



## **2021-2022 NCBA ANNUAL RULES COMMITTEE MEETING RESULTS**

**JULY 24, 2021**

### **COMMITTEE:**

**SANDY SANDERSON, PRESIDENT/CEO OF NCBA: IN ATTENDANCE**

**CHRISTIAN SMITH, VP OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS: IN ATTENDANCE**

**ERIC CURITORE, DIRECTOR OF DI BASEBALL OPERATIONS: IN ATTENDANCE**

**JIMMY HENDERSON, DIRECTOR OF DII BASEBALL OPERATIONS: IN ATTENDANCE**

**RYAN NORRIS, REGIONAL DIRECTOR AT-LARGE BID: IN ATTENDANCE**

**JOE CARACCI, DIVISION I TEAMS REPRESENTATIVE: VIA ZOOM**

**CHAD LOWE, DIVISION II/III TEAMS REPRESENTATIVE: IN ATTENDANCE**

**PLEASE CLICK ON THE BELOW LINKS TO REFERENCE SPECIFIC RULES DETAILED IN DOCUMENT**

**NCBA DI RULES: [https://clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021\\_NCBA\\_DI\\_Rules\\_HIGHLIGHTED.pdf](https://clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2021_NCBA_DI_Rules_HIGHLIGHTED.pdf)**

**NCBA DII RULES: [https://div2.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2021\\_NCBA\\_DII\\_Rules\\_HIGHLIGHTED.pdf](https://div2.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2021_NCBA_DII_Rules_HIGHLIGHTED.pdf)**

**NCBA DIII RULES: [https://div3.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2021\\_NCBA\\_DIII\\_Rules\\_HIGHLIGHTED.pdf](https://div3.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2021_NCBA_DIII_Rules_HIGHLIGHTED.pdf)**

**NCAA RULES: <https://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/BA22.pdf>**

**WHILE ALL SUGGESTIONS WERE DISCUSSED SOME SUGGESTIONS DIDN'T RECEIVE ENOUGH SUPPORT TO WARRANT A VOTE**

**OFFICIAL VOTE TALLY AND NOTES LISTED IN RED TEXT BELOW EACH SUGGESTION**

**FOR ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE RESULTS, TEAMS CAN REACH OUT TO VP OF BASEBALL OPERATIONS, CHRISTIAN SMITH AT [CHRISTIAN.SMITH@COLLCLUBSPORTS.COM](mailto:CHRISTIAN.SMITH@COLLCLUBSPORTS.COM)**

## CONFERENCE PLAY

**Completion Time:** 6/28/21

**Name:** Eric Curitore

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**Which team are you associated with?:** All of them

**What is your role with the team?:** Front Office

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division I; Division II; Division III;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Modify

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** DI 1.01.2

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** Remove requirement for teams in specific areas of the country to play fall baseball.

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** Provide schools & teams more time to prepare for the season.

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** temporarily remove the rule for the upcoming year.

SUSPENDING DI AND DII RULE 1.01.2 FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON

**PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

\*DI TEAMS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC REGION, GREAT LAKES REGION, MID-ATLANTIC WEST CONFERENCE AND MID-AMERICA NORTH CONFERENCE CAN STILL PLAY NCBA SANCTIONED BASEBALL GAMES (CONFERENCE/NON-CONFERENCE) DURING THE FALL SEASON BUT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SCHEDULE AT LEAST ON CONFERENCE SERIES.

\*ALL DII TEAMS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY NCBA SANCTIONED BASEBALL GAMES (CONFERENCE/NON-CONFERENCE) DURING THE FALL SEASON, BUT TEAMS IN THE NEW ENGLAND REGION, NEW PENN REGION, CHESAPEAKE REGION AND NORTHERN PLAINS REGION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SCHEDULE AT LEAST ONE CONFERENCE SERIES DURING THE FALL SEASON.

## **EQUIPMENT**

**Completion Time:** 7/6/21

**Name:** Daniel Friis

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**Which team are you associated with?:** University of Oregon

**What is your role with the team?:** Coach

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division I;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Modify

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** 9.01.2.1

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** Any colored catchers gear should be allowed

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** We have guys with gear from their high school days

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** Any catchers gear color is allowed as long as they are wearing the appropriate uniform underneath to distinguish themselves.

