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## 2008 NCBA Division I RULES & REGULATIONS

**NOTE: The National Club Baseball Association follows the NCAA Div 1 rules of play with the following exceptions listed below.**

- 1.00.00 (Conference Play)
  - 1.01.0 All NCBA conference play will be broken up into 3-game series.
  - 1.02.0 NCBA teams in conferences made up of four or fewer teams will play both a home 3-game series and an away 3-game series against each conference opponent during a single NCBA season.
  - 1.03.0 NCBA teams in conferences made up of five or more teams will play either a home 3-game series or an away 3-game series (but not both) against each conference opponent during a single NCBA season.
    - 1.03.1 NCBA teams in conferences made up of five or more teams will alternate their home and away 3-game series with each conference opponent from one NCBA season to the next.
    - 1.03.2 Example: If Virginia Tech played a 3-game series at Radford during the 2007 NCBA season, Radford will play a 3-game series at Virginia Tech during the 2008 NCBA season.
  - 1.04.0 All NCBA teams are welcome and encouraged to supplement their conference schedule with non-conference games against: NCBA Member Club Baseball Teams, Non-NCBA Collegiate Club Baseball Teams, and any other Collegiate Baseball Team.
- 2.00.00 (Inter-League Play)
  - 2.01.0 Any game played between an NCBA Division I team and an NCBA Division II team must be played using NCBA Division I Rules of play.
  - 2.02.0 Any game between the NCBA Division I team of a College or University and that same school's NCBA Division II team is automatically considered an **Exhibition Baseball Game**.
- 3.00.00 (Determining Conference Standing)
  - 3.01.0 For a team to be eligible to win their conference, the total number of conference games they played must equal or exceed 75% of the average number of conference games played by all teams in their conference including forfeits.
  - 3.02.0 The first criterion for determining conference standing is conference-winning percentage.
  - 3.03.0 The first tiebreaker for determining conference standing is conference game head to head results.
  - 3.04.0 The next tiebreaker for determining conference standing is conference game results versus the next best conference team.
  - 3.05.0 The next tiebreaker for determining conference standing is the lower average of runs allowed per conference game played.
  - 3.06.0 The final tiebreaker for determining conference standing is a coin toss.

