



**2020 NCBA Rules Committee
Annual Meeting**

July 27, 2019

11:00 am EST

NCBA Headquarters

850 Ridge Ave

Suite 301

Pittsburgh, PA 15212



2020 NCBA Rules Committee Members

Sandy Sanderson – NCBA President (IN ATTENDANCE)

Eric Curitore – Division I Baseball Operations (IN ATTENDANCE)

Garrett Siemek – Division II Baseball Operations (IN ATTENDANCE)

Christian Smith – Division III Baseball Operations (IN ATTENDANCE)

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

Joe Caracci – Division I Rules Committee Teams Rep (IN ATTENDANCE)

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



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11:00 am EST – OPEN MEETING

ELIGIBILITY

- If a player has only 2 classes to graduate but they are sequential can he be eligible to compete in the Fall even though he isn't full-time? **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1**
- An individual who takes year off after high school, then enrolls in the military and is in military through his 25th birthday, then enrolls in college immediately after discharge is not eligible. Individual who takes off several years after high school and enrolls before his 25th birthday does have full eligibility. Can the exceptions be in the first situation be discussed? **RULE 7.08.1, REMOVE "STRAIGHT FROM," PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Allowing students with intellectual and developmental disabilities apart of an institutional program (i.e. TOPS & IHE) eligibility to compete if they meet program equivalency regarding NCBA GPA requirement and with however many credits that the program deems full-time. **DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 3**
- Allowing a player who exhausted 4-years at the varsity level, to compete using his 5th year if varsity play was played at different school. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
 - Allowing 4-year varsity players that have only competed in a certain percentage of varsity sanctioned baseball games to compete using their 5th. **NO VOTE**



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ROSTER

- Any player that is no longer apart of the team can be removed in January regardless of the reason. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1**
- A player that is on a co-op out of state, can they be included in a roster removal? **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 2**
 - **A PLAYER ON A CO-OP 200 MILES OR GREATER FROM CAMPUS CAN BE REMOVED. PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 2**
- Adding “grace period” to the official start time for visiting teams in reference to Rule 5.06.0. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Require that all players upload their picture to website. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**

SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING

NON-CONFERENCE/CONFERENCE PLAY

- Conference Schedules be released by 8/1 so teams can make better preparations. **NO VOTE**
- Spring Season begins on 2/1 for all teams including Fall-Eligible Teams. **PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 2**
- Fall-Eligible Teams must schedule at least 1 conference series in the Fall.
 - **DI: PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 3**
 - **DII: PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 1 (NEW ENGLAND, NEW PENN, CHESAPEAKE, & N. PLAINS)**
 - **DIII: DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
 - Fall Teams who do not schedule series in Fall, are only allowed to request 1 weekend off in the Spring. **NO VOTE**



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SCHEDULES/SCHEDULING CONTINUED...

NON-CONFERENCE/CONFERENCE PLAY CONTINUED...

- D1/D2 Non-Conference Game Requirement, has to be played against teams outside of your conference. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- 75-80% of conference games played to be eligible to win the conference. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Same schedule every 2 years with home/away only change. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Making conference series 4 games instead of 3. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- NCBA take over scheduling umpires for conference series. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Add language around weather and reschedules due to teams using it to cancel without actual weather issues. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- NCBA cannot make you play a makeup game within 48 hours, if the makeup game was already off the table. Makeup rules needs addressed. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1**

INTERLEAGUE PLAY

- Allow up to 2 games between DI and DII teams – Does not count towards non-conference requirements for post-season eligibility. **PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 3**



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IN GAME

- Should rule specify anything in regards to distasteful stadium music? **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Intentional walks. NCAA does not require 4 pitches. Should NCBA follow? **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Add NCAA conference limit for defense/offense language to rules. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Increasing the amount of visits for 9-inning games, see rule 5.02.2. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Add language for wind-up position NCAA change or add our own NCBA language. **NO VOTE, ADD LANGUAGE TO FAQ**
- Eliminating Rule 5.05.1, ejecting head coach for not reporting sub. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Option to bat more than 9 players. **NO VOTE**
- Removing 7-inning game mercy rule. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Can vaping be allowed in dugouts. **NO VOTE, ALREADY ADDRESSED IN RULEBOOK**
- First names on the lineup must match first name listed on the online team roster. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**



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IN GAME CONTINUED...