**ALLOWING THE CATCHERS GEAR AT THE DIVISION I AND DIVISION II LEVEL TO BE ANY COLOR AND NOT HAVE TO MATCH UNIFORM COLORS**

**DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**\*EACH YEAR ALL DIVISION I AND DIVISION II TEAMS HAVE THE OPTION TO RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY SET OF CATCHERS GEAR (HELMET, CHEST PROTECTOR AND SHIN GUARDS) TO MATCH UNIFORM COLOR**

**Completion Time:** 7/7/21

**Name:** Brandon Armitage

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**Which team are you associated with?:** Nebraska

**What is your role with the team?:** Advisor/Club Sports Director

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division I;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Modify

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** 11.00

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** Any color bat is allowed including white

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** It does not make that big of a difference the bat being white from some darker color... even silver which from what the studies say have the same effect. We as club players are not consistently hitting the ball hard enough to warrant that rule change and it made a lot of guys (even though Marucci provides us with game bats) to get new bats even though many didn't or couldn't afford it.

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** Bats must be BBCOR certified per NCAA rules excluding color unless obviously distracting for pitcher, fielders or umpires

**ALLOWING ANY COLORED BAT BARREL, INCLUDING WHITE TO BE USED DURING NCBA SANCTIONED BASEBALL GAMES**

**DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1 ABSTAIN**

**\*THE NCAA DISQUALIFIED WHITE-BARRELLED BATS FOR COMPETITION DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON. THE NCBA ALLOWED A 1-YEAR GRACE PERIOD AND FOLLOWED NCAA GUIDELINES FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF WHITE-BARRELED BATS FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON. WHITE-BARREL BATS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ILLEGAL FOR THE 21/22 NCBA SEASON.**

**TEAMS THAT NOTICE WHITE-BARRELED BATS BEING USED DURING AN NCBA SANCTIONED BASEBALL GAME SHOULD ALERT THE UMPIRES IN ORDER TO DISQUALIFY THE WHITE-BARRELED BAT FROM BEING USED.**

**Completion Time:** 7/19/21

**Name:** Kyle Eagle

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**Which team are you associated with?:** Virginia Tech

**What is your role with the team?:** Officer

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division I;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Remove

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** 11.02.0

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** We propose removing the rule that prohibits players from using white-barrel BBCOR bats.

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** We propose removing the rule that prohibits players from using white-barrel BBCOR bats. Without pregame equipment checks from umpires, some teams continued to use white-barrel bats. Until the rule is enforced by umpires, the rule serves no purpose. We experienced teams using white-barrel bats during the regional tournament. Our players continued to abide by the rules, but the other teams were allowed to continue using these bats

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** Effective starting the 2021-2022 season, white-barrel BBCOR certified bats are now legal.

ALLOWING ANY COLORED BAT BARREL, INCLUDING WHITE TO BE USED DURING NCBA SANCTIONED BASEBALL GAMES

**DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 1 ABSTAIN**

\*THE NCAA DISQUALIFIED WHITE-BARRELLED BATS FOR COMPETITION DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON. THE NCBA ALLOWED A 1-YEAR GRACE PERIOD AND FOLLOWED NCAA GUIDELINES FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF WHITE-BARRELED BATS FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON. WHITE-BARREL BATS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ILLEGAL FOR THE 21/22 NCBA SEASON.

TEAMS THAT NOTICE WHITE-BARRELED BATS BEING USED DURING AN NCBA SANCTIONED BASEBALL GAME SHOULD ALERT THE UMPIRES IN ORDER TO DISQUALIFY THE WHITE-BARRELED BAT FROM BEING USED.

## ELIGIBILITY

**Completion Time:** 7/7/21

**Name:** Dalton Hinsch

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**Which team are you associated with?:** Northern Iowa

**What is your role with the team?:** Officer

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division I;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Add

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** N/A

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** Redshirts of NCAA baseball programs should not be allowed to participate in club baseball

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** It creates an uneven playing field

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** NCAA college athletes who are redshirting will be prohibited from participating in club baseball and will be prohibited from being rostered on the team

PROHIBITING NCAA REDSHIRT ATHLETES TO PLAY IN THE NCBA

**DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

\*NCAA REDSHIRT ATHLETES WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NCBA. PARTICIPATION IN THE NCBA DOES COUNT TOWARDS NCAA ELIGIBILITY.