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- 4.00.00 (Game Length)
- 4.01.0 NCBA Spring Training Showcase
    - 4.01.1 All **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games** played at the NCBA Spring Training Showcase will be played in a 7-inning format.
    - 4.01.2 Mercy Rule 4.06.0 will remain in effect during all NCBA Spring Training Showcase games.
  - 4.02.0 Regular Season
    - 4.02.1 Any Double Header regular season **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** will be played in a 7-inning format.
    - 4.02.2 Any single (Non Double Header) regular season **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** will be played in a 9-inning format.
      - 4.02.2.1 An exemption to this is, if a game was previously cancelled due to inclement weather and is being rescheduled to be played mid week, it may be played in a 7-inning format if approved by the NCBA front office.
      - 4.02.2.2 Requests to play a make-up game in a 7-inning format must be received (In writing) by the Conference Coordinator overseeing those games, no less than 48 hours in advance of the games scheduled start time.
    - 4.02.3 Mercy rule 4.06.0 will be in effect during all NCBA Regular Season games.
    - 4.02.4 If a team is winning at the end of five or more full innings and the official declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, the team that is ahead at the end of the last completed inning is declared the winner.
    - 4.02.5 If the score is tied at the end of five or more full innings OR if five full innings have not been played when the official declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, a **HALTED GAME RULE** will be in effect during NCBA Regular Season play.
      - 4.02.5.1 A regular season game that has been stopped prior to five or more full innings being played OR before a winner can be declared because of inclement weather, darkness, light failure or curfew will be continued at the next available opportunity as set forth by the Regional Director.
      - 4.02.5.2 A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the lineups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution; any player (or pitcher) who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.
      - 4.02.5.3 A halted game, when resumed will be played until a winner is declared.
      - 4.02.5.4 Stats from this game will not count until the game is concluded and should not be submitted to the league.
  - 4.03.0 Regional Playoffs
    - 4.03.1 All NCBA Regional post-season playoff games are encouraged to be played in a 9-inning format.
      - 4.03.1.1 It is at the discretion of the Regional Director whether it is logistically feasible to host the regional tournament in a 9-inning format. If deemed unfeasible, the regional tournament will be hosted in a 7-inning format.
      - 4.03.1.2 The Regional Director is required to declare the game length format which the regional tournament will be played no later than 2-weeks prior to the start of the regional tournament.
    - 4.03.2 Mercy rule 4.06.0 will NOT be in effect during Regional post-season play.
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- 4.03.3 A HALTED GAME RULE will be in effect during Regional post-season play.
- 4.03.3.1 A Regional post-season game that has been stopped at any time after its start because of inclement weather, darkness, light failure or curfew will be continued at the next available opportunity as set forth by the Regional Tournament Director.
- 4.03.3.2 A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the lineups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution; any player (or pitcher) who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.
- 4.03.3.3 A halted game when resumed will be played to its completion (7-innings or 9-innings for Regional Playoffs or until a winner is declared).
- 4.04.0 National Championship World Series
- 4.04.1 All NCBA World Series post-season games will be played in a 9-inning format.
- 4.04.2 Mercy rule 4.06.0 will NOT be in effect during World Series post-season play.
- 4.04.3 A HALTED GAME RULE will be in effect during National Championship World Series play.
- 4.04.3.1 A World Series game that has been stopped at any time after its start because of inclement weather, darkness, light failure or curfew will be continued at the next available opportunity as set forth by the National Championship Tournament Director.
- 4.04.3.2 A halted game must resume play at exactly the point of being halted, with the lineups and batting orders of both teams exactly the same, subject to the rules of substitution; any player (or pitcher) who played, or was announced as a substitute before the game was halted, must be in the lineup when play resumes or be ineligible for the remainder of the game.
- 4.04.3.3 A halted game when resumed will be played to its completion (9-innings for World Series or until a winner is declared).
- 4.05.0 All games with the score tied at the end of nine innings (Seven for double headers and Regional post-season games) will continue into extra innings until a winner is declared. If the game is still tied when the official declares the game must be stopped due to weather or darkness, the game remains tied until the game can be completed at a future date.
- 4.06.0 Mercy Rule:
- 4.06.1 7-inning Game: If a team is up by ten or more runs at the end of five or more full innings, that team is declared the winner, and play must be stopped.
- 4.06.2 9-inning Game: If a team is up by ten or more runs at the end of seven or more full innings, that team is declared the winner, and play must be stopped.
- 4.06.3 If the home team does not need to bat in their bottom half of the inning in order to go up by ten or more runs, then they are declared the winner, and play must be stopped.
- 4.06.4 This rule is not in effect during Regional or World Series post-season play.

