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2017 NCBA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Frequently asked questions to NCBA Rules

Q: Is the 3rd to 1st pickoff move legal in the NCBA?

A: Yes, it is legal in the NCAA therefore it is legal in the NCBA. Should NCAA change their ruling on this, the NCBA rules will follow.

Q: Does a batter have to make an attempt to get out of the way of a pitch?

A: No, batters have their right to their position in the box and DO NOT have to make an attempt to get out of the way of a pitch but are not allowed to lean into the pitch.

See NCBA Rule 20.00.00 (Hit by Pitch)

Q: Can you DH for position players?

A: No, NCBA rules follow the NCAA rules which state that the Designated Hitter may only be used for the pitcher.

See NCBA Rule 17.00.00 (Designated Hitter)

Q: On an intentional walk, does the pitcher have to actually throw to the catcher?

A: Yes, the pitcher must throw four pitches outside the strike zone in order for the batter to advance to first base.

Q: Can one 9-inning game count as two 7-inning games?

A: No. You must play two 7-inning games to count them as two 7-inning games.

Q: Can NCBA Division I Teams play all 7-inning games?

A: No, each game of a double header can be played in a 7-inning format, but any single game must be played in a 9 inning format with exceptions described in the rulebook.

NCBA Rule 4.00.00 (Game Length)

Q: Do base coaches have to wear helmets?

A: Yes, NCBA follows NCAA rules, which mandate that base coaches MUST wear a helmet and play cannot continue until the rule is met.

See NCAA Rule 1, Section 14, item g.

Q: When coaching the bases does the coach need to be in full uniform?

A: Yes, the coach must be in a game jersey and pants. They may wear a jacket or wind shirt over the jersey, but it must be team issued and matches the team's colors and is of a non-distracting nature.

See NCBA DI Rule 9.04.1.2 & NCBA DII Rule 9.02.1.2 (Uniforms)

Q: Are Courtesy Runners allowed?

A: No, Courtesy Runners are NOT allowed in any NCBA (Division I or II) NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game.

See NCBA Rule 18.00.00 (Courtesy Runners)

Q: Is Reentry allowed?

A: Reentry is allowed at the Division II level, but it is NOT allowed at the Division I level.

See NCBA Rule 16.00.00 (Reentry)

Q: Do all substitutes need to be listed on the lineup card in order to play?

A: Yes, all available substitutes must be listed on the lineup card for that contest in order for them to be eligible to compete in that specific contest.

See NCBA Rule 5.03.1 (Lineup Cards/Substitutions)

Q: Are you able to slide outside the base in order to break up a play?

A: Yes, but any player forced into a base must slide within ONE ARM'S LENGTH on either side of the base in order to break up the play.

See NCBA Rule 19.00.00 (Slide Rules)

Q: Does the visiting team have to wear a contrasting color jersey to the home team?

A: At the Division I level, the visiting team is required to wear a jersey in a contrasting color to the home team. At the Division II level, we recommend that DII teams plan properly with the home team to try to wear a contrasting colored jersey.

See NCBA Rule 9.00.00 (Uniforms)

Q: How long do we have to wait for umpires before the game is declared a forfeit?

A: If umpires do not arrive within 30 minutes of the official scheduled start time, then the game is automatically forfeited to the visiting team. In the second game of the double header, the home team has an additional 30 minutes (1 hour from official start time of game 1) from the time game 1 was officially forfeited to get NCBA qualified umpires to the field or the second game is also automatically forfeited to the visiting team.

See NCBA Rules 14.06.0 and 14.07.0 (Umpires)

Q: Can a team start with only 8 players?

A: No, at the Division I and Division II level any team that starts the game with fewer than nine players will be forced to automatically forfeit.

See NCBA Rule 5.05.0 (Lineup Cards/Substitutions)

Q: My team is officially scheduled to play an opponent during a certain weekend as it is stated on the NCBA website, but my opponent notified us that they can't play that weekend. Are we obligated to reschedule with them?

A: The NCBA wants teams to honor the official schedule that is listed online. With that being said, it is your choice to either accept forfeit victories OR you can oblige your opponent and reschedule with them only if your team has availability and it is approved by the Regional Director/District Coordinator. The NCBA recommends that if it is any easy "fix" to reschedule with your opponent to do so. At the end of the day the NCBA wants as much baseball played. But in no way are teams obligated to reschedule with their opponents if they can't play on the weekend that is on the official NCBA schedule.

Q: Are we only allowed to play our three conference games against our opponent in one weekend?

A: No, we recommend adding at least one non-conference game to your three game conference series if at all possible. Realistically, only four games can be played (3 Conference and 1 Non-Conference) against your conference opponent in a single weekend. So, if you play your three conference series games and add a non-conference game against your conference opponent, you can knock off one of the three required non-conference games to be eligible for the playoffs (DI only), and if you play two games Saturday and two games Sunday, they can both be double-headers.