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**NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**



**Baseball**  
Division II

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## Baseball Division II

### I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Bids to Host National Championship

1. All bids to host the NCCAA National Baseball Championship shall be submitted to the Director of Member Relations and the National Baseball Chair.
2. Information on Bid Procedure can be found in the FORMS AND PROCEDURES section of the *Division II NCCAA Handbook* (pg 256-261).

#### B. Future Dates of NCCAA National Baseball Championships

See Section II.A.

#### C. Team Participation Eligibility

1. All NCCAA member institutions must send to the National Office a completed Declaration of Intent to Participate form by September 15 for all varsity sports.
2. Amendments for Winter sports must be submitted by January 15 and Spring sports such as baseball must be submitted by March 1.
3. Additional information on Team Participation Eligibility can be found in the FORMS & PROCEDURES section of the NCCAA D-II Handbook under *Declaration of Intent to Participate*.

#### D. Athlete Eligibility

1. Eligibility forms shall be sent to the Regional Chair.
2. Institutions may use NCCAA, NAIA, or NCAA eligibility forms.
3. Eligibility forms are to be mailed prior to the first contest and/or scrimmage (EACH TERM).
4. Additional information on Athlete Eligibility can be found in the ELIGIBILITY section of the NCCAA D-II Handbook.

#### E. Frequency of Contests

1. The maximum number of varsity games a member institution's baseball team may schedule is **55**.
2. Addition information regarding Contest limitations can be found in the FREQUENCY OF CONTESTS section of the NCCAA D-II Handbook.

#### F. Baseball Chairs

##### 1. National Baseball Chair and Vice-Chair

- a. A National Baseball Chair and a Vice-Chair are elected to serve three-year terms each.
- b. The Vice-Chair replaces the National Baseball Chair after three years to serve as the National Baseball Chair.
- c. Election of a new Vice-Chair shall occur at the site of the National Championship or by a ballot sent out by the Division II National Baseball Chair to all Division II Baseball institutions.

##### 2. Regional Baseball Chairs

- a. Each region shall have a Regional Sport Chair for baseball.
- b. The Region Baseball Chair shall be selected by a majority vote of the participating institutions within the respective Regions that vote at the Regional meeting.
- c. Each Region Chair shall specify the duties for the Region Baseball Chair. However, these duties shall include:
  - 1) Administration of the Regional Baseball Championship
  - 2) Administration of voting for NCCAA All-Region Team, Regional Player of the Year, and Regional Coach of the Year awards.
  - 3) Ensuring Region schools turn in their weekly statistics on time.
  - 4) Holding a Regional Championship Coaches Meeting just prior to the Region Championship Tournament (additional meetings throughout the year may be scheduled if so desired by the Region).
  - 5) Coordinating the annual Regional Championship Christian Service Project.
  - 6) Working closely with the National Baseball Chair in coordinating each of these activities.

##### 3. 2011-12 Division II Chairs

###### a. National Chairs

Justin Pollock	Toccoa Falls College	National Chair
Eddie Davis	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	National Vice-Chair

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**b. Regional Baseball Chairs**

Vern Henricks	Manhattan Christian College	Central Region
Doug Yager	Lancaster Bible College	East Region
Ben Fair	Johnson Bible College	Mid-East Region
Gary Garrison	Maranatha Baptist Bible College	Mid-West Region
Tim Beasley	North Central University	North Central Region
Jesse Dyer	Toccoa Falls College	South Region
Eddie Davis	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	Southwest Region
N/A	N/A	West Region

**G. National Baseball Committee**

1. A National Baseball Committee shall be formed to:
  - a. Select at-large bid(s) to the National Championship.
  - b. Seed the 8 teams in the National Championship.
  - c. Facilitate improvements to NCCAA Division II Baseball at the Regional & National Levels
2. The committee shall be made of the following:
  - a. The National Baseball Chair
  - b. The National Baseball Vice-Chair
  - c. All Eight Regional Baseball Chairs

**H. National Coaches' Meeting**

1. NCCAA D-II Baseball shall hold its National Coaches' Meeting annually at the NCCAA National Convention. Any desired changes to the D-II Baseball Handbook should be presented to the National Baseball Chair at least one month before the NCCAA Convention.
2. Desired changes will be discussed at this annual meeting.
3. Any issues needing voted on by D-II members baseball schools will be forwarded to the membership after the convention.
4. Agreed upon changes to the handbook shall be presented at the next NCCAA National Convention following the ABCA Convention.
5. Any changes made would NOT go into effect until the following academic year.

