



**2014 NCBA Rules Committee
Annual Meeting**

July 20, 2013

10:00 am EST

NCBA Headquarters

850 Ridge Ave

Suite 301

Pittsburgh, PA 15212



2014 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

Kelsey Detweiler – 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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Mitch Conner – In Attendance

Christian Smith – In Attendance

Ryan Bressner – Via Telephone

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10:00 am EST – OPEN MEETING

ELIGIBILITY

- Changing rule 7.07.0 about players that enrolled in college after the age of 25 and having no age restriction for league
- Changing Academic Probation and/or Academic Warning rule. These terms are NOT universal at all colleges and universities.
- Removal of Grad Students eligibility starting in 14-15
- Allowing players to use a straight 6-years of eligibility after first enrolling



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ROSTER

- Increasing roster size from 33 to 35
- Increasing the number of players that can be removed from roster from 3 to 5
- Ability to move 5 people up/down between DI and DII Teams
- Can teams start or play with 8 players? NCAA rule is 9 eligible players in game at all times. If 8 can play, is 9th batting slot automatic out?
- Add provision to rule 23.06.1.1 that any team with less than 9 players on official roster to incur performance bond deduction of \$100 plus probation



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LINE UP/SUBSTITUTES

- Adding to NCBA rulebook that all in game substitutions go through home plate umpire
- Adding penalty for teams who do not have lineup ready at ground rules
- Removing the requirement that only subs listed on the line up card are eligible to play

DESIGNATED HITTER

- Updating Rule 17.04.1.1 A.R. 2 so that pitcher is removed if DH is moved into the field



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EQUIPMENT

BATS

- Changing to Wood Bats
- Removing the guaranteed equipment in exchange for lesser dues
- Bat inspection prior to Regional/District Playoff/World Series games

BALLS

- Adding to NCBA rules that a specific number of NEW game balls are required to be provided by home team at start of game
- Modification to rule if Rawlings Ball is accidentally not used during Playoffs when it is not Home Teams responsibility to provide baseballs
- Modification to rule, if non-Rawlings baseball is accidentally put into play even if home team supplied Rawlings baseballs at start of game



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EQUIPMENT CONTINUED...

BALLS CONTINUED...

- Removal of Rawlings Baseballs as official league ball

UNIFORMS

- Coaches being able to wear shorts if they do not play in the game at any point
- Add to NCBA rules that specifically states that coaches must wear baseball pants
- Home team must notify visiting team of which color jersey they would be wearing 24-hours in advance
- Define Contrasting
- Removal of rule requiring two sets of contrasting uniforms



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EQUIPMENT CONTINUED....

RICHARDSON CAPS

- Requiring NCBA logo on back of hats to be of contrasting color
- Removal of Richardson as mandatory hat due to licensing issues (Vendors)
- Eliminating requirement of NCBA Logo to be on the backs of hats due to cost

GLOVES

- Creating NCBA rule for Pitchers glove color

PREGAME

- Mandating default pregame warm-up times that can be changed upon agreement of both teams
- Penalties for Home teams taking BP prior to games but not giving opponent opportunity to hit in batting cage or field



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****LUNCH (12:30 – 1:00)****

FIELD REQUIRMENTS

- Field must have bases securely fastened to the ground
- Fields must have an outfield fence
- Field must be a minimum distance from home plate to outfield fence

STATS

- Removal of rule that stats must be updated in order to be eligible for POW/PIW
- If above rule not changed, requiring ALL Players Stats be uploaded to be eligible for POW/PIW



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PROBATION/FORFIETS

- Stricter penalties for teams forfeiting conference games close to start of games
- Probation exception if games forfeited during last weekend of regular season is finals week or graduation for forfeiting team
- Forfeits assessed if team “cancels” games less than 7 days prior to scheduled start if opponent cannot replace the games on their schedule
- Inappropriate social media postings available to public are grounds for probation

SCHEDULING

- Removing or revising rule 2.02.0: Automatically exhibition game if DI team plays DII team from same University
- Adding Rule requiring time limit on when the final game of the weekend can start



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SCHEDULING CONTINUED...

- Non-Conference games only played against NCBA Teams (JUCO other college teams must be exhibition)
- Limiting number of non conference games that can be counted toward overall record during fall season only
- Automatically scheduled 4th non-conference game to 3 game series
- Allowing all of NCBA to play Fall and Spring Conference games
- Moving Fall Season Start up one week earlier from September 15th
- If home teams field is unplayable, home team MUST travel to away team within "X" number of miles if away team is able to find a field



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POST SEASON

PLAYOFFS

- District Playoff/Regional Tournament location should be located within the Region and centrally located
- Adding tie-breaker info on playoff seeding to rules (two conference champions with same conference win %)

AT LARGE BIDS

- Should a formula be used (such as RPI) to select the At-Large bids instead of the NCBA selection committee simply choosing the recipient?
- With Districts/Regions with 3 Conferences, select 2 at-large bids. At-large bids play in one game playoff game right before start of District Playoff/Regional Tournament

WORLD SERIES

- Should World Series Seeding Method be changed to an RPI method?



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TIE BREAKER RULES

- Adding provision for 3-way ties to 1st tiebreaker rule for conference standing (head to head)

MISCELLANEOUS

IN-GAME

- Collisions at the plate Rule?
- Ejection Rules?

