



## **2015 NCBA Rules Committee**

### **Annual Meeting**

**July 26, 2014**

**11:00 am EST**

**NCBA Headquarters**

**850 Ridge Ave**

**Suite 301**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15212**



## **2015 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

Ed Gravell – DI Elected Teams Rep



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Christian Smith – In Attendance

Ryan Bressner – In Attendance

Kelsey Detweiler – In Attendance

Eric Curitore – In Attendance

Dano Jauregui – Via Telephone

Ryan Norris – In Attendance

Michael Olivo – In Attendance

Rich Fiore – In Attendance

Ed Gravell – In Attendance



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**11:00 am EST – OPEN MEETING**

### ELIGIBILITY

- Age Issue: Changing rule 7.07.0 about players that enrolled in college after the age of 25 and having no age restriction for league
- 7 years from date of initial full time undergraduate enrollment to play 5 years.
- Full-Time Units Definition
- Allowing Part Time Seniors to play entire season.
- Senior/Grad Eligibility based on specific school requirements
- Being eligible if taking continuing education classes (not full-time) at university if meet all other eligibility requirements
- If one Branch has a club team and another branch campus does not, can branch campus without club play for branch campus with club team?



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### **ROSTER**

- Increasing number of maximum players on roster. Some schools have no-cut policy
- Increasing/Decreasing the number of players that can be removed from roster
- Expansion of the window of time to remove players from roster
- Teams must provide umpires and opposing team copy of complete online official roster
- Varsity Team on campus picking up club player mid season once club player is already on NCBA official roster

### **SCHEDULING**

- NCBA must be notified of DI teams playing DII teams for non-conference games before they actually happen or they become exhibition.



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### MISCELLANEOUS

#### *IN-GAME*

- Plate Blocking Rule to match MLB rule so catchers don't get called for obstruction
- Ruling to not allow 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> pick-off play to match MLB rule
- Examine how we handle scoring discrepancies
- *Assistant Coaches having same rights as Head Coaches when it comes to ejections*

#### *LEAGUE STRUCTURE*

- *Tiered Promotion/Relegation style system for each region for D1, D2, possibly D3*



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### EQUIPMENT

#### *BATS*

- Changing to Wood Bats effective 16-17 season

#### *UNIFORMS*

- Enforcement of “real” or “official” uniforms for the school they represent
- 2 Sets of contrasting uniforms when DI plays DII team (DII teams not required but play by DI rules)

### POST SEASON

#### *AT LARGE BIDS*

- Removing At-Large and selecting 4<sup>th</sup> team based on winning % (wild card)
- Add verbiage to rules stating a panel of experts will vote on at-large bids



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### POST SEASON CON'T....

#### *PLAYOFFS*

- Requirement that teams must play their entire Spring Schedule to be eligible for playoffs
- Increasing the number conference games played or increasing % of average conference games played in order to be eligible for playoffs
- Outline how each post season tournament is seeded

#### **WORLD SERIES**

- Discussing possibilities of additional ways to financially aiding WS teams. Increasing Player Registration fee or increasing dues with the increased amount going to Regional or District Champion.
- Umpires at World Series must have official rulebook on them at all time in case of appeal or major issue



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### NCBA DI RULE CHANGES

- Performance Bond penalty for forfeiting Non-Conference Games. Money going to conference of team that was forfeited to.
- All DI Games becoming 9-inning

### NCBA DII RULE CHANGES

- Should courtesy runners only be allowed with two outs in the inning and for catcher only?
- Adding "if there is room" to DII Automatic Move to DI rule
- Implementing DII All Americans
- DII World Series Dates move up 1 or 2 weeks
- A 9-inning game could be played and counted as 2, 7 inning games



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### NCBA DIII RULES DISCUSSION