**I. Baseball Statistics**

1. Each team is personally responsible for submitting updated team and player statistics to the NCCAA each week of the season.
2. Weekly statistics should be submitted to the NCCAA National Statistician every Monday of the season by 5pm Eastern time via the following email address: [stats@thenccaa.org](mailto:stats@thenccaa.org)
3. It is recommended that teams use the STATCREW software package for recording their seasonal statistics since this is the easiest method for submitting them to the NCCAA Office.
4. Weekly statistics must be reported to the NCCAA National Statistician. The penalty for not reporting statistics or for being late: 1<sup>st</sup> offense=warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense=\$100 fine paid before regional playoffs; 3<sup>rd</sup> offense=team is not allowed post season play.

**J. Official Rules – Regular Season**

1. The home team makes the final decision for the playing rules for regular season contests.
2. If both teams are NCCAA-only competing schools, then NCCAA Regional Rules should be used.
3. NAIA speedup rules need not be used for the contest unless the home team so chooses.
4. If one of the teams is a dual-affiliate team (NCAA, NAIA, etc) then the home team will choose which rules to abide by for that contest (NCCAA, NCAA, NAIA, etc)
5. There shall be no 10-run rule for a scheduled 7-inning contest in which an NCAA member school participates (regardless if they are the home or away team).

**II. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDELINES**

**A. Dates**

1. All Regional Championships shall be completed by the Saturday evening prior to the National Championship.
2. Regional Championships may be completed earlier if agreed upon by members within each region.

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3. It is highly recommended that Regional Championships be completed at least 10 days before the commencement of the National Championship in order to help facilitate National Championship preparations as well as travel plans for World Series participating schools.

#### **B. Format**

1. The Region Baseball Chair, in cooperation with the Region coaches, shall determine the Regional Championship format.
2. It is recommended that Regions use a double-elimination tournament format to determine their champion.
3. If a double-elimination format is not the most expedient for the number of teams participating in the Regional, the Region may choose a different format as long as they receive prior approval from the National Baseball Chair.
4. Seeding for Region Championships shall be done by head to head records. If head to head records are not available then seeding shall be done by Burbridge ratings. The Burbridge rating will also serve as the tiebreaker for seeding where head to head records are used.
5. The Region Baseball Chair shall notify the National Baseball Chair of the selected championship format by the due date.
6. The Region Baseball Chair must also send a copy of the Regional Championship pairings, along with participating team Burbridge ratings and seasonal results, to the National Baseball Chair *one week prior to the start of their Regional Championship.*

#### **C. Official Rules**

1. Professional Baseball Rules with the addition of NAIA Championship speed-up rules, as well as the NCCAA mandatory slide rule, shall be enforced for Regional play.
2. Rule books may be purchased by contacting: The Sporting News, Book Department, Box 11229, Des Moines, Iowa 50340.
3. For detailed information regarding Regional Playing Rules, reference ADDENDUM A.

#### **D. Regional Championship Coaches' Meeting**

1. The Region Baseball Chair shall hold a Regional Championship Coaches' Meeting prior to the start of the Regional Championship.
  - a. The purpose of this meeting is to:
    - 1) Select All-Region Award winners
    - 2) Finalize Details for the Regional Championship
    - 3) Discuss any of NCCAA Regional or National Issues
2. This meeting shall be held on location at the host site and must include a representative from each participating school in the Region.
3. Prior to the meeting, the Region Baseball Chair shall send the following information to all members of the Coaches Meeting:
  - a. The correct location and time of the meeting.
  - b. The correct time and time zone for the call.
  - c. The proper documentation (statistical reports, nomination forms, etc.) for making decisions relating to Regional voting and the tournament.
  - d. An agenda for the meeting so each member will know the topics for discussion, which should include:
    - 1) Opening prayer
    - 2) Game times
    - 3) Brackets
    - 4) Hotel arrangements
    - 5) Travel itineraries of the participating teams
    - 6) Christian Service Project details
    - 7) Regional Issues, Questions, or Concerns
    - 8) All-Region Team Confirmation
    - 9) Region Player of the Year voting
    - 10) Region Coach of the Year confirmation
    - 11) Regional or National Issues
4. If so desired by the Region, all voting issues can be postponed and done at the Regional Championship.

#### **E. Regional Championship Christian Service Project**

1. Each player and coach participating in the Regional Championship shall participate in the pre-arranged Christian Service Project.

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2. The Region Baseball Chair, in concert with the National Baseball Chair and the NCCAA National Office, is in charge of coordinating these efforts and communicating with all participating team.
  3. ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS: PLEASE PLAN PARTICIPATING IN THIS ANNUAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY.

