



2016 NCBA Rules Committee

Annual Meeting

July 18, 2015

11:00 am EST

NCBA Headquarters

850 Ridge Ave

Suite 301

Pittsburgh, PA 15212



2016 NCBA Rules Committee Members

Sandy Sanderson - President

Rob Perkey – North Atlantic Regional Director

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Logan Cimmiyotti – Mid-America Regional Director

Craig Budzik – Great Lakes Regional Director

Eric Curitore – South Atlantic Regional Director

Norman Doyle – Northern Pacific Regional Director

Ryan Norris – Gulf Coast Regional Director

Michael Olivo – Southern Pacific Regional Director

Chad Lowe – DII Elected Teams Rep

Ed Gravell – DI Elected Teams Rep



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Sandy Sanderson – In Attendance

Rob Perkey – In Attendance

Christian Smith – In Attendance

Logan Cimmiyotti – Absent

Craig Budzik – In Attendance

Eric Curitore – Absent

Norman Doyle – Absent

Ryan Norris – In Attendance

Michael Olivo – Absent

Chad Lowe – In Attendance

Ed Gravell – In Attendance



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11:00 am EST – OPEN MEETING

ELIGIBILITY

- Specifically defining what “professional experience” means in rule 7.04.0.
- Eligibility Letter must be sent in to NCBA by Faculty Rep or Registrar, leaving it less likely that the letter is forged.
- Player playing 3 years varsity and redshirted one year; count as 4-years exhausted?
- Removing 7.08, “MUST have enrolled with Full-Time Status before 25th birthday.
- Rule 7.08, add additional time for Foreign Military Students who have to complete ESL courses to attend a university.
- 10 Semester/15-quarter clock.
- Rule 7.09.0 increase clock from 6/5 to 7/5.
- Rule exception to 7.09 for grad students who transfer from a university that they have 2 years of eligibility if they did not participate on a club baseball team at prior school.
- Rule exception for 7.09 for students studying abroad.



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ELIGIBILITY CON'T...

- GPA requirement to match NCAA for Transfer Students. All institutions attended included in cumulative GPA.
- Implementation of appeals process that would rule on: part time seniors due to required internship programs, units definition as to student's status, and age issues due to return to college.

ROSTER

- Removing/changing restrictions on player removal dates and number that can be removed.
- Increasing the number of call ups allowed between teams with two programs or add exception allowing for more call ups due to injury.
- Removing or finding another solution for players that have *INELIGIBLE* tag.
- Changing or removing Roster Freeze Date. What is purpose?
- Increasing roster size from 33 to 35.



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SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING

CONFERENCE PLAY

- 4 Team Conferences having 4-game conference series while 5+ Team Conferences have 3-game conference series.
- Allowing ALL teams to play Conference Games in the Fall.

NON CONFERENCE PLAY

- Teams being exempt from Non Conference Game Requirement if they are forced to cancel Non Conference games in order to play conference games.
- NCBA schedules non conference series (Region to Region Play) and/or keeping weekend wide open for region non conference play.
- All teams being able to play Fall Non-Conference Games if both have eligible rosters.



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SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING CON'T...

MISCELLANEOUS

- Changing Fall Season from September 15th to 2nd Sunday in November to 2nd Saturday in September to 2nd Sunday in November.
- Schools with 2 teams being able to play each other (allow up to 2 games) and does not count for non-conference requirements for post season eligibility.
- Teams in same league, from same school play each other and count.
- Require teams to play 3 games in a day if one of the 3 games is a halted game continuation.



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IN GAME

- Change from default NCAA rules to Professional Rules.
- Eliminate or change to Professional DH rule. DH for anyone.
- NCBA provides official line-up cards to all teams.
- Game Time Temperature Rule.
- Modifying rule 15.08.0 to offer visitors all the same warm up rights as home team.
- Change Halted Game Rule to pick up at start of the half inning when play stopped.
- Mandatory that fields have painted on or chalked boundary lines.
- Definition of 'designated manager/head coach.'
- Disallowing 3rd to 1st move.
- Allowing other coaches to talk with umps, argue calls, call time, make substitutions.
- Adding other circumstances other than weather/darkness to Rule 4.02.3 (DI 4.02.4).



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PROTESTS/EJECTIONS

- Adding Pitching Ejection rules. Should pitcher be ejected should he face longer suspension so he misses chance to pitch?
- Remove exclusion of registered students as unqualified to umpire.
- Clarifying Umpire Qualifications in Off-Field Protest Rule 24.03.1.

FORFEITS

- Teams (VT, UCSC, Syracuse) forfeiting conference games to some teams (free wins) while other teams have to play them to earn their conference wins. Also, teams that forfeit remainder of season but have already played games. Should forfeits be awarded to teams that had to play them?
- If team incurs travel expenses due to hosting team canceling but does not require hosting team to forfeit, how do they get reimbursed for travel costs????
- Explore options for 15-minute umpire no show automatic forfeit rule (14.05.0).
- Indicating which scores on schedule are Forfeits.