- Allowing to DH for anyone, not just pitchers. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Allow courtesy runner for catcher/pitcher with 2 outs.
 - **DI: DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
 - **DII: GET RID OF COURTESY RUNNER COMPLETELY, DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 3**
 - **DII: COURTESY RUN WITH 2 OUTS, PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 1**

SLIDE RULES

- Updating slide rule 19.01.1 that if umpire deems interference both runner and batter runner declared out and all runners return to last legally occupied base at time of pitch. **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 2**
- Updating slide rule 19.02.1.1, contact above waist shall not be judged as an attempt to reach plate. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Updating slide rule 19.02.1.2, see Joe Caracci notes. **NO VOTE**

EQUIPMENT

- Bat Rules: Allowing white barrel bats for 19-20 NCBA season. Currently NCAA does not allow white barrel bats. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Teams have the option to use a safety bag at first base. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**



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PROTESTS

- Have protest for umpire qualifications be an On-Field Protest only, not both On-Field and Off-Field. **DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 3**
 - **LOWERING LOST PROTESTS FROM FOUR TO THREE? PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
 - **CHANGING PROTEST DEADLINE FROM TUESDAY TO MONDAY? PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 1**

FORFEITS

- Changing Rule 24.05.0 to the last week of the TEAMS season instead of the last weekend of the regular season. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Automatic demotion for a DI team who forfeits 3+ games 2 years in a row including 18-19 season if space is available and replacement. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
 - **RAISE DI PERFORMANCE BOND FOR 2020-2021 SEASON FROM \$300 TO \$600, WITH EACH UNPLAYED FORFEIT LOSS RESULTING IN A \$200 DEDUCTION FROM PERFORMANCE BOND. PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 3**
- Adding wording to 24.05.0 and/or 26.01.0 for games not being able to be played due to weather? **NO VOTE**

STATS

- How to enforce teams to post accurate and complete stats to the website for DI and/or DII? All-Region/All-American Selections.
 - **TEAMS HAVE UNTIL 6/10 TO HAVE STATS INPUTTED FOR EVERY GAME, OR NOT ELIGIBLE FOR POST SEASON AWARDS. PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**



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POST SEASON

REGIONALS/DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

- Changing tiebreakers for figuring out 2nd place finisher in conference, with San Diego being a great example. How you did against conference winner before how you did against next best Team. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Teams that forfeit any game during a season & make playoffs can't be seeded higher than a team who doesn't have a forfeit loss. **DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 3**
- Change Seeding for top 3 seeds to Overall Win % then Conference Win %. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Eliminate Rule 3.03.1.3.1. First round matchups are #1 v. #4 even if from the same conference. **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 2**
- "Wild Card Game" between two at-large selections. Winner being #4 seed. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- At-Large Selection based more on statistical accomplishments and strength of schedules/strength of conference. **See attachment. DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**



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SPECIFIC LEAGUE RULE CHANGES

- All three divisions use exact same rulebook. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**

DIVISION 1 RULE CHANGES

- D1 Teams can play 7 inning games in all fall tournaments and count them towards their non-conference schedule if both teams agree. **NO VOTE, TEAMS CAN REFERENCE NCBA RULE 4.01.1**
- Increase roster size to 35. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1**
 - Keeping roster size at 30 but allowing 5 “practice squad players” that can be used for certain circumstances. Could help keep players involved who might otherwise get cut due to roster constraints. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1**
 - **INCREASE ROSTER SIZE TO 33 FOR DI. PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 3**
 - **INCREASE ROSTER SIZE TO 33 FOR DIII. PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**