## **F. NCCAA Regional Voting**

### **1. All-Region Team**

#### **a. Player Ranking System**

- 1) Each Region shall use the Player Ranking System voting shall to determine the All-Region Teams.
  - a) Coaches who wish to have players considered for the All-Regional Team must submit completed statistics (see Appendix A and Appendix B) to their respective Regional Baseball Chairs.
    - (i) Coaches are to include the following rating next to each player nominated to aid in the eventual selection of All-American Team:
      - A Player – A definite All-American candidate
      - B Player – An above average All-Regional performer
      - C Player – An average All-Regional performer
  - b) The Chair will then compile all names & redistribute a composite list to the Regional coaches.
  - c) Each coach will then rank the athletes #1 through the end of the list regardless of position (#1 for a first place vote, #2 for a second place vote, #3 pts for a third place vote, etc.).
  - d) In the event of a 4 or more team Region, players will be ranked per each position.
  - e) The Regional Baseball Chair will then compile the votes and make the official All-Region Team selection notification at the Regional Coaches Meeting preceding the Regional Championship.
- b. In order to preserve the integrity of the award, the number of All-Region Team members will be determined by the number of teams in the region. The maximum number of players to be elected to the All-Region team is as follows:
  - 1) **1-Team Region**
    - a) 3 players selected per any of these categories
      - Pitcher
      - Catcher
      - Infielder
      - Outfielder
  - 2) **2-Team Region**
    - a) 6 players selected per any of these categories
      - Pitcher
      - Catcher
      - Infielder
      - Outfielder
  - 3) **3-Team Region**
    - a) 9 players selected per any of these categories
      - Pitcher
      - Catcher
      - Infielder
      - Outfielder
  - 4) **4 or more Team Region**
    - a) 12 players selected per any of these categories
      - 1 Pitcher
      - 1 Catcher
      - 4 Infielders
      - 3 Outfielder
      - 3 from any of these categories
- c. The All-Region Team spots do NOT need to be evenly distributed among all Regional teams
- d. Any player named to an All-Region team is available to be nominated for the All-American team.
- e. If a player is NOT named an All-Region player that player may NOT be nominated for the All-American team.

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## 2. Regional Player of the Year

- a. Each region shall select one Regional Player of the Year from players selected to the All-Region Team.
- b. Teams may nominate only one player for consideration.
- c. Only one Regional Player of the Year will be recognized at the National level.
- d. Coaches shall determine this award by vote at the Regional Coaches Meeting.
- e. Regional Players of the Year will be automatically selected to the All-American team unless there are more Regional Players of the Year than there are openings at that position. Should that occur, a vote would take place between the Regional Players of the Year for that All-American spot(s). A certificate shall be awarded to the recipient.

## 3. Regional Coach of the Year

- a. A Regional Coach of the Year is to be selected by a vote of the Regional coaches.
- b. The Regional Baseball Chair is responsible for the administration of the vote.
- c. Criteria to be considered should include the following:
  - 1) Christian testimony
  - 2) Conduct of the team
  - 3) Win/loss record
  - 4) Development of overall program
- d. Special care should be given to insure that the win/loss record does not become the sole consideration for this award.

## 4. The Regional Baseball Chair shall notify the National Baseball Vice-Chair of the results of all Regional voting by one week prior to the National Championship.

### III. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDELINES

#### A. Future Dates of NCCAA National Baseball Championships

May 11-14, 2011 – Mason, Ohio

May 9-12, 2012 – Mason, Ohio

#### B. Format

1. A double-elimination format shall be followed for the National Championship.
2. The National Championship shall have eight teams and shall follow the tournament bracket format found in Appendix D.

#### C. Official Rules

1. Professional Baseball Rules with the addition of NAIA Championship speed-up rules, as well as the NCCAA mandatory slide rule, shall be enforced for National Championship play.
2. Rule books may be purchased by contacting: The Sporting News, Book Department, Box 11229, Des Moines, Iowa 50340.
3. For detailed information regarding National Championship Playing Rules, reference ADDENDUM A.

#### D. Regional Representation

1. The following regions would advance one team automatically to the National Championship as a result of Regional play:

Central Region	1 Bid
East Region	1 Bid
Mid-East Region	1 Bid
Mid-West Region	1 Bid
North Central Region	1 Bid
South Region	1 Bid
Southwest Region	1 Bid
West Region	1 Bid
2. In order for a region to be awarded an automatic bid, there must be a Regional Championship.
  - a. A Regional Championship must have at least two teams participate in order to be official.