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POST SEASON

AT LARGE BIDS

- Clear definition for at-large bid. “it will be awarded to team...” Most talented? Most likely to win Regional/WS, Best performance overall/within region.
- Modifying At-Large Bids to include all 2nd place teams in the playoffs.
- Removing Rule 3.03.1.3.1 so that #1 seed always plays at-large even if they are from the same conference.
- If conference winner is not able to go to Regional's should 2nd place team go OR go to an at large selection process.
- At Large bid to follow same rules for selecting #1 team in the conference.

WORLD SERIES

- Entire WS tournament to be double elimination even championship game or moving to a best of 3 championship like NCAA.
- Removing number of games as a factor in determining seeding.



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EQUIPMENT

- Update Coaches Uniform Rules???
- Switching back to BESR bats instead of BBCOR.
- Switching baseballs to flat seamed baseballs.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Teams on Probation should be ineligible to receive votes in Top 20 Poll.
- Not allowing NCBA players to use tobacco.
- Allowing teams on probation the opportunity to win All American/All Region awards.
- Removal of AUTOMATIC wording and using case-by-case basis in rule 25.03.0.
- 1-year grace period for auto promotion to DI. Relegation rule additions to 27.00.00.



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SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULE CHANGES

DIVISION 1 RULE CHANGES

- All games be 7-innings in length.
- Allow reentry.

DIVISION 2 RULE CHANGES

- District III of NCBA DII becoming eligible to play Fall Conference Games.
- Single games become 9-inning games.
- Removing Reentry at DII level.
- Renaming Division II Districts/Conferences to match DI.
- All Americans at the Division II Level.



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FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NCBA D3 RULES

LAST YEAR'S DECISIONS ON D3 RULES:

- *Courtesy Runners was passed (10 Y/0 N).*
- *Reentry was passed (9 Y/1 N).*
- *DH for anyone was passed (6 Y/4 N).*
- *All games 7-innings was passed (10 Y/0 N).*

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS TO DEFINE:

- *Dues Cost?*
- *Uniform Rules?*
- *Keep Hat Rule?*
- *Same Eligibility Rules?*
- *Listing Subs?*
- *Same Conference Play Rules?*
- *Same Inter-League Play Rules (Can DI play D3 and count?)*
- *Mercy Rule/Slaughter Rule in conference/playoff/World Series?*
- *Same Hit by Pitch/Tobacco Drug Use?*
- *Same Ejections/Forfeitures/Protests Rules/Probation/Expulsion Rules?*
- *Roster Size?*
- *Same League Ball?*
- *Same Umpire Qualifications?*
- *Same Field Requirements?*
- *Same Slide Rules?*



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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. ANY RULES IN BOLD DENOTE A RULE CHANGE.

		RESULTS		
	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
1	Defining “professional experience” in rule 7.04.0 as “monetary compensation.”	7	0	0
2	Eligibility Letter must be sent directly from Club Sports Department, Registrar or Faculty Advisor in order for it to be accepted with only exception being if the academic letter features an official registrar stamp.	7	0	0
3	Removing rule 7.08, MUST enroll full time before your 25 th birthday for Division I only.	1	6	0
4	Removing rule 7.08, MUST enroll full time before your 25 th birthday for Division II only.	3	4	0
5	Removing rule 7.08, MUST enroll full time before your 25 th birthday for Division III only.	4	3	0



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RESULTS

		RESULTS		
	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
6	Adding exception to Rule 7.08 for Foreign Military Students who have to complete English as Second Language courses before attending a University.	2	5	0
7	Changing eligibility to 10 semester/15 quarter clock.	0	7	0
8	Increasing eligibility from 6 years from start as an undergrad to play 5 years of intercollegiate baseball to 7 years from start as an undergrad to play 5 years of intercollegiate baseball.	0	7	0
9	Adding exception to rule 7.09 for Grad students who transfer from a university that they have 2 years of eligibility if they did not participate on a club baseball team at their prior school.	0	7	0
10	Adding exception to 7.09 for students who study abroad.	1	6	0
11	Changing the GPA requirement for Transfer students to include all institutions attended in cumulative GPA.	1	6	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
12	Implementing appeals process that would rule on: part time seniors due to required internship programs, units definition as to students status, and age issues due to return to college.	0	7	0
13	Changing or expanding removal dates for players who meet removal criteria.	2	5	0
14	Increasing the number of players that can be removed if they meet removal criteria.	0	6	1
15	Increasing the number of call ups allowed between teams with two programs or add exception allowing more call ups due to injury.	3	4	0
16	Changing or removing the Roster Freeze Date.	0	7	0
17	Increasing maximum roster size from 33 to 35.	2	5	0
18	Decreasing maximum roster size from 33 to 30.	1	6	0
19	Allowing all Division I teams to play Fall Conference and Non-Conference Games.	3	4	0