DIVISION 2 RULE CHANGES

- Remove “Does not have an NCBA DI Team” from 28.01.1 to allow multiple teams from same school. **DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 2**
- Remove the word “Automatically for next full season” from D2 and D3 Rule 26.01.0 and replace with “can be” to match DI rule. **PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 2**
- Allow Re-Entry into the game for a substitution. **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1**

DIVISION 3 RULE CHANGES

- D3 District Playoffs be 4-Team playoffs. **NO VOTE**



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MISCELLANEOUS

POST SEASON AWARDS

- Mandating accurate and complete stats for All-Region/All-American Teams as well as taking into consideration strength of schedule when selecting. **NO VOTE**
- Adding more requirements in order to be eligible for post season honors, like “x” number of games played and/or teams played 3 non-conference games. **NO VOTE**
- Adding awards for BA, Hits, RBI’s, HR, etc... **NO VOTE**
- Add All-Region Teams for Division II and DIII. **DII: PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0. DIII: NO VOTE**
- Allow coaches ballots for All-Region Teams. **DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0**

TOP 20

- Top 20 poll weighed to heavily in post-season seeding. Voters should observe games to bring more merit to rankings. Rankings don’t seem educated. **NO VOTE**
- Top 20 voters select post-season predictions that coincide with Team Previews. **NO VOTE**
- Adding a bi-weekly coaches poll released opposite week of Top 20 poll. **NO VOTE**



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MISCELLANEOUS CONTINUED...

DUES

- Raise DII Dues to be in line with DI Dues and provide same full-time staffing alignment. DII quality of play has not improved. League can help by additional oversight of teams. **See attachments. INFO WILL BE SENT TO TEAMS FOR REVIEW**
- Progressive 5-year raise of dues at all Divisions to increase staffing so there is 1 full-time staff member per region and to improve staff retention. **INFO WILL BE SENT TO TEAMS FOR REVIEW**

RULE CLEAN UP'S

- Rule 24.06.1 for DI and DII references 6.02.1 and 6.02.1.1. Can we add “with a roster of at least 9 eligible players” after “Any team” to rule 6.02.1 and 6.02.1.1? **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Adding sub-rule to 6.02.2, stating that games played with one team having zero players on their roster while other team has eligible roster will result in games won by team having zero eligible roster going down as forfeits, while games won by team with eligible roster will go down as played. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Rule 3.01.2, changing to “excluding unplayed forfeits.” **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**



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MISCELLANEOUS CONTINUED...

RULE CLEAN UP'S CONTINUED...

- No discussion/vote needed...DI/DII Rule 4.02.2; Mercy Rule is actually 4.07.0. **NO VOTE**
- No discussion/vote needed...Rule 15.00.00 references rule 24.02, should be 25.02. **NO VOTE**
- No discussion/vote needed...Rule 23.05.1 references 22.02, 22.03, and 22.04 when it should be 23.02, 23.03, etc. **NO VOTE**
- No discussion/vote needed...DII Rule 28.00.00 and DIII Rule 27.00.00, reference wrong rule numbers within. **NO VOTE**
- Grammar suggestions in regards to “a NCBA” instead of “an NCBA.” **NO VOTE**



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COMMITTEE RULE SUGGESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS?

- Rule 5.03.3, if no numbers are listed onlineup, opposing team can request numbers, if none provided, the listed coach/manager is ejected. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
 - Subs can take number of starter as long as umpire and opposing team are notified. If not, manager is ejected. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**
- Implementing a pitch count limit/rest requirement. **DOES NOT PASS: 4 VOTES TO 3**
- NoPac Team Vote on NoPac Regionals hosted the week before (May 1-3, 2020). **DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1**
- No video replay allowed during any NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games. **PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0**

NO-VOTE DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Accreditation requirements to participate in CCS leagues.
- Texas A&M Corps of Cadets eligibility to move up to Division I.



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CLOSE MEETING