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- b. In the event there is no Regional Championship due to lack of participation, a sole regional representative may request consideration for an at-large bid to the National Championship.
  - c. Any team that chooses not to participate in their Regional Championship CANNOT be eligible for at-large consideration.
  3. In the event that a Region has only one member institution, that institution may choose to do one of the following with prior approval from the National Baseball Chair:
    - a. Accept an invitation from a different Region (that has enough members to hold its own Regional) to participate with them in their Regional.
    - b. Form a “Super Regional” with another school that is the sole member institution for their Region as well. The winner of this “Super-Regional” would then receive an automatic bid to the National Championship.
  4. All teams receiving automatic bids are expected to compete in the National Championship.

#### **E. Selection of At-Large Bids**

1. At-large bids shall only be given to teams that have sought to participate in their respective Regional Championship.
2. If a team does not play in its NCCAA Regional Championship due to NAIA/NCAA regional conflict, that team may be considered for an at-large berth if it was declared to participate in its NCCAA Regional Championship and provided that it submitted its Burbridge rating and results to the National Statistician and Baseball Chair.
3. Any actively participating NCCAA institution that has paid its dues and statistical fees for the current academic year and is in good standing is eligible for the Division II National Baseball Championship.
4. All teams accepting at-large bids are expected to compete in the National Championship.
5. Criteria to be considered when selecting at-large bids shall include but not be limited to:
  - a. Burbridge Rating
  - b. Won-Loss Record
  - c. Strength of Schedule
  - d. **Head to Head Matchups**

#### **F. National Championship Seeding**

Seeding for the National Championship shall be based solely on team Burbridge Ratings

#### **G. National Championship Conference Call**

1. The National Baseball Chair shall conduct a National Championship Conference Call prior to the start of the National Tournament.
  - a. The purpose of this call is to:
    - 1) Confirm Automatic Bids to the National Championship
    - 2) Select At-Large Bids to the National Championship
    - 3) Finalizing Details for the National Championship
    - 4) Discuss any NCCAA Regional Issues
2. This conference call shall include the following members:
  - a. All members of the National Baseball Committee
  - b. A representative from the NCCAA Office
  - c. A representative from the NCCAA D-II Baseball National Championship Host Committee
3. Prior to the meeting, the National Baseball Chair shall send the following information to all invitees to the National Championship Conference Call:
  - a. The correct phone number and code for the call.
  - b. The correct time and time zone for the call.
  - c. An agenda for the meeting which should at least include:
    - 1) Prayer
    - 2) Introductions
    - 3) Host Committee Presentation
    - 4) Automatic Bid Confirmation
    - 5) At-Large Bid Selection
    - 6) Tournament Seeding
    - 7) Championship Issues, Questions, or Concerns

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## **H. National Championship Housing**

All teams are required to lodge in the hotel designated by the host institution or city for this championship.

## **I. National Championship Christian Service Project**

1. Each player and coach participating in the National Championship shall participate in the pre-arranged Christian Service Project.
2. ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS: PLEASE BE ON SITE FOR THIS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY.
3. The host Championship Director, in concert with the Director of Member Relations, is in charge of securing the sites and setting up the times for the projects.

## **J. National Championship Banquet**

There shall be a "Lead Off" banquet on the Tuesday evening prior to the National Championship. All teams are required to participate. Appropriate dress for this occasion shall be: collared shirt/slacks, sport coat/suit, dress shoes. NO SHORTS, T-SHIRTS or SANDALS/FLIP FLOPS please!

## **K. National Championship Administration**

### **1. Administration Expenses**

- a. To insure proper administration, transportation and expenses for the National Baseball Chair to the National Championship shall be paid by the Host Site.
- b. The Vice-Chair's transportation and expenses shall be paid in the event that the National Baseball Chair's team is involved in the National Championship.
- c. In the event that both the National Baseball Chair and the Vice-Chair's teams are in the National Championship, an NCCAA head baseball coach of a team not in the National Championship may be designated to act as the Championship Administrator.