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RESULTS

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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
20	Allowing all Division II teams to play Fall Conference and Non-Conference Games.	6	1	0
21	Allowing all Division III teams to play Fall Conference and Non-Conference Games.	6	1	0
22	Exempting teams from Non-Conference Game requirement if they are forced to cancel non-conference games in order to play conference games.	0	6	1
23	Have NCBA schedule Non-conference series or keeping weekend wide open for non-conference games.	1	6	0
24	Changing Fall Season Dates for teams eligible to play Fall NCBA Sanctioned Baseball games from September 15 th to second Sunday in November to second Friday in September to second Sunday in November.	7	0	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
25	Allowing schools with two teams to play each other (up to 2 games) and does not count toward non-conference game requirements for post-season eligibility.	2	5	0
26	Can teams from the same school play in DI and count the games as long as there is no DII available?	4	3	0
27	Can teams from the same school play in Division II and can count the games as long as there is no DIII available?	4	3	0
28	Can teams from the same school play in Division III and count the games?	7	0	0
29	Require teams to play 3 games in a day if one of the games is a halted game continuation.	3	4	0
30	Allowing the DH to hit for anyone.	0	7	0
31	Eliminate or change to Professional DH rule	1	5	1



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
32	Adding a game time temperature rule.	2	5	0
33	Modifying Rule 15.08.0 to include Batting Cages and changing from 'encourages' to 'required.' Also adding verbiage that within 1 hour from scheduled start time both teams should be afforded an equal amount of time to use the field for warm ups or face disciplinary action.	5	2	0
34	Change Halted Game Rule from picking up at the time play was stopped to the start of the half inning before play was stopped.	0	7	0
35	Change from default NCAA rules to Professional rules.	0	7	0
36	Mandatory that all fields have painted or chalked boundary lines.	0	7	0
37	Allowing other coaches to talk with umpires, argue calls, call time or make substitutions.	0	7	0
38	Disallowing 3 rd to 1 st move.	0	6	1



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
39	Adding “other unplayable conditions” along with weather/darkness to NCBA rule 4.02.4 (4.02.3 DII)	6	1	0
40	Adding Pitching Ejection Rules. Should a pitcher face a longer suspension so that he misses chance to pitch?	3	4	0
41	Removing exclusion that registered students are unqualified to umpire should they be officiating game between a school that they attend.	2	5	0
42	Should an umpire be deemed unqualified by NCBA rules, it can be an OFF field protest and will result in forfeit losses to team who scheduled unqualified umpires.	4	2	1
43	Adding rule that if one umpire is deemed unqualified that the game(s) are deemed to be played using unqualified officials.	6	1	0
44	Teams that forfeit partial season or forfeit to some opponents and not others, awarding forfeits retroactively or to future opponents automatically.	0	7	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
45	Changing Rule 14.05.0 from 15 minutes to 30 minutes.	5	2	0
46	Changing rule 14.06.0 from 45 minutes to 30 minutes.	7	0	0
47	Modifying at-large bids to include all 2 nd place finishers.	2	5	0
48	Removing Rule 3.03.1.3.1	0	7	0
49	If conference winner is not able to go to Regional's should the selection be an at large process to choose replacement rather than 2 nd place team?	3	4	0
50	Should at-large bid follow same rules for selecting #1 team in conference?	0	7	0
51	Changing World Series Format to make entire tournament including Championship game double elimination or moving to best of three Championship series.	1	6	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
52	Removing number of games as a factor in determining seeding for the World Series.	1	6	0
53	Updating Coaches Uniform Rules	0	7	0
54	Switching to BESR Bats.	0	7	0
55	Switching to flat seamed baseballs.	0	7	0
56	Teams on probation being ineligible to receive Top 20 votes.	0	6	1
57	Not allowing NCBA players to use smokeless tobacco.	3	4	0
58	Allowing teams on probation the opportunity to win All Region/All American honors.	0	7	0
59	Removal of AUTOMATIC wording and switching it to case by case basis in NCBA rule 25.03.0.	2	5	0
60	Adding a 1-year grace period option for teams that meet auto promotion to Division I rules.	1	6	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
61	Starting 7/1/15 adding auto relegation rule that if a team finishes at the bottom of the conference two years in a row that they automatically move down to Division II if there is a replacement.	6	1	0
62	Making all Division I games be 7-innings in length	0	7	0
63	Allowing Reentry at the Division I level.	0	7	0
64	Making all single games at the Division II level 9-inning games.	1	6	0
65	Removing Reentry at the Division II level.	2	4	1
66	Adding All Americans to the Division II level.	4	2	1
67	Adding a recommendation to rule 13.00.00 that a player is CPR/First Aid Certified .	7	0	0
68	Requirement that stats must be uploaded in order to receive Player or Pitcher of the Week honors at Division I level only.	4	3	0
69	In the Division III rulebook can a Division I team play a Division III team and it count?	1	6	0