**Completion Time:** 7/20/21

**Name:** Ryan James Renelle

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**Which team are you associated with?:** Club Baseball at San Jose State University

**What is your role with the team?:** Officer

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division I;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Modify

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** 7.08.0

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *We would like to eliminate the age-component in rule 7.08.0. We find it to be ineffective and needlessly discriminatory; rules 7.04.0 and 7.05.0 are far more effective at policing skill disparities by disqualifying players on the basis of professional and collegiate experience rather than age.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *It is imperative that rule 7.08.0 be modified because its current application fails to achieve its intended purpose, therefore resulting in an unjust practice of age-based discrimination.*

*Though not explicitly stated, an individual can reasonably conclude that rule 7.08.0 was implemented to create a 'level playing-field' of competition amongst NCBA players. While the requirement of "Full-Time Status" ensures that student-athletes are indeed only competing against fellow student-athletes (a qualifier that all parties can agree is necessary for fair play), the 25-year-old age limit is arbitrary and baseless.*

*Simply put, age does not equate to baseball ability. If it did, "19% of players taken in the first 10 rounds of the [2019 MLB Draft would not have been] high schoolers," and the likes of Don Mattingly, Jose Canseco, Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Mike Trout, and Bryce Harper would not have won the MLB MVP award before each of their own respective 25th birthdays (Diamond & McGinty, 2019; Getz, 2011; "MLB Awards," n.d.).*

*Studies show that what matters most is experience (Schulz et al., 1994, pp. 274-286). As detailed in Psychology and Aging (a respected scholarly journal), for "persons who do not achieve world-class levels of performance" (i.e., NCBA players), peak levels often occur after the "optimal physiological age," which the Journal of Sports Sciences finds to be 29 (Schulz et al., 1994, pp. 286; Bradbury, 2009, [Abstract]). What accounts for post-physiological-peak development is playing experience (Schulz et al., 1994, [Figure 8]). For this reason, we argue that the 25-year-old age limit fails on all levels to create a 'level playing-field,' rendering it useless; rules 7.04.0 and 7.05.0 actually regulate baseball experience, and are thus sufficient measures for promoting equal competition.*

*In addition to its lack of utility, rule 7.08.0's age limit is incredibly discriminatory. Approximately 32.4% of San Jose State University students are 25-years-old or older (College Factual, 2021). This means that about 11,600 students are prohibited from competing in the NCBA for no reason other than their age, which has already been proven to be of no personal advantage. Such discrimination is unacceptable and runs contradictory to the NCBA's mission of "[providing] collegiate student-athletes with the opportunity to play competitive, organized college baseball," (NCBA, 2008).*

*We kindly ask that the representatives of the NCBA fulfill the organization's promise of "commitment, dedication, and understanding," and consider abolishing the age limit from rule 7.08.0 (NCBA, 2008). We thank you for your time and consideration.*

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**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Any player playing in a NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game MUST have enrolled with Full-Time Status.*

REMOVING NCBA RULE 7.08.0, "ANY PLAYER PLAYING IN A NCBA SANCTIONED BASEBALL GAME MUST HAVE ENROLLED WITH FULL-TIME STATUS BEFORE THEIR 25<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

**DOES NOT PASS: 5 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**

MOVING THE AGE FROM 25 YEARS OLD TO 26 YEARS OLD IN NCBA RULE 7.08.0

**PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**

KEEP RULE UNIFORM ACROSS ALL DIVISIONS

**PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 1 VOTE**

\*PLAYERS THAT ARE 25 YEARS AND OVER ARE AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NCBA AS LONG AS THEY MET ALL OTHER NCBA AND ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. THE RULE WAS THAT THE PLAYER HAD TO HAVE ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT BEFORE THEIR 25<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY. NOW, PLAYERS CAN ENROLL BEFORE THEIR 26<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AND BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE AS LONG AS THEY MEET ALL OTHER NCBA AND ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



**Completion Time:** 7/20/21

**Name:** Andrew Jahnke

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**Which team are you associated with?:** UND

**What is your role with the team?:** Officer

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division I; Division II; Division III;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Modify

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** 7.09.0

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** Giving seniors/grad students that were effected by COVID an extra year of eligibility.