### **2. National Championship Committee**

- a. A National Championship Committee shall be formed to oversee the National Championship and to insure that it is administered according to NCCAA policies and procedures.
- b. This four-person committee shall consist of:
  - 1) An NCCAA National Office representative or their designate
  - 2) The Championship site director
  - 3) The National Baseball Chair
  - 4) The National Baseball Vice-Chair
- c. The Championship Committee shall:
  - 1) Have at least one committee member on site for each contest.
  - 2) Handle any protests/disputes over rules or procedures during the tournament.
    - a) The committee shall have the final say on any protest(s).
    - b) All four committee members shall be involved in any decisions regarding protests.
  - 3) Be responsible for keeping the Championship games on schedule.
  - 4) Oversee the behavior of players, coaches and spectators
    - a) Committee members have the obligation to immediately approach any spectator who is:
      - (i) Constantly yelling at officials
      - (ii) Using vulgar language
      - (iii) Making threats
      - (iv) Causing an unusual disturbance
    - b) Committee members have the obligation to approach a coach concerning the same type of disturbance from his team's personnel.
    - c) Those in violation of the behavior guidelines shall be warned and told that if their actions continue they will be asked to leave the Championship premises.
    - d) Committee members have the right to approach and to remove such personnel from the contest and, pending a committee meeting, from the remainder of the Championship.
    - e) Should an incident occur in which spectators or team personnel are removed, the committee shall write an incident report and forward it to the National Office. The National Office shall then make a decision if further actions against an offending institution are necessary.
  - 5) Express in writing any problems which occurred during the National Championship and submit report to the National Office within seven days following the championship. This report shall be presented to the Administrative Committee of the Board of Directors.

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## **L. National Championship Coaches' Meeting**

1. The National Baseball Chair shall hold a National Championship Coaches' Meeting prior to the start of the National Tournament.
  - a. The purpose of this meeting is to:
    - 1) Select All-American Award winners
    - 2) Finalize Details for the National Championship
    - 3) Discuss any of NCCAA Regional or National Issues
2. This meeting shall be held at the Championship site a day prior to the start of competition.
3. The following people should be present at this meeting either in-person or via conference call:
  - a. National Baseball Committee
  - b. One representative (preferably the head coach) from All Eight Participants in the NCCAA Baseball D-II National Championship.
  - c. The Host Site chairperson
  - d. A representative from the NCCAA National Office.
4. The National Baseball Chair should consult the National Office on the logistics of a conference call.
5. Prior to the meeting, the National Baseball Chair should send the following information to all members of the Coaches Meeting:
  - a. The correct phone number and code for the call/meeting.
  - b. The correct time and time zone for the call/meeting.
  - c. The proper documentation (statistical reports, nomination forms, etc.) for making decisions relating to National voting and the tournament.
  - d. An agenda for the meeting so each member will know the topics for discussion, which should include:
    - 1) Opening prayer
    - 2) Introductions
    - 3) Host Committee Presentation
    - 4) Game times
    - 5) Brackets
    - 6) National Championship Issues, Questions, or Concerns
    - 7) Regional or National Issues or Concerns
    - 8) All-America Team Selection
    - 9) National Player & Pitcher of the Year Selection
    - 10) Scholar Athlete Team Selection
    - 11) Hank Burbridge Award Selection

## **M. NCCAA National Voting**

1. **National Award Voting**

Only the members of the National Baseball Committee participate in National award voting
2. **Championship Award Voting**

Only participants in the National Championship Tournament participate in Championship award voting.
3. **All-American Team**
  - a. An All-American Team shall be selected annually at the Coaches' meeting during the National Championship.
  - b. Only individuals from institutions that have paid their sport-participation fees and who have been selected to the All-Regional Team shall be considered.
  - c. The first team shall consist of 15 players:

1 starting pitcher	1 shortstop
1 catcher	1 third baseman
1 first baseman	3 outfielders
1 second baseman	6 from any category
  - d. Anyone who receives votes for All-American but does not make the first team shall be considered Honorable Mention.
  - e. Coaches who wish to have players considered for the All-American Team must submit completed statistics (see Appendix A and Appendix B) to their respective Regional Baseball Chairs.
  - f. The Regional Baseball Chairs are then responsible for:
    - 1) Forwarding their All-Region Team selections along with their statistics (see Appendix A & Appendix B) to the National Baseball Vice-Chair by the due date.
    - 2) Presenting their All-Regional Team at the coaches' meeting during the National Championship for All-American consideration.

- g. A trophy/plaque shall be awarded to each member of the All-American first team and a certificate shall be presented to each recipient and his respective institution.
- h. Each Honorable Mention player will be sent a certificate from the NCCAA in coordination with the Division II National Baseball Chair.

**4. National Player and Pitcher of the Year**

- a. A National Player and Pitcher of the Year shall be selected at the National Championship from the submitted Regional Players of the Year.
- b. The All-American Selection Committee shall determine the honorees at the coaches' meeting during the National Championship.
- c. Regional Chairs are to notify the National Baseball Vice-Chair of their respective Regional Player of the Year prior to the National Championship.
- d. A trophy/plaque shall be awarded to the recipients and certificates shall be presented to each recipient and his respective institution.

