



2017 NCBA Rules Committee

Annual Meeting

July 9, 2016

10:00 am EST

NCBA Headquarters

850 Ridge Ave

Suite 301

Pittsburgh, PA 15212



2017 NCBA Rules Committee Members

Sandy Sanderson - President

TBD – North Atlantic Regional Director

Christian Smith – Mid-Atlantic Regional Director

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

Matt Ridner – DI Elected Teams Rep



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Sandy Sanderson – In Attendance

Christian Smith – In Attendance

Logan Cimmiyotti – In Attendance

Craig Budzik – Absent

Eric Curitore – In Attendance

Norman Doyle – Via Conference Call

Ryan Norris – In Attendance

Michael Olivo – Absent

Chad Lowe – In Attendance

Matt Ridner – In Attendance



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10:00 am EST – OPEN MEETING

ELIGIBILITY

- Full time to be 9 credits/hours instead of 12 for undergraduates
- 7.03.2: Should this rule include transfer/withdraw students
- Adding “January 1” to 8.02.0
- 7.07.2: Allowing a player to compete with the team from the university he graduated from or allow it to be a transfer schools as well
- 7.07.0: Adding exception for school sponsored study abroad program
- 8.01.0: Removing academic warning or probation from
- Rule 7.09.0 increase 6/5 clock for Community Colleges
- Remove age limit to allow more players



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ROSTER

- Allowing teams with both DI and DII teams to have more than 3 moves between teams
- Allowing teams with both DI and DII teams to be able to move a single player more than once but not more than 3-moves per year
- Reduce Roster Size to 28 to provide more competitive balance
- Allowing more players to be removed off of roster
- Adding 2 roster spots for documented season ending injuries
- 6.04.1.2: Add in a player or rep of current team or transfer team may contact NCBA by the appropriate deadline to have name removed from roster
- Move Roster Freeze Date Up

SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING

CONFERENCE PLAY

- 1.07.1 changing to “from the schedule to reschedule conference games” to allow for changes not related to rainouts



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SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING CONTINUED...

CONFERENCE PLAY CONTINUED...

- If team completes one game (7 innings) and reschedules DH to another weekend is the DH, two 7's or a 7 and a 9
- If a makeup conference series is played mid week, can all games be 7's if approved by regional director
- 4.02.2.2 Single makeup game rescheduled to weekend be played as a 7 inning game
- Can tripleheaders be played as all 7's, or does one game have to be a 9-inning game
- Add Friday can be considered a mid-week game
- Adding, games can only be rescheduled due to uncontrollable circumstances

NON CONFERENCE PLAY

- Inter-league games played between same school can count two games but they don't count towards required NC games for post season



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IN GAME

- Outlawing noise makers in dugout
- DH for any position
- Adding “AUTOMATICALLY” to rule 5.05.0
- Students can ump games if not affiliated with a team or allow students to umpire if they are scheduled through an assigner
- Halted Games: Can a player participate if the player was added to roster after game was halted but before restarted? See Discussion Points
- Adding (.3) to 5.02 “position player listed as manager/head coach, and conference that stops play shall be charged as official visit”
- Adding (.3.1) to 5.02 “example: if catcher is listed as the manager/head coach, and conference between them will count as an official defensive visit”
- Change mound visit rule to match MLB
- 3rd to 1st becomes a balk?
- Slide rules need addressed. 19.01.1.2 runner should be ejected and play subject to interference rules? See notes
- Adding penalty for illegal substitutions



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PROTESTS

- All Roster Violations become Off-Field Protest
- Protest of Roster Violations must be made at ground rules or when sub that is not on roster enters the game
- Adding “see protest rules” to section 6.02.1
- If players are in registration queue or on academic letter but not both, they can be retroactively activated to the roster to avoid forfeit
- If roster violations remain On Field, punish teams for use of ineligible player(s) that play
- Adding “and the catcher has left the dirt circle are at home plate” to rule 24.02.2.1
- Adding “Failure to schedule Qualified Umpires” to Off Field Protests
- If umpires are late (30 min or more), protesting team must protest before start of game and a forfeit will be requested