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** With more than 80% of the league's member teams not playing due to COVID restrictions, it would make sense based on NCAA guidelines to allow an additional year of eligibility for athletes who missed out on 1.5 seasons.

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** For the 21-22 season, players are granted a 7th calendar year to complete their 5th year of eligibility.

IF YOUR FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY WAS INTERRUPTED BY COVID IN THE 2019-2020 OR 2020-2021 SEASON, YOU CAN APPLY FOR AN EXTRA YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY TO BE USED IN THE 2021-2022 SEASON.

**PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**Completion Time:** 7/21/21

**Name:** Zane Samarasinghe

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**Which team are you associated with?:** San Jose State University

**What is your role with the team?:** Player (Non-Officer)

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division I;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Remove

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** 7.09.0

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** We would like rule 7.09.0 to be eliminated, as we believe that the six year time-clock (beginning from initial enrollment of full-time status) has a disparate impact against athletes who experience economic hardship.

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** Rule 7.09.0 should be removed because it wrongly penalizes students who experience economic hardship. I know this to be true, because I myself have been negatively impacted.

In the spring of 2013, I was enrolled with full-time status at Fullerton College. However, after one of my parents lost their jobs I was forced to withdraw from the institution. Because of rule 7.09.0, my six-year time clock had begun, but clearly I was not in a position to play. After working for a few months, I was finally able to re-enroll at the college; but since I was now putting myself through school, I could only afford a few units a semester (i.e. part-time status). Nevertheless, my time-clock continued to tick. It wasn't until my second year after transferring to San Jose State that I was finally financially stable enough to participate in extracurriculars, such as club baseball (might I also add that it was the first time that I was at an institution with an NCBA team). And then Covid-19 happened...

In spring 2021, I graduated with my bachelor's degree in Child Development/Prep for Teaching. I am returning in this fall to begin a two-year credentials and master's program. This would be the first time in my college career that I would hypothetically be able to play, EXCEPT my time-clock has expired.

I find this to be extremely frustrating, as I won't be eligible to play due to a technicality (which doesn't even align with the intent of the rule). The purpose of rule 7.09.0 is to prevent career players (or students who intentionally postpone college graduation in order to compete in additional baseball seasons) from participating in the NCBA. The problem is that the six-year time clock doesn't actually contribute to the success of the rule. The determining factor between a career player and a student-athlete is based in economic theory. The average cost to compete in the Men's Senior Baseball League is \$15 per game (MSBL/MABL, n.d.); just to be eligible to compete in the NCBA, an individual must enroll with full-time status, which has an average (in-state) cost of \$9,580 (Hanson, 2021). No sane person is going to spend thousands of dollars to compete when they can do so for literally a fraction of the cost. Thus, rule 7.09.0 is a completely unnecessary piece of regulation.

In summary, individuals like myself are impacted by rule 7.09.0 due to the burden of having to work while attending university. Some may enroll as a full-time student, but then have life changing events, forcing them to limit their course workload and balance out their responsibilities. In these cases, the students' enrollment may be prolonged past the 6 years stated in the rule. But why should they be penalized? Why should they be subjected to treatment that individuals who are more economically well-off are not? The NCBA is an

*organization of inclusivity, and eliminating rule 7.09.0 would help it live up to this principle.*

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**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *\*If rule 7.09.0 cannot be removed, could the representatives of the NCBA please consider altering the rule to be worded as follows: "Each student-athlete shall complete his five seasons of participation in intercollegiate baseball within six calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered with the NCBA."*

REMOVING RULE 7.09.0, "EACH STUDENT-ATHLETE SHALL COMPLETE HIS FIVE SEASONS OF PARTICIPATION IN INTERCOLLEGIATE BASEBALL WITHIN SIX CALENDAR YEARS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER OR QUARTER IN WHICH THE STUDENT-ATHLETE FIRST REGISTERED FOR A MINIMUM FULL-TIME PROGRAM OF STUDIES IN A COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION, WITH TIME SPENT IN THE ARMED SERVICES, ON OFFICIAL CHURCH MISSIONS OR WITH RECOGNIZED FOREIGN AID SERVICES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BEING EXCEPTED."

**DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

ALTERING RULE 7.09.0 TO, "EACH STUDENT-ATHLETE SHALL COMPLETE HIS FIVE SEASONS OF PARTICIPATION IN INTERCOLLEGIATE BASEBALL WITHIN SIX CALENDAR YEARS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER OR QUARTER IN WHICH THE STUDENT ATHLETE FIRST REGISTERED WITH THE NCBA."

**DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**DI ONLY**

**Completion Time:** 6/28/21

**Name:** *Eric Curitore*

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *All of them*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Front Office*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *24.06.3.1*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Hold off implementing the \$300 raise in PB until 2022/2023*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Help teams financially*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Delay implementation for a year*

**SUSPENDING THE \$300 INCREASE TO THE PERFORMANCE BOND (FROM \$300 TO \$600) FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON**

**PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

**\*RULES COMMITTEE PASSED A \$300 INCREASE TO THE PERFORMANCE BOND EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON, BUT SUSPENDED THIS INCREASE FOR 20/21 AND 21/22 SEASONS. TEAMS SHOULD PREPARE FOR THE INCREASE TO GO INTO EFFECT FOR THE 2022-2023 NCBA DI SEASON**

## **D2 ONLY; IN-GAME PLAY**

**Completion Time:** 7/1/21

**Name:** Rich Warnol

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**Which team are you associated with?:** GCU

**What is your role with the team?:** Coach

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division II;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Modify

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** 18.01.0

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *I am suggesting that a Courtesy Runner should be allowed as soon as the catcher gets on base.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Either you have a Courtesy Runner for the catcher or you don't. Leaving a catcher on 1st base with one out and then a ground ball double play puts them on base when the 3rd out is made. I don't know any college rules or at any level puts a runner on base with 2 outs. This is also confusing to umpires. As many umpires are high school or JUCO umpires which usually umpire games that allow for immediate courtesy runner being in game when catcher gets on base. Lastly, this allows the team to have a specific role for a player who can get in the game and allow teams to play more players. Can't see any team having an issue with this change.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *Courtesy runner can be entered into the game for the catcher when this catcher has successfully reached a base.*

**FOR THE 2021-2022 NCBA DII SEASON, DROPPING COURTESY RUNNERS COMPLETELY**

**DOES NOT PASS: 1 VOTE TO 6 VOTES**

**IN DII ONLY, COURTESY RUNNERS BEING ALLOWED FOR THE CATCHER WITH ANY OUTS DURING AN INNING**

**PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**

**FOR THE 2022-2023 DII SEASON, DROPPING COURTESY RUNNERS COMPLETELY**

**PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**

**\*FOR THE 21/22 DII SEASON, COURTESY RUNNERS CAN BE USED FOR THE CATCHER WITH ANY OUTS DURING AN INNING. FOR THE 22/23 SEASON DII TEAMS SHOULD PREPARE FOR COURTESY RUNNERS TO BE REMOVED COMPLETELY**

**Completion Time:** 7/9/21

**Name:** Rich Warnol

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**Which team are you associated with?:** Grand Canyon University

**What is your role with the team?:** Coach

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division II;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Modify

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** 16.00.0

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** Allow Reentry in NCBA Div2 baseball.

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** We believe you will get more participation and more players on teams if there was reentry into ball games. It allows guys to get into games for league play and will allow coaches to use more players. Allowing a player to get into the game during weekend play goes along ways to keeping the player happy and want to continue to play in the future. Many teams we face only have a dozen or 15 players show up to games because they now they will not get into the game and would rather stay home and work or do school. We all want more players in this game and it could help to keep more teams playing.

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** Any of the starting players, with the exception of the pitcher and the designated hitter, may withdraw from the game and re-enter once, provided such players occupy the same batting position whenever they re-enter the lineup. Starting pitchers and designated hitters who change positions later in the same game are NOT eligible to re-enter; because their original starting position was either pitcher or designated hitter. A defensive substitution cannot be made unless the team wanting to make the substitution is playing defense at the time.