- Starting discussions of what types of rules we would implement in D3

**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	Exception to NCBA Rule Number 7.06.0 that if a player is participating in a University Sponsored internship or co-op program and still maintains full-time status with the college or university	10	0	1
2	Changing verbiage of Rule 7.03.1. Proposal: Dropping the use of the word "main campus" and replacing it with "other campus"	1	9	1
3	Adding Exception to NCBA Rule 7.03.1. Exception: If a school has no dedicated "main campus" the NCBA reserves the right to declare a main campus for that institution	10	0	1
4	If a player makes an official appearance for their schools Varsity baseball team in five or more official sanctioned intercollegiate-level baseball games, they are ineligible to compete in the NCBA for the remainder of that season.	8	3	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
5	Protests: The Protest of a roster-violation of a player listed on the eligible roster who's eligibility is in question can be protested at any time	10	0	1
6	Allow teams that have both a Division I and Division II team in the NCBA to play non-conference games against each other.	2	8	1
7	Changing to Wood Bats effective 2016-17	1	9	1
8	A photo-documented violation of a Coaches Uniform infraction that has also been reported to the umpire will result in a \$100 forfeiture of the team in violation's performance bond.	8	2	1
9	If a DII Team has two sets of contrasting uniforms, then the VISITING team must wear a contrasting jersey color of the HOME team. If the DII team only has one set of uniforms, then the DI team must wear a contrasting jersey color regardless if they are HOME or VISITORS.	10	0	1



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10	DI RULE ONLY: Add "Batters Helmet Color" to Rule 9.01.1.	10	0	1
11	Requiring Base Coaches helmets to match one another.	9	1	1
12	Removing At-Large bid and changing it to a wild card	0	10	1
13	Changing verbiage of NCBA Rule 3.02.2 to, "All teams selected to receive an At-Large bid are chosen at the discretion of the NCBA's Selection Panel."	10	0	1
14	Adding requirement that teams must play their entire Spring Schedule to be eligible for playoffs.	0	10	1
15	Increase the number of conference games played or increase the % of average conference games played in order to be eligible for playoffs.	0	10	1



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16	Outlining how each post-season tournament is seeded: Adding verbiage: "The At-Large bid is always the No. 4 Seed. Seeding will be based on Conference %, Overall % and then the Top 20/15 Poll. If the No. 1 Seed and the No. 4 Seed are in the same Conference, then the opening round match-ups are No. 1 vs. No. 3 and No. 2 vs. No. 4. Otherwise it's No. 1 vs. No. 4 and No. 2 vs. No. 3.	10	0	1
17	Increase the player registration fee or team dues with the increased amount going to the Regional or District Champion.	0	10	1
18	DI RULE ONLY: All Division I Games being 9-Innings	0	10	1
19	DI RULE ONLY: A non-conference game that is forfeited against another NCBA DI opponent will result in the forfeiting team being penalized \$100 of their Performance Bond.	10	0	1
20	Exception to NCBA Rule 23.02.0 stating, "Unless the game is cancelled due to the mandatory rescheduling of an NCBA Sanctioned Conference Game."	10	0	1



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
21	DI ONLY: Should the Performance Bond that is forfeited go to the team instead of the Regional Budget?	0	10	1
22	DII ONLY: Should Courtesy runners be allowed with two outs in the inning and for catcher only?	0	10	1
23	DII RULE CHANGE ONLY: Adding, "If there is room" to NCBA DII Rule 27.01.0.	10	0	1
24	DII ONLY: Should DII All Americans be Implemented?	0	10	1
25	DII ONLY: Should the DII World Series Dates be moved up 1 or 2 weeks?	0	10	1
26	DII ONLY: Can a single 9-inning game count as two, 7-inning games?	0	10	1
27	Adding verbiage to Halted Game Rules: If the Regional Director/District Coordinator determines that a Halted Game, which has reached 5 full innings with a tied score, cannot be resumed at a later date, the game will result in a tie.	5	6	0



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28	Add verbiage to Halted Game Rules: If the Regional Director/District Coordinator determines that a Halted Game cannot be resumed at a later date, the game will be declared "un-played."	10	0	1
29	If an NCBA Front Office Authority sees and NCBA Rules Violation regarding Uniforms, Team Conduct, or Sportsmanship occurring, they reserved the right to alert the umpire and enforce the rule	9	1	1
30	DI ONLY: Changing DI Rule 3.01.2 (minimum number of Non-Conference Games to be eligible for playoffs) from 2 Non-Conference Games to 3.	6	4	1
31	Reinstating NCBA Rule 26.01.0 regarding the requirement to have stats posted in order to win Player or Pitcher of the Week Awards.	4	5	2



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32	Division III Rules: Allowing courtesy runners	10	0	1
33	Division III Rules: Allowing Re-entry	9	1	1
34	Division III Rules: Designated Hitter for any position	6	4	1
35	Division III Rules: All games 7-innings in length	10	0	1