**5. Scholar-Athlete Team**

- a. A Scholar-Athlete Team shall be selected at the Coaches' meeting during the National Championship.
- b. All forms shall be submitted to the National Baseball Vice-Chair by the due date (see Forms and Procedures section of the Handbook).
- c. Candidates to be considered must meet the following criteria:
  - 1) Player must have attained at least junior academic status.
  - 2) Player must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40, which must be confirmed by the Registrar.
  - 3) Statistics shall be sent directly to the National Baseball Vice-Chair.

**6. Hank Burbridge Unlimited Potential's Outstanding Christian Leadership Award** (see [Appendix C](#))

**7. The National Coach of the Year**

The National Coach of the Year award shall be presented to the coach of the team that wins the National Championship as part of the awards ceremony immediately following the championship game.

**8. National Championship All-Tournament Team**

- a. A total of 12 players shall be selected to the All-Tournament Team during the National Championship.
- b. Each coach shall nominate the appropriate number of players from his team based on his team's final place in the championship.
- c. The number of players selected per team is as follows:
 

First Place Team	3 players (1 Championship MVP plus 2 players)
Second Place Team	2 players
Third Place Team	2 players
Fourth-Eighth Place Teams	1 player per team

**9. National Sportsmanship Award**

- a. This award is sponsored by Ron Mentus, RLM Athletics, and given to the team that exhibits the best sportsmanship both on and off the diamond during the National Championship tournament.
- b. Each coach from participating teams in the National Tournament along with each member of the National Championship Committee has a vote.

**N. NCCAA National Championship Awards**

The following awards will be provided at the National Championship

1. One National Championship Banner (to National Champion Team)
2. Twenty-five Medallions (to National Champion Team only)
3. Second, Third, and Fourth Place Awards (one per team finishing as such in the National Tournament)
4. Fifteen All-American Awards (per Section L of this Handbook)
5. One National Pitcher of the Year Award (per Section L of this Handbook)
6. One National Player of the Year Award (per Section L of this Handbook)
7. One National Coach of the Year Award (per Section L of this Handbook)
8. One Hank Burbridge/UPI Leadership Award (per Appendix C of this Handbook)
9. One National Sportsmanship Award (per Section L of this Handbook)

#### IV. 2011-2012 DEADLINES

DEADLINE	ITEM DUE	SUBMITTED BY	DESTINATION
September 15	Declaration of Intent to Participate Form	Individual Teams	National Office
January 5-8	National Coaches' Meeting @ ABCA Convention		Anaheim, CA
Postmarked Prior to First Game or Scrimmage	Eligibility Certificate Mailed	Individual Teams	Region Chair
Every Monday during the season by 5pm Eastern Time	Updated Team Statistics	Individual Teams	National Statistician <a href="mailto:stats@thenccaa.org">stats@thenccaa.org</a>
March 1	Amended Intent to Participate	Individual Teams	National Office
April 16	1. Statistics on All-Region Candidates Filed	Individual Teams	Region Baseball Chairs
	2. Regional Championship Plans Filed	Region Baseball Chairs	National Baseball Chair
May 1	1. Hank Burbridge/UPI Award Nominations	Individual Teams	National Baseball Vice-Chair
	2. Scholar-Athlete Nominations	Individual Teams	National Baseball Vice-Chair
	3. All-Region Selections & Stats	Region Baseball Chairs	National Baseball Vice-Chair
May 5	1. Regional Championships Completed	Region Baseball Chairs	National Baseball Chair
	2. Call in Regional Results	Region Baseball Chairs	National Baseball Chair
	3. All-Region Team, Regional Coach & Regional Player of the Year Submitted	Region Baseball Chairs	National Baseball Vice-Chair
	4. Schedule/Results, Roster, Photo, Logo, & Team Description Submitted	Teams Participating in National Championship	Host Championship Director
May 6	1. National Championship Conference Call	National Baseball Chair	
	2. Selection & Seeding for National Championship	National Baseball Committee	National Baseball Chair
May 9-12	NCCAA National Championship		Mason, OH