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EJECTIONS

- Add “repeat offender” rule for player and coaches ejections
- No auto suspension for arguing balls/strikes by player
- Adding (.2) to Rule 22.03.1 (Coaches Ejections). “a player/coach that is ejected can be replaced by another player/coach who must be identified to the home plate ump and opposing team.”
- Allow protests based on NCBA rules to be part of on and off field protests to determine if rules have been provided by home team

FORFEITS

- Can teams add stats to games that are played but end up forfeits
- If a team two teams agree to not play or one team forfeits during the last weekend of the regular season but the forfeits have no impact on standings, should the team be placed on probation
- Adding rule to 23.04.0 that if away team ends up forfeiting after game starts due to ejections, they will also be responsible for ump and field costs



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POST SEASON

REGIONAL/DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

- The championship Game is a single elimination game
- Rain Delay procedures: Can a 2-0 team be crowned?
- Standardize Regional Bracket
- Not having Regional Game 3 be elimination game
- Game is complete if 5 innings played and play is suspended
- Should team qualify for post-season tournament and choose not to go due to school conflicts that they will not be penalized
- Clarify Tie Breaker rule 3.01.7. See Notes
- 3.03.3.1.2 Adding Overall wins before Top 20 Poll
- Adding Coin Toss after Top 20 in rule 3.03.1.1
- Removing 3.03.1.3.1 (1v4 can't be from same conference)

WORLD SERIES

- Condense WS Schedule



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POST SEASON CONTINUED...

WORLD SERIES CONTINUED...

- WS be entirely double elimination or champ game best of 3
- “Rebranding” WS to eliminate two loss vs. one loss argument
- Removing number of games as a factor in WS seeding

EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS

- Enforce/Stress Coaches Uniform Rules
- What contrasts with Camo Jerseys/Ban Camo Jerseys
- One number per player & one player per number
- Further define undersleeve color in rule 9.01.1
- Allowing BESR Bats
- Get rid of mandatory Richardson Hat
- Updating Hat rules to “The Game” as the new official hat sponsor
- Provide opt out for teams required by school to use specific hat brand



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MISCELLANEOUS

- Changing Rules Committee Members to DI and DII Rules Rep, DI and DII Directors and President
- Raising Standards for All Americans
- Adding E-cigs and Vapes to 21.02.0
- Have Division I and Division II split between school sizes
- Adding "Rules FAQ" to rulebook
- Consistent use of word "Reg Dir" & "Conf Coord" in rulebook
- Changing 1.08.1 to "each regions playoff tournament"
- Adding "all or part of their" to rule 4.06.3
- Expand Social Media Rules



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SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULE CHANGES

DIVISION 1 RULE CHANGES

- 26.01.1: Stats from the entire team must be uploaded for POW/PIW
- Allow reentry and courtesy runners
- 9 inning games to 7 inning games
- Have all teams submit 2 academic letters; Fall Games Count
- Allowing Mid America Teams to play Fall Conference Games
- Allowing Fall season to count for all DI teams that choose to participate
- Adding NAR & GLR teams are NOT required to play Fall Conf

DIVISION 2 RULE CHANGES

- Remove automatic promotion to DI. Review on case by case basis
- Expanded use of automatic DI to DII and DII to DI moves
- Add Performance Bond for DII Teams



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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	Add clause to clarify that transferring students or students that withdraw from College/University are not eligible to Rule 7.03.2.	7	0	0
2	Adding “January 1” to 8.02.0.	7	0	0
3	Adding exception to rule 7.07.0 for school sponsored study abroad programs	6	1	0
4	Removing Academic Warning or Academic Probation from rule 8.01.0.	2	5	0
5	Increase the “6/5 clock” for Community Colleges in rule 7.09.0	1	6	0
6	Remove age limit in rule 7.08.0	1	6	0



