



**2019 NCBA Rules Committee
Annual Meeting**

July 28, 2018

10:00 am EST

NCBA Headquarters

850 Ridge Ave

Suite 301

Pittsburgh, PA 15212



2019 NCBA Rules Committee Members

Sandy Sanderson – NCBA President (IN ATTENDANCE)

Christian Smith – Division I Baseball Operations (IN ATTENDANCE)

Eric Curitore – Division II Baseball Operations (IN ATTENDANCE)

Garrett Siemek – Division III Baseball Operations (IN ATTENDANCE)

Ryan Norris – DI Regional Director At-Large Selection (IN ATTENDANCE)

Dan Iavarone – Division I Rules Committee Teams Rep (ABSENT)

Chad Lowe – Division II Rules Committee Teams Rep (IN ATTENDANCE)



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PLEASE NOTE: ALL RULES SUGGESTIONS WERE DISCUSSED, HOWEVER, NOT ALL RULES SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED ENOUGH SUPPORT TO WARRANT A VOTE.

ELIGIBILITY

- Eligibility for Students at Bridge Programs. ***DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0***

ROSTER

- Changing rules for moving players between DI/DII or DII/DIII teams. Change suggested: 3 players able to play on both teams during same season.
 - ***DI→DII - DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0***
 - ***DII→DIII - PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 1***

SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING

CONFERENCE PLAY

- Teams have 30 days from the release of the conference schedule to contact the other team if there is a conflict. ***DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0***
- 3 Team Conferences to play a home 3 game series and an away 3 game series against same opponent instead of a 3 game series and a 4 game series. ***PASSES FOR DI, DII, AND DIII: 6 VOTES TO 0.***
- Scheduling conference games for Friday night without approval. ***NO VOTE***



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SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING CONTINUED...

CONFERENCE PLAY CONTINUED...

- Home Team must notify away team date and time 5 days prior to start of series. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0**
- If a game or series that is forfeited during the last weekend of the regular season and has no impact on 1st or 2nd place in the conference, then the team will not be on probation all of next season. **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 1**
- Make-up weekend. Many teams cannot play that weekend due to finals/graduation/underclassman needing to be off campus. Should teams that fall under those examples be forced to be on probation all of next season. **NO VOTE**
- No team should be forced to play more than 1 conference series in the Fall. **NO VOTE – A NOTE FOR SCHEDULE MAKERS**

IN GAME

- Pace of Play and in-game penalties associated with violation. **NO VOTE**



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IN GAME CONTINUED

- Making Rule 6.02.0 5 non-rostered players rather than 4. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0**
 - **ADD RULE THAT IF ONE NON-ROSTERED PLAYER GETS EJECTED, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED FOR THAT GAME. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**
- Courtesy Runner for Catcher with 2 outs in the inning.
 - **ADD COURTESY RUNNER TO DI. DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0**
 - **GET RID OF RE-ENTRY AT DII. PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 2**
- Flexibility with the DH i.e. allowing to hit for position player. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0**
- Use of Wooden Bats. **NO VOTE**
- Getting rid of “move-balls”. **NO VOTE**

UNIFORMS

- NCBA Logo on the Hat to be in specific location and size.
 - **NCBA LOGO CENTERED ON BACK OF HAT. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**
 - **NCBA LOGO MUST BE THE OFFICIAL CORRECT SIZING. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**
 - **IF LOGO IS IN THE WRONG SPOT, LOSS OF PB. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**



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PROTESTS

- Change 5.04.0 back to Off-Field Protest and not before the first pitch. **DOES NOT PASS**
 - **IF A PLAYER IS FOUND INELIGIBLE AFTER 1ST PITCH, HE AND MANAGER ARE EJECTED FOR REMAINDER OF GAME. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**

EJECTIONS

- Are assistant coaches afforded the same additional suspension rules as head coaches/managers? If a assistant coach argues balls/strikes or safe/out and is ejected are they not suspended any additional game? Is that the head coaches job to argue calls? **NO VOTE**
- **CHANGING THE SLIDE RULE SO THAT THE PLAYER IS NOT SUSPENDED. DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 2**

FORFEITS

- Rule 23.08.0: What if a DI team is playing a DII team and DII team forfeits? Does DII team lose PB? Same for all inter-league play.
 - **IF A DI OR DII TEAM FORFEITS, THE FORFEITING TEAMS PB GOES TO THE OTHER REGIONAL. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**



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FORFEITS CONTINUED...