HR DERBY

- Add tiebreaker sudden death rules for Home Run Derby

POLLS

- Election process to pick voting panel
- Revealing members of voting panel to all teams



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NCBA DI RULE CHANGES

- Great Lakes Region should start conference series in the Fall
- Adding 2 at large bids to regions with 4 conferences (Great Lakes and Southern Pacific Regions)



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NCBA DII RULE CHANGES

- Should courtesy runners only be allowed with two outs in the inning and for catcher only?
- Batting helmets be of matching color and be one of teams primary colors
- Uniform requirements mirror DI rules
- Adding 8 runs after 6 innings to the current mercy rule
- End of year awards for DII? i.e. “Conference Player of the Year,” “Conference Pitcher of the Year,” Conference Rookie of the Year”
- Renaming Districts to actual Region Names, like NCAA or NCBA DI



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CLOSE MEETING



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RESULTS

PLEASE NOTE: ALL RULES SUGGESTIONS WERE DISCUSSED, HOWEVER, NOT ALL RULES SUGGESTIONS WERE VOTED ON.

		RESULTS		
	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
1	Should Rule 6.04.1 be changed from 3 to 5 players allowed to be removed?	1	7	3
2	Should Rule 6.04.2 be changed from 3 to 5 players being allowed to be moved up or down?	0	8	3
3	Should the NCAA Rule that there must be 9 eligible players in the game at all time otherwise the game is forfeited be clarified in the NCBA DI Rule Book?	8	0	3
4	Can a DII game begin with only 8 players?	4	6	1
5	Can a DII game be finished with only 8 players (not fewer) provided the missing players lineup spot is an automatic out?	7	1	3
6	Should Rule 6.02.2 be changed from "ZERO" to "less than nine" eligible players on the roster?	8	0	3



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
7	Should the NCAA Rule that all substitutions must be reported to the home plate umpire be clarified in the NCBA Rule Book?	8	0	3
8	Should it be clarified that no game can be started without umpire approved lineup cards from both team?	8	0	3
9	Should the NCBA switch to wood bats as soon as contractually possible?	1	7	3
10	Should the NCBA require that 4 brand new game balls be provided to the umpire before the start of any 9 Inning game and 3 brand new game balls be provided for any 7 inning game plus a sufficient number of game used baseballs to meet the umpires discretionary needs?	6	2	3
11	If a ball can't be identified as having ever been an official Rawlings NCBA Game Ball or if the umpire deems that the ball is physically unfit for play, should it be deemed illegal to use?	8	0	3
12	Should "required number of" and "forfeit upon protest" be added to NCBA Rule 12.03.0	8	0	3



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
13	Should NCBA Rule 12.03.1 be added allowing the home team to replace an illegal ball immediately upon discovery with no forfeit?	8	0	3
14	If an illegal ball is found in play does the result of the previous pitch get automatically replayed?	1	7	3
15	Should it be added to NCBA Rule 9.04.1.2 (DI) and 9.02.1.2 (DII) that uniform pants are required?	8	0	3
16	Should a RECOMMENDATION be added that the home team notify the visiting team of their jersey color choice at least 24 hours prior to the 1st game of the series and immediately following game 1 of a double header?	8	0	3
17	Should the current NCAA rule (Rule 1, Section 13, AR2 + penalties) regarding pitchers glove color be added to the NCBA Rule books so that we may keep consistency in the league regarding this?	8	0	3
18	Should the NCBA add a rule ENCOURAGING the use of fields with securely fixed bases but not make it mandatory?	8	0	3



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
19	Should NCBA Rule 26.01.0 be removed?	6	4	1
20	Should the NCBA adopt a rule that allows a team to cancel a non-conference game 7 or more days in advance with no forfeit penalty, yet a non-conference game cancelled less than 7 days in advance will result in a forfeit unless team being cancelled upon is able to replace the game with another?	8	0	3
21	Should the NCBA add "including misuse of team social media" to the end of rule 25.01.0?	8	0	3
22	Should DI & DII teams from the same school be allowed to count a limited number of non conference against each other?	4	6	1
23	Should a rule be creating making it illegal to schedule the final conference game of the week later than 4pm local time on Sunday unless mutually agreed upon?	7	1	3
24	Should non conference games against non NCBA teams automatically be considered exhibition?	1	7	3



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25	Should NCBA DI Rule 3.01.2 be changed to require that both non-conference games must be played against NCBA member teams?	2	6	3
26	Should the NCBA create a RECOMMENDATION that if a home team's field is unplayable due to weather and the visiting team is able to secure a field and umpires within 25 miles of the home teams campus, that the game be played there?	7	1	3
27	Should it be explained in NCBA Rule 3.01.0 that once the tie breaker rules are used to determine the conference champ that the process starts over from the beginning to determine the runner up excluding the conference champ from consideration?	8	0	3
28	During the HR Derby event, should a tie breaker rule be added where if 3 consecutive rounds of sudden death take place with no home runs hit, that the remaining contestant that has hit the most total home runs is declared the winner?	7	0	4
29	Should the voting members of the top 20/15 voting panel be listed on each of the poll results?	7	0	4



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
30	In DI should the teams in the Great Lakes Region be declared eligible to play fall ball and count it?	5	1	5
31	In DII, should courtesy runners for the catcher ONLY be allowed with 2 outs ONLY?	0	8	3
32	In DII, should batting helmets be required to match and be the teams color?	1	7	3
33	Should the NCBA create a DII rule effective 7/1/13 that if a team: Does NOT have a DI club team, has had 2 consecutive seasons without forfeiting a game, has had 2 consecutive season with an eligible roster of 15 players, AND is 100% compliant with NCBA DII uniform rules; AND meets one of the following 1) Wins a DII National Title, OR 2) makes back to back DII World Series appearances, OR 3) back, to back, to back District playoff appearances plus at least 1 WS appearance, then they AUTOMATICALLY will be moved up to DI the following season?	8	0	3