



## **2018 NCBA Rules Committee**

### **Annual Meeting**

**July 15, 2017**

**10:00 am EST**

**NCBA Headquarters**

**850 Ridge Ave**

**Suite 301**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15212**



## **2018 NCBA Rules Committee Members**

Sandy Sanderson – President (IN ATTENDANCE)

Christian Smith – North Atlantic Regional Director (IN ATTENDANCE)

Rachel Weber – Mid-Atlantic Regional Director (ABSENT)

TBD – Mid-America Regional Director (N/A)

Alex Kane – Great Lakes Regional Director (IN ATTENDANCE)

Eric Curitore – South Atlantic Regional Director (IN ATTENDANCE)

Norman Doyle – Northern Pacific Regional Director (Conference Call)

Ryan Norris – Gulf Coast Regional Director (IN ATTENDANCE)

Michael Olivo – Southern Pacific Regional Director (ABSENT)

Chad Lowe – DII Elected Teams Rep (IN ATTENDANCE)

Matt Ridner – DI Elected Teams Rep (IN ATTENDANCE)



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**10:00 am EST – OPEN MEETING**

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

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Players on Academic Warning not Academic probation should be eligible. ***DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2.***
- Update rule 7.02.0 to reflect 6.02.1, so that it is not an auto-forfeit (adding “subject to forfeit”) if they play an ineligible player. ***PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0.***
- Faculty/Staff being eligible to compete as long as they meet all eligibility requirements. ***PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 1.***
- 6 years to compete 5. Change the 6 years to a 7 or 8. ***DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 1.***
- Allow players who competed 4 years at varsity level to compete in the NCBA for their 5 year. ***DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 3.***
- Year of eligibility for a player under 25 that has played 5 CLUB years and is full time pursuing a graduate degree. ***DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2.***



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### ROSTER

- Allowing teams with both DI and DII teams to have 5 moves instead of 3 between teams. **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 2.**
- Increase roster size for DII Teams to 33. **PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 4.**
- Increase roster size for DI Teams to 33. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 3.**
- Move player removal date to February 13<sup>th</sup> to reflect Fall Teams season start date. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2.**

### SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING

#### CONFERENCE PLAY

- Unless mutually agreed upon by both teams in writing to regional director, the conference series can begin no earlier than 8am local time on Saturday. **PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0.**
- Unless mutually agreed upon by both teams in writing to the regional director, teams less than 75 miles apart travel distance (campus to field), the series can start no sooner than 6pm, local time Friday and the series must conclude Saturday, unless weather forces the conclusion to Sunday. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 2.**
- All teams in conference start and finish conference play on same weekends. **DOES NOT PASS: 8 VOTES TO 0.**



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### SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING CONTINUED...

#### NON CONFERENCE PLAY

- Inter-league games played between same school can count ONE game but they don't count towards required NC games for post season and will not be factored in for Regional or WS Seeding. **PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 4.**
- Allow NCBA sanctioned spring tournaments to be eligible to compete as 7-inning games as long as they are "NCBA sanctioned." NCBA Sanctioning can be applied for by contacting NCBA Front Office. **PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0.**
- Tightening up wording in 29.00.00/29.01.3 so that it reflects 1.07.1. NCBA Sanctioned games defined as having to play against another collegiate baseball team. **PASSES: 8 VOTES TO 0.**



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### IN GAME

- Updating Halted Game Rule: Should visiting team tie or take the lead during a partially played inning prior to the game being called, the halted game rule will be in effect if it is able to be finished by the end of the normally scheduled series. If halted, it must be finished before the start of any conference games still being needed to be played between the opponents. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- Intentional Walks: Teams don't have to throw. **DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 3.**
- Capping the number of non-rostered personnel in the dugout to 4. Any teams who violate the rule will have their Head Coach ejected. **PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 3.**
- Add stipulations about unsafe objects in field of play. If unsafe objects exist inside the normal field of play, the home team will be afforded the opportunity to remove the object(s) or mitigate the hazard prior to play continuing. Should the hazard remain, rules in Section 24.03.0 apply. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- Courtesy Runners reinstated for both DI and DII and Re-entry allowed for DI or make courtesy runners and re-entry illegal at both DI and DII levels so to be consistent. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 1.**





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### IN GAME CONTINUED...