- 23.04.0 should be a subset rule of 23.03.0 and 23.06.0 should be a subset rule of 23.05.0. **NO VOTE**

POST SEASON

REGIONAL/DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

- Winners bracket game at all regional's be game #3, instead of #4. **PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**
- Game length consistent for all regional's whether it's 7 or 9. If not, consistency in how game lengths are adjusted due to weather. Guidelines for staff, etc. **NO VOTE**
 - **IF THERE IS A CHANCE 1 TEAM HAS TO PLAY 3 FULL GAMES IN ONE DAY, ALL GAMES THAT DAY HAVE TO PLAY IN 7 INNING FORMAT. PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 1**
- #1 seed has choice of either 1st or 2nd game on Friday. **PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**
- Additional Staffing at Regional Events. **NO VOTE**
- Stricter enforcement of NCBA rules by onsite League Staff. **NO VOTE**
- Post Season Vote when all conference games are not played. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0**



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MISCELLANEOUS

DUES

- Raise DII Dues to be in line with DI and provide same full-time staff alignment. DII play has not improved. How can league help? Additional oversight of teams. **NO VOTE - WILL POLL TEAMS**
- Progressive 5-year raise of dues at all divisions to increase staffing with a goal of having 1-full time staff member per region and to improve staff retention. **NO VOTE - WILL POLL TEAMS**

STATS

- Incentive for posting stats i.e. raising dues \$50 but it being waived if stats are posted. **NO VOTE**
 - **DI & DII: THE ENTIRE TEAM'S STATS HAVE TO BE UP FOR POW/PIW ELIGIBILITY. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0.**
- All Stats for a player for each game must be posted to be eligible for post-season awards. **NO VOTE**



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MISCELLANEOUS CONTINUED...

- Academic Policies that prohibit student organizations from traveling during final exams. For instance, what would happen if a school prohibited a team from traveling during final exams even if team wanted to travel but wasn't authorized by the school. **NO VOTE**
- Teams can forfeit their Performance Bond for other reasons than just forfeiting games. For example conduct that is not acceptable to NCBA standards. **NO VOTE**
 - **FAILURE TO SHOW UP TO POSTSEASON IS A LOSS OF PB. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**

SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULE CHANGES

DIVISION 1 RULE CHANGES

- Lowering/eliminating the required 3 non-conference games. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0.**



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SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULE CHANGES CONTINUED...

DIVISION 2 RULE CHANGES

- Remove “Does not have a DI Team” from 26.01.1 to have multiple teams from same school at same level. **NO VOTE**
- Re-evaluation of 26.01.0. Team has the choice to move up or not. **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 1.**
- DII Regional's moved to first weekend in May. **PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**
 - If remains earlier weekend, then 1 game non-conference requirement or remove altogether. **N/A**
 - **DII REQUIREMENT TO BE POSTSEASON ELIGIBLE GOEST FROM 2 TO 1 NON-CONFERENCE GAMES. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0.**
- Team & Base Coaches helmets match each other to mirror DI rule.
 - **DII HELMETS (BASE AND TEAM) MUST MATCH. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**
- PB deduction for photo evidence of Coaches Uniform infraction to mirror DI Rule **NO VOTE - BRING UP NEXT YEAR**
- Entire Teams stats must be entered for player/pitcher to win POW/PIW **PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0 (HAPPENED EARLIER)**



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SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULE CHANGES CONTINUED...

DIVISION 3 RULE CHANGES

- Wild Card system implemented for D3 Postseason. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0**

ADDITIONAL RULES

- **CHANGE RULE 4.01: REMOVE THE WORD "INVITATIONAL". PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**
- **4.03.5.2: IF TEAMS BEGIN A NEW GAME PRIOR TO FINISHING HALTED GAME, THE REMAINING GAME(S) AGAINST THE TWO TEAMS WILL NOT COUNT AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0**
- **DI RULE 9.01.02 FOR 2019-2020, CATCHERS GEAR MUST MATCH UNIFORM OR BE WHITE, BLACK, GREY. PASSES: 6 TO 0**
- **DII RULE 9.01.02 FOR 2020-2021, CATCHERS GEAR MUST MATCH UNIFORM OR BE WHITE, BLACK, GREY. PASSES: 6 TO 0**
- **150 PITCH COUNT PER DAY FOR PITCHERS. DOES NOT PASS: 4 TO 2.**

CLOSE MEETING