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- 5.00.00 (Roster Size)
- 5.01.0 The official roster submitted to the NCBA is limited to no more than 33 players.
  - 5.02.0 The 33 players listed on the roster are the **ONLY** players allowed to compete in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**.
  - 5.02.1 Any team found playing a player (in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**) not on the current official roster will be issued a forfeit for all games that the above-mentioned player has competed in.
  - 5.03.0 Each player, coach and manager on the roster **MUST** have a signed liability waiver on file with the NCBA.
  - 5.03.1 Any team found playing a player (in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**) without a liability waiver on file with the NCBA will be removed from the NCBA without reimbursement.
  - 5.04.0 Each team is allowed to add players to their roster at any time up until and including April 15. Once the team's roster has grown to 33 players, no more players may be added.
  - 5.04.1 At no time can a team remove players from their roster.
  - 5.04.2 No more than 3 players rostered on a school's NCBA Division II team can be added to the roster of that school's NCBA Division I team in a single NCBA season.
  - 5.05.0 Players are not deemed eligible to participate in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** until their paperwork has been processed with the league. When the player appears on the team's roster, which is available on the Official NCBA Website ([www.clubbaseball.org](http://www.clubbaseball.org)), then that player is then eligible to compete in **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**.
- 6.00.00 (Eligibility)
- 6.01.0 Players are not deemed eligible to participate in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** until their paperwork has been processed with the league. When the player appears on the team's roster, which is available on the Official NCBA Website ([www.clubbaseball.org](http://www.clubbaseball.org)), then that player is then eligible to compete in **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**.
  - 6.02.0 Any team found playing an ineligible player will be penalized by forfeiting all games that that ineligible player participated in while holding an ineligible status.
  - 6.03.0 All players playing in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** **MUST** be a member of the Institution, which that team represents. An example is that no member of the University of Texas may play for the Texas A&M Baseball Club.
  - 6.03.1 Students from a school's Satellite campus **ARE** eligible to participate on the main campus's club baseball team, given that the satellite campus does not have its own NCBA sanctioned baseball team.
  - 6.04.0 A player with any previous professional experience in the sport of baseball is **NOT** eligible to play in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**.
  - 6.05.0 Faculty members are **NOT** eligible to play in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**.
  - 6.06.0 A player playing in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** **MUST** hold **Full-Time Status** with that team's College or University.
  - 6.06.1 The only exception is if a **Final Semester Student** requires less than a Full-Time load in order to graduate.
  - 6.07.0 Any player playing in an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** **MUST** have enrolled with **Full-Time Status** before their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
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- 6.07.1 The only exception is if a Student went straight from High School to the Military and then enrolled full time in college during the semester immediately following their discharge from the military.
- 6.07.2 In this case, the student athlete will only be granted the amount of eligibility left had he/she started their freshman year at age 24.
- 6.08.0 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.
- 6.08.1 For foreign students, service in the armed forces or on an official church mission of the student's home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States.
- 6.08.2 If a student-athlete enrolls in a regular term of a collegiate institution at the first opportunity following the completion of any one of the commitments described in the exceptions in this bylaw, the elapsed time (i.e. the exact number of calendar days) between completion of the commitment and the first opportunity for enrollment may be added to the exact number of days served on active duty in the armed services or on an official church mission and will not count toward student-athlete's six year eligibility. It is not permissible to extend the six-year period by additional time beyond the first opportunity to enroll; i.e. the opening day of classes of the first regular term at the institution in which the student athlete enrolls as a regular student immediately following the termination of the active duty commitment.
- 6.09.0 For a player to participate in the NCBA using a fifth year of eligibility, that player is required to have used his fourth year of eligibility at the Club Baseball Level.
- 6.10.0 If a player is injured and is unable to play any part of a season, he may file an appeal for a medical red shirt. If the appeal is granted, the player may be granted an additional season of competition. All appeals must be filed with the NCBA Commissioner and are granted at the Commissioner's discretion.
- 6.11.0 NCBA rules indicate that any competition, regardless of time, during an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** counts as a season of competition. It does not matter how long the player was involved in a particular game (for example, one at bat, one pitch, one pinch running appearance), the player is charged with one season of competition.
- 7.00.00 (Academic Eligibility)
- 7.01.0 At the time of any roster submission, a letter from the academic institution must be submitted to the NCBA listing that each player holds a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and is not on academic warning or probation.

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- 8.00.00 (Uniforms)
- 8.01.0 Players Uniform
    - 8.01.1 The NCBA will adhere to NCAA requirements regarding player's uniforms excluding the following exceptions.
      - 8.01.1.1 It is **NOT** required that each team have **TWO** sets of uniform jerseys of contrasting colors.
      - 8.01.1.2 It is the responsibility of the visiting team to wear a contrasting uniform color to the jersey worn by the home team **ONLY** if a contrasting uniform color is available.
  - 8.02.0 Coaches Uniform
    - 8.02.1 The NCBA will adhere to NCAA requirements regarding coach's uniforms excluding the following exceptions.
      - 8.02.1.1 A coach may wear a jacket or windshirt **OVER** the uniform top provided it is a team issued item, which matches the team's colors.
      - 8.02.1.2 When coaching the bases, the uniform game jersey must be worn. If a team jacket or windshirt is worn, it **MAY** be worn **OVER** the official uniform provided it is a team issued item, which matches the team's colors and is of a non-distracting nature.
  - 8.03.0 Official Hat of the NCBA
    - 8.03.1 All players and coaches on teams holding membership in the NCBA will be required to wear the officially designated brand of baseball hat (Richardson) during all **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**.
      - 8.03.1.1 Failure to comply with this rule will result in a player being deemed "Out of Uniform" and thus ineligible to participate in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** while out of uniform.
      - 8.03.1.2 Teams may apply for an exemption to rule 8.03.1 and upon review may be forced to pay a penalty fee (\$100) to be excluded from this Uniform Requirement.
    - 8.03.2 All players and coaches on teams holding membership in the NCBA will be required to wear a hat featuring the official NCBA logo during all **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**.
      - 8.03.2.1 Failure to comply with this rule will result in a player being deemed "Out of Uniform" and thus ineligible to participate in any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** while out of uniform.
- 9.00.00 (Jewelry)
- 9.01.0 Jewelry may be worn during **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, unless the umpire feels the item is of a direct safety hazard.
- 10.00.00 (Official League Ball)
- 10.01.0 The official league ball of the NCBA will be the A.D. Starr AD600N professional baseball featuring the NCBA logo.
  - 10.02.0 During **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, the home team is responsible for providing a sufficient quantity of official league baseballs for each competition.
  - 10.03.0 Any game played without the official league ball will result in a forfeit against the home team.