- Re-entry allowed at DI level. **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 2.**
- Courtesy Runners allowed only for catcher at DI level. **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 2.**
- Courtesy Runners allowed only for catcher at DII level. **PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 3.**
- Which umpire gets to make the appeal calls. **NO VOTE.**
- Not allowing 3<sup>rd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> pick off move. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- DH for any position. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1.**
- Option to bat 10. **NO VOTE.**
- Portable mound requirements (i.e. 4 sloping sides) and add to on field protests. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- For use of artificial turf field that requires turf or molded cleats, Home team must give visiting team 72 hours notice about footwear requirements, otherwise, home team must wear turfs only (cannot wear molded cleats). **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**



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### PROTESTS

- Adding to Off Field Protests the use of a un-rostered player posing as a rostered player undiscovered until after the game. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**

### EJECTIONS

- Add noisemakers to the ejection section of the rulebook. **NO VOTE.**
- Ejected players who are repeat offenders will be given harsher penalties such as 3 strikes and your out of league. **NO VOTE.**

### FORFEITS

- Games played with less than 9 eligible players on a roster, becomes an automatic forfeit. If both teams play with less than 9 eligible players on their roster, it becomes a double forfeited tie that the front office will impose. **PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- Updating 23.08.1 or 6.02.1.1 to reflect one another. If team has an eligible roster but plays a player not on roster and it is protested incorrectly, they lose \$100 of their performance bond even though the game was played. **PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0.**





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### POST SEASON

#### REGIONAL/DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

- At large bid to be determined by 1-game play in if records are tied. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1.**
- At-large bid not be determined by opinion but have a clear cut rule. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1.**
- Regional Umpires should have no relationship with teams involved in regional. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0.**



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### MISCELLANEOUS

- Changing Rules Committee Members to: President, League Directors (I, II, III), DI and DII Rules Rep, and 1 voted DI Regional Director Rep (7 on panel). **PASSES 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- Harsher penalties for teams not paying their dues on time. **NO VOTE.**
- Ideas on how to make teams put their stats up. **NO VOTE.**
- Adding to FAQ, “What should I do if my opponent lists a player on the lineup card that is not on the roster?” **NO VOTE.**
- Updating years in rules 1.01.3.2, 1.02.2.1, 1.02.2.2.2, 1.03.1.1.2, etc... **NO VOTE.**



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### SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULE CHANGES

#### DIVISION 2 RULE CHANGES

- Will DII Performance Bond have same reasons for deduction as DI rules (played/un-played forfeits, uniforms, roster violations)? **NO VOTE.**
- 18-19 season: matching batting helmets required. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- 19-20 season: require 2 sets of contrasting jerseys. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- 18-19 season: require 2 NC games to be post season eligible. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- 19-20 season: 9 inning single games excluding playoffs. **NO VOTE.**
- Allow Fall Season to count for all DII teams that choose to participate with D3 operating fall season under 16-17 D2 rules. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- Keep DII WS dates same but move DII District Playoffs 1 week earlier. **PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 3.**
- DII rule to match DI rule of stats must be entered for entire team in order to be eligible for POW/PIW. **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 2.**
- Re-evaluate D2 to D1 Auto promotion rule; smaller schools disadvantaged, proposal of realignment based on school size. **DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 3.**



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### SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULE CHANGES CONTINUED...

#### DIVISION 3 RULE CHANGES

- Auto-relegation and Auto-Promotion rules for D2 Teams to D3 and D3 teams to D2. **NO VOTE.**
- Courtesy Runners for catchers only. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- Reentry with same rules as D2 regarding reentry. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- Keeping the DH rule consistent with DI and DII. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- All games 7-innings. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0.**
- Division I Teams can play DIII teams and count them provided that they are not from the same school and have not already played once that same year. **PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 1.**



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**MEETING CLOSED**