
20-21 NCBA Rules Committee Meeting Voting Results

Please click on the below links to reference specific rules detailed in document

NCBA DI Rules: https://www.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2020_NCBA_DI_Rules.pdf

NCBA DII Rules: https://div2.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2020_NCBA_DII_Rules.pdf

NCBA DIII Rules: https://div3.clubbaseball.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2020_NCBA_DIII_Rules.pdf

- Suspension of NCBA DI and DII Rule Number 1.01.2 (required scheduled conference series for fall eligible teams) for 20-21 season only:
Passes: 7-0
- Rule 1.02.0, Conferences of 4 teams or less, playing each conference opponent only one series for 20-21 season:
Does Not Pass: 7-0
- Requirement of Home Team to provide Visiting Team a start time for game 1 and series confirmation at least 72 hours in advance of league issued start time:
Does Not Pass: 7-0
- Suspension of 2-game cap in NCBA DI Rule 2.02.0 and DII/DIII Rule 2.03.0 for 20-21 season:
Passes: 5-2
- “Total Non-Conference Games Played” being added as the #2 tiebreaker for Division III District Playoff Host:
Passes: 6-1
- Suspension of NCBA DI and DII Rule 3.01.2 (non-conference game requirement to be eligible for post-season) for 20-21 season only:
Passes: 7-0
- Updating NCBA DI/DII/DIII Rule 5.04.0 to include the first initial of each player on lineup card:
Passes: 7-0
- Removal of NCBA DI/DII/DIII Rule 5.05.0 (protesting ineligible player before first pitch):
Does Not Pass: 7-0
- Providing Teams more roster flexibility due to COVID-19 for 20-21 only. “If you reach the roster max, and you have players who test positive for COVID-19 (documented), those players can be removed from the roster, and replaced by another eligible player. The player can later return to the roster, but the player that replaced him, must then be removed. This rule is exempt from the roster freeze.”
Passes: 7-0
- Providing schools with multiple teams in different divisions more roster flexibility due to COVID-19 for 20-21 only. “Players can be moved up or down between teams from the same school with no time constraints, provided player being removed has documentation of confirmed COVID-19.”
Passes: 7-0



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- Players can participate as a part-time student for final two semesters:
Does Not Pass: 5-2
- Players who graduated in the spring of 2020 to be given 1-additional year of eligibility:
Does Not Pass: 7-0
- Those who were in their last year of eligibility for the 2019-2020 season, will be granted 1-additional year of eligibility for the 2020-2021 season, provided, they meet the academic eligibility requirements, and take at least one credit for the spring semester.
Passes: 7-0
- All students who participated in 2019-2020 season given 1-additional year of eligibility:
Does Not Pass: 6-1
- If a player graduates during the fall semester, they do NOT have to be taking any credits in order to be eligible to compete:
Does Not Pass: 7-0
- Allowing part-time graduate students to be eligible to compete:
Does Not Pass: 7-0
- Eligibility Clock beginning once you register on the NCBA website rather than when you first enroll as a full-time undergraduate:
Does Not Pass: 5-2
- Allowing exceptions to eligibility rules for a capped number of individuals enrolled in an Inclusive Higher Education (IHE) Program:
Passes: 5-2

Verbiage for IHE eligibility exception to be listed in rulebook:
For a student to be granted an exemption to the NCBA eligibility rules requiring the student to be enrolled in 12+ credits and maintain a 2.0 GPA, the student must meet the following:

 1. *Must be an officially recognized student of the college/university.*
 2. *Must be enrolled in an IHE (Inclusive Higher Education) Program that is governed by the college/university.*
 3. *Must be verified as being in Good Academic Standing as determined by their specific college/university IHE Program.*
 4. *Must be verified as being enrolled at a Full Time Equivalent status as determined by their specific college/university IHE Program.*

These criteria must be verified in writing by an IHE Program faculty or staff.
- Adding eligibility Requirement that the IHE program must be listed within “Think College’s” database on their website.
Passes: 7-0



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- Capping the number of eligibility exceptions enrolled in and IHE program to 2 students:
Passes: 6-1
- For 20-21 season only, removing DI/DII/DIII Rule 8.01.0, requiring minimum cumulative GPA as well as removing requirement to not be on academic probation or academic warning:
Does Not Pass: 7-0
- Clarifying when teams can protest uniform infractions:
No Vote
- Requiring teams to have the NCBA embroidered on the hat, but not requiring teams to wear The Game brand hat:
Does Not Pass: 6-1
- Changing Official League Baseball to more similar one to NCAA:
No Vote; NCBA will look into matter
- For 20-21 Season Only, Re-entry will be allowed at the Division II Level:
Passes: 4-3
- Designated Hitter to be allowed for position players, not just pitchers:
Does Not Pass: 6-1
- For Division II only, Courtesy Runners can be used with any outs in the inning:
Does Not Pass: 6-1
- Lost protests regarding same infraction during a 3-game series count as only 1 lost protest rather than 3 lost protests.
Does Not Pass: 7-0
- Removing “Does NOT have a NCBA DI Team” from NCBA DII Rule 28.01.1:
Does Not Pass: 6-1
- All three divisions will have a 1st and 2nd Team All-Americans AND All-Region which include a utility player:
No Vote; NCBA will look into matter
- Adding the Mid-America South Conference to set of conferences/regions that are eligible to play NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games in the fall:
No Vote; NCBA will poll other teams in Mid-Am South
- Pitchers not being allowed to wear a white undersleeve while pitching:
No Vote; Already NCAA Rule



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- Teams entering league after conference already scheduled can be added by majority or 2/3 vote but not unanimous:
Approved; NCBA to determine internally
- NCBA Teams entering for only one year, should be disallowed:
No Vote; NCBA to determine internally
- Having a Top 10 or Top 5 for Division III:
No Vote; NCBA will discuss internally
- For teams not being able to fulfil obligations due to COVID (traveling/hosting games) no penalty assessed:
No Vote; NCBA to define “no-fault” forfeits
- For 20-21 only, placing a cap on the number of non-conference games a team can play:
Does Not Pass: 6-1
- Updating the halted game rules to include home team scenario in which they tie or take the lead in the bottom half of the inning:
Passes: 7-0
- In the forfeiture rules, changing “sufficient notice” to “48 hours:”
Passes: 7-0

For any further clarification regarding the results, teams can reach out to Vice President of Baseball Operations, Christian Smith at Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com and/or 412-321-8440 x104.