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11.00.00 (Medical Personnel)

- 11.01.0 While it is not required for the home team to provide on site medical personnel (i.e., trainer or EMT), the home team is required to provide some sort of communications equipment capable of summoning medical personnel in the event of an emergency (i.e., telephone, cell phone, or CB radio).

12.00.00 (Umpires)

- 12.01.0 During **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, the home team is responsible for providing umpires for each competition.
- 12.02.0 It is the responsibility of the home team to provide the umpires with a copy of the Official NCBA Rules prior to the start of each game.
- 12.03.0 The umpires must be of High School caliber or higher.
- 12.03.1 Legion approved umpires are acceptable.
- 12.04.0 It is required that the home team schedules two umpires to officiate each competition.
- 12.04.1 The game may be played provided that at least one approved umpire is present.
- 12.05.0 If no umpires have arrived within 15 minutes after the competition is officially scheduled to start, the game is forfeited to the visiting team.
- 12.06.0 If a second game of double-header is scheduled, the home team has an additional 45 minutes from the time that the first game was declared a forfeit to get NCBA approved umpires to the field or the second game is also forfeited to the visiting team.

13.00.00 (Reentry)

- 13.01.0 There is **NO REENTRY** allowed in any Division I **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**.

14.00.00 (Designated Hitter)

- 14.01.0 A hitter may be designated to bat for the starting pitcher and all subsequent pitchers in any game without otherwise affecting the status of the pitcher(s) in the game.
- 14.01.1 A Designated Hitter for the pitcher must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the lineup cards presented to the Umpire in Chief.
- 14.01.2 The designated hitter named in the starting lineup must come to bat at least one time, unless the opposing club changes pitchers.
- 14.01.3 In this case, the team actually is using 10 players, with the pitcher not listed in the batting order.
- 14.01.4 It is not mandatory that a club designate a hitter for the pitcher.
- 14.01.4.1 If the pitcher is listed in the starting batting order, the pitcher automatically becomes the DH.
- 14.01.4.2 In this case, the pitcher is to be considered as two players, both pitcher and DH, and can be substituted for as such. *Note: For substitution purposes, the pitcher is not to be considered a defensive position*
- 14.02.0 Pinch hitters for a Designated Hitter may be used.
- 14.02.1 Any substitute hitter for a Designated Hitter becomes the Designated Hitter.
- 14.02.2 A replaced Designated Hitter shall not re enter the game in any capacity.
- 14.03.0 The Designated Hitter may be used defensively, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order, but the pitcher must then bat in the place of the substituted defensive player, unless more than one substitution is made, and the manager then must designate their spots in the batting order.