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## ADDENDUM A

### **Official Speed-up and Championship Rules Mandatory for NCCAA Regional and National Championships**

#### **A. Speed-up Rules**

1. COURTESY RUNNER
  - a. It is mandatory that teams use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher with two men out in all Regional and National Championship games.
  - b. With less than two outs, this rule is optional.
  - c. NOTE: A team may not use the same runner for the pitcher and catcher in the same inning.
  - d. If the pitcher is also designated hitter for the game, a courtesy runner is allowed.
  - e. A player removed from the line-up may not be used as a courtesy runner.
2. HELMETS
  - a. All batters/runners are required to wear a double earflap helmet.
  - b. The same helmet, worn while batting, shall be worn on the base paths.
3. INFIELDBERS
  - a. Infielders shall be allowed to throw the ball around infield while the pitcher takes five warm-up pitches.
  - b. RECOMMENDATION: The pitcher in the game is permitted to use the bullpen between innings to stay loose as long as he does not delay the start of the next half-inning.
4. INTENTIONAL WALK

On an intentional walk, the batter is waved to first base (no pitches to be thrown).
5. ON DECK BATTER

Batter must be on deck when his turn at bat comes around.
6. PACE OF GAME
  - a. 20-SECOND RULE  
The umpire shall ENFORCE the 20-second rule: The pitcher shall deliver the ball or make a play, or an attempted play, within 20 seconds after receiving the ball.
  - b. Umpire shall insist that both the pitcher and batter be ready in a reasonable time.
    - 1) If not, they shall be penalized.
    - 2) If the batter delays, the umpire shall instruct the pitcher to pitch and shall call “strike” on each such pitch.
    - 3) If the pitcher delays, a “ball” shall be called under normal pitching rules.
7. PITCHER TO HIS MOUTH

A pitcher is permitted to go to his mouth on the dirt portion of the mound as long as he is not on the rubber and that he wipes off before going to the rubber.
8. RELIEF PITCHER

Relief pitchers shall be allowed five warm-up pitches when entering a game.
9. TEN-RUN RULE
  - a. The Ten-Run Rule shall be in effect at the end of five innings or any inning thereafter.
  - b. This is applicable only to the first complete round of play, including the loser’s bracket games in the Regional Championships and to the first two rounds of play (game numbers 1-8) in the National Championship.
10. WARM-UP PERIOD
  - a. There shall be a 10-minute warm-up period for each team between games.
  - b. A National Baseball Committee member shall be charged with timing the warm-up.
  - c. Home team shall take infield practice first.

#### **B. Regional and National Championship Rules**

1. BAT

The aluminum bat is approved for all championship games.
2. COIN TOSS
  - a. The two head coaches for each game shall agree on who will call heads or tails on the coin toss.
  - b. The coach who wins the toss shall choose to be home or visiting team and jersey color, light or dark.
  - c. The loser of the coin toss shall choose first or third base dugout and shall wear the contrasting jersey color.
  - d. If both coaches cannot agree on uniform color, then the Home Team shall wear light or white, and the Visiting Team shall wear dark uniforms.

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- e. Example: If Team A wins the toss and chooses to be the Home Team, then Team B would get its choice of dugouts for the game. If Team A chooses to take a specific dugout, then Team B would get its choice of being the Home Team or Visiting Team and choice of light or dark jersey.
3. DESIGNATED HITTER
- a. The designated hitter rule is in effect for all championship games.
  - b. It is permissible for the pitcher to remain as the designated hitter after he is removed as pitcher providing he was listed as the designated hitter prior to the start of the game.
  - c. 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.
  - d. A designated hitter for the pitcher must be selected prior to the game and must be included in the line-up card presented to the Umpire-In-Chief.
  - e. The starting pitcher may be designated prior to the start of the game as the designated hitter and, in this case, it is only permissible for the pitcher to remain as the designated hitter after he is removed as the pitcher.
  - f. It is not mandatory that a team designates a hitter for the pitcher, but failure to do so prior to the game precludes the use of a designated hitter for that game.
  - g. Pinch hitters for a designated hitter may be used. Any substitute hitter for a designated hitter becomes the designated hitter.
  - h. A replaced designated hitter shall not re-enter the game in any capacity.
  - i. 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. The manager (coach) then must designate their spots in the batting order.
  - j. A runner may be substituted for the designated hitter and the runner assumes the role of designated hitter.
  - k. A designated hitter is “locked” into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation of the designated hitter.
  - l. Once the game pitcher is switched from the mound to another defensive position, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game.
  - m. Once the game pitcher bats for the designated hitter, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game.
4. FIELD PERSONNEL
- a. Only coaches, players, manager and trainer shall be permitted in the dugout.
  - b. No one is permitted on the playing field unless in proper uniform.
  - c. Coaches and assistant coaches (or players) are allowed to occupy the coaching boxes at first and third base provided they are properly uniformed.
5. FINAL GAME OF CHAMPIONSHIP
- a. Rules governing the final game of a Championship (Regional or National) shall be decided by the Regional Baseball Chair (for the Regional Baseball Championship) or by the National Championship Committee (for the National Championship) before the game is played.
  - b. If a game is interrupted after five innings and cannot be completed before the completion deadline established for Regional and National Championships, it shall be considered a regulation game.
  - c. If a rain date has been established for the championship, then the rain date becomes the official completion date for the said championship.
6. INSURANCE
- a. Teams are responsible for their own accident insurance.
  - b. Neither the NCCAA nor the championship host/sponsor is responsible for hospital or doctor bills.
7. OFFICIAL RULES
- a. The OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES (professional) shall govern play, except as cited in Section A (Speed-up Rules).
  - b. NAIA Mandatory Slide Rule shall be in effect.
8. OFFICIAL TRAVELING PARTY
- a. The official traveling party (for expense purposes) is not to exceed 30.
  - b. All teams with more than 30 in their party shall have their institution assume financial responsibility for every person over the official 30-person traveling limit.
9. PARTICIPATION
- Once a team has committed (Declaration of Intent to Participate) to the Regional Championship, it must agree to continue through the National Championship, if it so qualifies.
10. PLAYER CONDUCT
- a. Throwing helmets or bats is not acceptable as appropriate Christian conduct.
  - b. One warning per team may be given per contest.