ALLOWING REENTRY FOR ALL STARTING PLAYERS IN EXCEPTION OF PITCHER AND DESIGNATED HITTER AT THE DIVISION II LEVEL

**DOES NOT PASS: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

ALLOWING REENTRY FOR ALL STARTING PLAYERS AT THE DIVISION II LEVEL FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

**PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

\*REENTRY RULES ARE DETAILED IN NCBA DII RULEBOOK UNDER SECTION 16.00.00

## MICELLANEOUS

**Completion Time:** 7/21/21

**Name:** Christian Smith

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**Which team are you associated with?:** All of them

**What is your role with the team?:** Front Office

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** Division I; Division II; Division III;

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** Modify

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** DI 2.02.2/2.02.3 (Games between school w/ multiple teams), 3.01.2.1 (NC Game Requirement), 6.05.2/6.05.3.6 (Roster moves between school w/ multiple teams)

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** These are rules implemented for 20/21 season only; do we make these now 21/22 season only?

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** With COVID possibly being a factor for 21/22 a discussion of making these rules apply to 21/22 only.

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** Keep it the same, just update it from 20/21 only to 21/22 only.

REVERTING BACK TO NCBA DI RULE 2.02.0 AND 2.02.1 AND DII RULE 2.03.0 AND 2.03.1

**PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 1 VOTE**

\*COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES THAT HAVE MULTIPLE TEAMS IN SEPARATE DIVISIONS CAN ONLY COUNT TWO GAMES TOWARDS THEIR OVERALL RECORD AND WILL NOT BE FACTORED INTO REGIONAL OR WORLD SERIES SEEDING. ANY OTHER GAMES WILL BE CONSIDERED EXHIBITION.

CONTINUE SUSPENSION OF NCBA DI AND DII RULE 3.01.2 FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON

**PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**

\*DI TEAMS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PLAY 3 NON-CONFERENCE GAMES AND DII TEAMS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PLAY 1 NON-CONFERENCE GAME IN ORDER TO BE POST-SEASON ELIGIBLE

CONTINUE NCBA DI AND DII RULE 6.05.2 FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON

**PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 2 VOTES**

\*IF TEAMS REACH THE ROSTER MAX AND HAVE A PLAYER THAT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID, THAT PLAYER CAN BE REMOVED AT ANY TIME AND REPLACED ANOTHER ELIGIBLE PLAYER. THE PLAYER CAN RETURN TO THE ROSTER, BUT THE REPLACEMENT PLAYER MUST BE REMOVED.

REMOVAL OF NCBA DI AND DII RULE 6.05.3.6

**PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 3 VOTES**

\*PLAYERS WILL NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE TO MOVE UP OR DOWN BETWEEN TEAMS FROM SAME SHOOOL WITHOUT TIME CONSTRAINTS, PROVIDED THE PLAYER BEING REMOVED HAS DOCUMENTATION OF CONFIRMED COVID-19

## NCAA RULES

**Completion Time:** 7/20/21

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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Ohio State DI*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Coach*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Add*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *32.0 - Definitions or FAQ*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Do we need to add any language related to NIL?*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *Recent changes to NCAA rules allowing for compensation related to NIL.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *General Discussion to see if something needs added to reference if we receive questions.*

UPDATING DEFINITION OF PROFESSION EXPERIENCE TO, "PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IS DEFINED AS RECEIVING MONETARY COMPENSATION TO PLAY THE SPORT OF BASEBALL (NAME, IMAGE LIKENESS EARNINGS ARE EXCLUDED)

**PASSES: 7 VOTES TO 0 VOTES**



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**Which team are you associated with?:** *Ohio State*

**What is your role with the team?:** *Coach*

**Which Divisions rules would you like to modify?:** *Division I; Division II; Division III;*

**Would you like to Modify, Remove, or Add a rule from the rule book?:** *Modify*

**What is the section and subsection number (if applicable) of the rule you would like to modify, remove or add?:** *Review NCAA rules related to wind-up/set, re-entry, catcher's box, foreign substance.*

**Describe the change you would like to see with this rule:** *Review these changes and determine if our wording needs updated.*

**What was the reason you would like to see this rule modified, added, or removed?:** *To be in line with NCAA rules.*

**What is the proposed wording for the new/modified rule?:** *open to discussion*

**NCBA WILL UPDATE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SECTION TO REFLECT NCAA RULE UPDATES**