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- 14.04.0 A runner may be substituted for the Designated Hitter and the runner assumes the role of Designated Hitter.
- 14.04.1 A Designated Hitter may not pinch run or courtesy run.
- 14.05.0 A Designated Hitter is "locked" into the batting order.
- 14.06.0 No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation of the Designated Hitter.
- 14.06.1 Once the game pitcher is switched from the mound to a defensive position this move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for the remainder of the game.
- 14.06.2 Once a pinch hitter bats for any player in the batting order and then enters the game to pitch, this move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for the remainder of the game.
- 14.06.3 Once the game pitcher bats for the Designated Hitter this move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for the remainder of the game. (The game pitcher may only pinch hit for the Designated Hitter).
- 14.06.4 Once a Designated Hitter assumes a defensive position this move shall terminate the Designated Hitter role for the remainder of the game.
- 14.07.0 A substitute for the Designated Hitter need not be announced until it is the Designated Hitter's turn to bat.
- 15.00.00 (Courtesy Runners)
- 15.01.0 There are **NO COURTESY RUNNERS** allowed in any Division I **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**.
- 16.00.00 (Slide Rules)
- 16.01.0 During all **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, any player forced into a base may slide within one arm's length on either side of the bag in order to break up the play.
- 16.01.1 It is at the umpire's discretion on ruling if a base runner slides with an attempt to injure rather than aggressively trying to break up the play. An example would be the base runner raising his spikes to injure the fielder.
- 16.01.2 If the umpire rules that the base runner's slide is in fact with an attempt to injure, the base runner is automatically ruled **OUT** and ejected from the game.
- 16.02.0 During all **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, any player trying to avoid being tagged out at the plate may make aggressive contact with the catcher in order to break up the play.
- 16.02.1 It is at the umpire's discretion on ruling if a base runner makes **Malicious** contact with an attempt to injure rather than aggressively trying to break up the play at the plate.
- 16.02.2 If the umpire rules that the contact at the plate is in fact **Malicious**, the base runner is automatically ruled **OUT** at the plate and ejected from the game.



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17.00.00 (Hit By Pitch)

- 17.01.0 A batter has the right to his position in the batters box and is not required to make an attempt to get out of the way of a pitch.
- 17.02.0 If the umpire feels that the batter intentionally moves into the path of the ball in order to be hit by the pitch, the batter is not awarded first base and the pitch is called a ball or strike at the umpire's discretion.

18.00.00 (Tobacco/Drug Use)

18.01.0 Tobacco Use

- 18.01.1 Tobacco use is permitted during **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**, both on the field and in the dugout.
- 18.01.2 The home team may request that tobacco not be used in the dugouts/field and both teams must honor the request.

18.02.0 Drug Use

- 18.02.1 By signing the liability waiver each player agrees that the use of drugs, alcohol, or any other substances that could cause danger or detrimental effects upon the participant's performance as a member of this organization is strictly prohibited during NCBA Sanctioned Competition.
- 18.02.2 Random drug testing will not occur at any point during the NCBA sanctioned season.

19.00.00 (Ejections)

19.01.0 In the event that a player or coach should be ejected from an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**, it is required that team's primary representative complete an NCBA Ejection Report and submit it via email to both the appropriate Regional Director and NCBA Commissioner.

- 19.01.1 The team's primary representative has 72 hours from the time of the ejection to complete and submit the Ejection Report.
- 19.01.2 If a team fails to report an ejection within 72 hours of the ejection, the team is automatically placed on probation for the remainder of the season.
- 19.01.3 Upon reviewing the Ejection Report, the NCBA may determine that a further suspension is necessary.
- 19.01.4 The player or coach is not automatically required to sit out an additional game unless the ejection was the result of an incident involving fighting.

19.02.0 In the event that a player or coach should be ejected from an **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** for fighting, the ejected player or coach will be suspended indefinitely until the NCBA Commissioner can review the Ejection Report and perform a full investigation into the altercation.

20.00.00 (Forfeitures)

20.01.0 In the event that a visiting team should forfeit any **NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game** to the home team; the visiting team is required to inform the home team via telephone of their intent not to play at least 48 hours in advance of the predetermined start of the first game.

20.02.0 Should the visiting team not provide the home team with sufficient notice to cancel umpires and/or field rentals for the game(s) in question, the visiting team assumes

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financial responsibility for the payment of those umpires and/or field rentals should any cancellation fees be incurred.

#### 21.00.00 (Protests)

21.01.0 No protest ever shall be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire.

#### 21.02.0 On Field Protests

21.02.1 On Field Protests consists of protests regarding Uniform Violations, Equipment Violations, Umpire decisions believed to be in violation of NCBA rules, Umpire qualifications, and In-Game Known Roster Violations.