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RESULTS

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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
7	Allowing teams with both a DI and a DII team to have more than 3 player moves per year.	1	6	0
8	Reduce maximum Roster size from 33 to 30.	4	3	0
9	Allowing 5 players to be removed from roster if they meet documented reasons	4	3	0
10	Adding “season ending injury” to reasons players can be removed from roster in rule 6.04.1.1.	7	0	0
11	Adding “unplayable conditions” to rule 1.07.2 in place of “rainouts”	7	0	0
12	Adding rule to 4.02.2.2 stating that single makeup game played on the weekend can be played as a 7-inning game if approved by regional director	7	0	0
13	Adding clarification to game length rules that a tripleheader can be played as all 7 inning games.	7	0	0
14	Colleges that have both a DI and DII team can play 2 games that count against each other but not towards 3 required for playoff eligibility	2	5	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
15	Outlawing artificial noisemakers in dugouts during all NCBA games	4	3	0
16	Allowing teams to DH for any position	1	6	0
17	Adding “AUTOMATICALLY” to rule 5.05.0	7	0	0
18	Adding a clarification example to rule 5.02.2 regarding mound visits	7	0	0
19	Changing mound visit rule to match MLB	1	6	0
20	Adding failure to report subs before next pitch will result in auto ejection of designated head coach	7	0	0
21	All roster violations become an Off Field Protest	0	7	0
22	Roster violations protest must be made before first pitch or as soon as sub not listed on lineup card enters game.	7	0	0
23	Changing “issued” to “subject to” and “see protest verbiage” to 6.02.1	7	0	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
24	Any DI team that does play ineligible player whether protested correctly or not will face a \$100 deduction from their Performance Bond	7	0	0
25	Adding "Failure to schedule Qualified Umpires" to Off Field Protests.	7	0	0
26	If umpires are 30 minutes or more late to scheduled game time it becomes automatic forfeit, unless teams agree to play later than the scheduled start	6	1	0
27	Games that are played by end up being forfeited, stats can count for team that is forfeited to, but not for the team the forfeited.	7	0	0
28	Standardize the Regional Bracket	1	6	0
29	Add clarification to the tiebreaker rules in 3.01.7	7	0	0
30	Adding "coin toss" after "top-20" in rule 3.03.1.1	7	0	0
31	Removing 3.03.1.3.1	2	5	0
32	Making World Series entirely double elimination or championship game a best of 3	3	4	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
33	Removing the number of games as a factor in determining World Series seeding	0	7	0
34	Updating the rules to “The Game” as the new official hat sponsor	7	0	0
35	Providing opt-outs for teams where their universities require a specific hat brand	0	7	0
36	Changing the rules committee members to President, DI and DII Teams Reps, and DI and DII Directors	2	5	0
37	Adding E-cigarettes and vapes to 21.02.0	7	0	0
38	Adding a FAQ section to the rulebook	7	0	0
39	Changing 1.08.1 to “each regions playoff tournament” so no confusion when SoPac season ends.	7	0	0
40	Adding “all or part of their” to rule 4.06.3	7	0	0
41	Expand social media rule 25.01.1 to personal players accounts and facing suspension/team probation if deemed unsportsmanlike	7	0	0



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	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
42	Stats from the ENTIRE team must be uploaded in order for nominations to be considered for POW/PIW	7	0	0
43	Allow Reentry in Division I	2	5	0
44	Allow Courtesy Runners in Division I	1	6	0
45	Allow all DI teams to play Fall Conference Games	2	5	0
46	Allow Mid America-North to play Fall Conference Games	7	0	0
47	Allow Mid Atlantic-West to play Fall Conference Games	6	0	1
48	Removing Auto-Promotion from DII to DI	2	5	0
49	For 2017-2018 season, adding Performance Bond for Division II Teams	7	0	0
50	Disallowing all DII Teams to play Fall Ball	5	2	0
51	DII Districts comparable to DI Conferences that play Fall Conference games allowed to play Fall Conference	7	0	0