules between 3.05.5 and 3.05.6?
  - ➢ 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





POST SEASON

### PLAYOFFS

- Effective for the 2014 season, should Regions/Districts comprised of 4 Conf/Districts AND comprised of 20 or more total teams play an 8 team pool play format playoff or should more research be done to determine feasibility of putting on such a large playoff tournament?
  - ➢ 0 Votes IMPLEMENT
    10 Votes RESEARCH FURTHER
    0 ABSTAIN

#### AT LARGE BIDS

- Should a formula be used (such as conf win%) to select the At-Large bids instead of the NCBA selection committee simply choosing the recipient?
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





#### POST SEASON ELIGIBILITY

- Should a rule be put in placed stating that all member teams are agreeing to compete in the post season (should they qualify) by signing the NCBA LPA and if they fail to do so, they will automatically be placed on probation for a minimum of 2 full seasons, where the 1<sup>st</sup> season they will be post season ineligible, and they will be At-Large Bid ineligible the 2<sup>nd</sup> season?
  - 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should a RECOMMENDATION be made that all Conference Coordinators/District Coordinators check photo IDs of players prior to the start of each playoff game?
   10 Votes YES
   0 Votes NO
   0 ABSTAIN
- Should the "Auto Ejection/Suspension Rules" be removed for playoff and WS games?
  - ➢ 2 Votes YES 8 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





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   6 Votes YES 4 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Effective for the 2014 season, should dues be raised by \$100 to all teams in the NCBA, and each WS qualifying teams would receive additional WS travel funding equal to \$100 times the number of teams in that team's Region or District?
   0 Votes YES
   10 Votes NO
   0 ABSTAIN





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- Should the WS Championship game be changed to a best of 3 series or switch the entire format to a single double elimination format bracket?
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- Should seeding be changed so that higher seed is home team always unless lower seed has fewer WS losses?
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### 2013 NCBA Rules Committee Meeting Results MISCELLANEOUS

HR DERBY

- Should the format of the derby be changed from 4 rounds to 3 rounds (16-6-3 format) with all participants getting 10 outs in the first round to shorten the length of the event?
  - ➢ 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should the 4 out Sudden Death swing off tie breaker be used in the final round should 2 or more participants hit the same number of HRs in the final round?
  - 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should a "Money Ball" be incorporated into the rules so that any player who hits a home run after recording 9 "outs" so that home run would count as 2?
  - ➢ 7 Votes YES 3 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





### **2013 NCBA Rules Committee Meeting Results** MISCELLANEOUS

TOBACCO

- Should use of tobacco be banned completely from the NCBA?
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN

TRAVEL

- Should a limit be placed on how far a team is allowed to travel for a conference series?
  - Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN

SLIDES

- Should the home plate collisions be allowed at the plate?
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





NCBA DI rule changes

- Should the requirement that all single games be played in a 9 inning format be changed so that upon written request and approval by the Regional Director, a single game can be played in a 7 inning format as long as 1 of the 3 game series games be played in a 9 inning format?
  - ➢ 9 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 1 ABSTAIN
- Should \$50 of the seized performance bond for forfeits be given to the team that was forfeited to?
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN





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  - > 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should courtesy runners only be allowed with two outs in the inning?
   2 Votes YES 8 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should courtesy runners be removed completely from Division 2?
  - 10 Votes YES 0 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Switch to 9 inning games for DII
  - ➢ 0 Votes YES 10 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN
- Should DII Uniform Rules be listed the same as DI?
   1 Votes YES
   9 Votes NO
   0 ABSTAIN
- Should DII All Americans be awarded?
  - 1 Votes YES 9 Votes NO 0 ABSTAIN