21.02.2 Any On Field protest by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed.

21.02.2.1 If the game ends (legal contest) in a protest able situation, the offended team has until all fielders have left fair territory to voice its protest intentions.

21.02.2.2 All On Field protests must be made to the umpire-in chief.

21.02.2.3 All On Field protests must be reported to the NCBA (via the NCBA GAME PROTEST FORM) no later than midnight E.S.T. of the Tuesday following the "NCBA Week" in which the protested game occurred.

21.02.3 When a coach claims that an umpire's decision violates NCBA rules, the umpire-in-chief must: (1) allow the coach the right to file a protest; (2) announce to each coach, to the official scorer and to the public-address announcer that the game is being played under protest, and (3) note and record the game situation at the time of the protest. No replay of any part of a game will be allowed even if the protest is proven to be legitimate, if the play in question did not directly affect the outcome of the game. If the protest is proven to be legitimate and could have had a bearing upon the game, then it is upheld and play resumes from the point of the protest.

#### 21.03.0 Off Field Protests

21.03.1 Off Field Protests consists of protests regarding Failure to schedule umpires and In-Game Unknown Roster Violations.

21.03.2 All Off Field protests must be reported to the NCBA (via the NCBA GAME PROTEST FORM) no later than midnight E.S.T. of the Tuesday following the "NCBA Week" in which the protested game occurred.

#### 22.00.00 (Team Probation/Expulsion)

22.01.0 A team can be placed on probation if they forfeit 3 or more NCBA scheduled conference games in a single season or if they conduct the baseball operations of their team in a manner not considered acceptable by NCBA standards.

22.02.0 A team can be expelled from the league if they forfeit 2 or more NCBA scheduled conference games or if they conduct the baseball operations of their team in a manner not considered acceptable by NCBA standards during a probationary season.

22.03.0 Probations and Expulsions are not automatic and are evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the NCBA.

22.04.0 The NCBA will publicize to all member teams if, when, and why a team is placed on probation.

22.05.0 A team placed on probation will NOT be eligible for the early payment discount off the annual dues.



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A team placed on probation will be required to provide their opponents with field and game contracts prior to each scheduled conference series.



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## Definitions:

Any baseball game featuring one or more teams holding membership in the National Club Baseball Association can be classified in to one of three categories: “**Off Season Baseball Game**”, “**Exhibition Baseball Game**”, and “**NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**”.

“**Off Season Baseball Game**” is defined as any baseball game featuring one or more teams holding membership in the NCBA, which takes place between July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> inclusively. (July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 14<sup>th</sup> & November 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup> for North Atlantic North & West Conference teams) “**Off Season Baseball Games**” are not sanctioned by the NCBA.

“**Exhibition Baseball Game**” is defined as a baseball game featuring one or more teams holding membership in the NCBA, which is played for the purpose of practice and training rather than for competition. An “**Exhibition Baseball Game**” may take place between February 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> inclusively. (September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> for North Atlantic North & West Conference teams) For a baseball game to be deemed “**Exhibition**”, it must be declared in writing by participating teams holding membership in the NCBA to their respective Conference Coordinators no less than 48 hours before the scheduled start time. “**Exhibition Baseball Games**” are not sanctioned by the NCBA.

“**NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game**” is defined as any and all baseball game featuring one or more teams holding membership in the NCBA, which is played for the purpose of competition, and takes place between February 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> inclusively. (September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> for North Atlantic North & West Conference teams) Scores, Results, and Statistics from “**NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games**” are recorded and tabulated.

“**Full-Time Status**” is defined as a minimum 12.0 Credit Hours for Undergraduate students at 4 Year Colleges/Universities and 9.0 Credit Hours for Undergraduate students at 2 Year Colleges. For Graduate students, there is no definitive number of Credit Hours required to be considered Full-Time as long as the player is considered Full-Time in the eyes of the Institution that he represents.

“**Final Semester Student**” is defined as a student who will be graduating at the end of the spring semester.

“**Malicious Contact**” is defined as any contact to the neck, head, or face of an opposing player.