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- c. Any subsequent violation shall result in the ejection of the offender.
  - d. A member of the National Championship Committee or an umpire has the authority to give this warning, and the head coach shall be notified of this warning
11. PLAYING SEASON  
The NCCAA's designated baseball season is spring and ONLY GAMES AGAINST A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE-GRANTING INSTITUTION OR A TWO/THREE-YEAR DEGREE GRANTING JUNIOR/COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL COUNT ON A TEAM'S RECORD (winning percentage, ties do count) AND SEASON STATISTICS.
  12. PROTESTS  
The National Championship Committee shall decide upon championship protests before the next pitch is thrown. All protests must be made to the Umpire-in-Chief before the next pitch is thrown.
  13. RE-ENTRY 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 line-up.
  14. SUSPENDED GAMES
    - a. Any game that is suspended (including tie games) shall be continued from the point of suspension at a time designated by the National Championship Committee.
    - b. All games shall be seven innings except those affected by the 10-run rule.
  15. TEAM SUSPENSIONS  
The National Championship Committee is given the authority to suspend, for the next game, a player or coach who is removed from a championship game for improper behavior.
  16. TOBACCO  
There shall be no tobacco use of any form in the dugout or on the playing field by managers, coaches, players, umpires, honorary coaches or any other personnel associated with the championship.
  17. TOURNAMENT FORMAT  
All Regional and National Championships shall be double-elimination championships.
    - a. Any other type of championship, other than double-elimination, which may be caused by weather, playing conditions, etc., shall be determined by the Regional Chair (for Regional Championship) or by the National Championship Committee (for National Championship).
    - b. If a double-elimination format is not the most expedient for the number of teams participating in a Regional Championship, the Region may choose a different format as long as they receive prior approval from the National Baseball Chair.









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## **Appendix C**

### **Hank Burbridge Unlimited Potential's Outstanding Christian Leadership Award**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this award is to honor the NCCAA's Outstanding Christian Baseball Player of the Year with potential in Christian service through baseball.

#### **II. AWARD**

Both the recipient and his institution shall receive a trophy, provided by Unlimited Potential, bearing the award title, date, and name of player receiving this award. Unlimited Potential, Inc. is an organization that ministers to baseball programs around the world "serving Christ through Baseball". Hank Burbridge was the long time baseball coach at Spring Arbor University and mentor/leader in NCCAA as well as NAIA baseball.

#### **III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

In order to be eligible for this award, a student-athlete must:

1. Be at least a junior.
2. Possess and demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities.
3. Possess and demonstrate outstanding athletic ability.
4. Possess and demonstrate a vibrant and clear Christian testimony on and off the field.
5. Possess and demonstrate an unlimited potential in serving Christ through: athletics, his local fellowship, sports evangelism, and/or other Christian organizations.
6. Possess at least a 2.50 grade point average.

#### **IV. NOMINATIONS**

Coaches of their respective institutions may nominate only one player per year for this award. Completed nomination forms and current DAN Statistics are to be copied and mailed no later than May 1 to the National Division II Baseball Chair. The National Baseball Chair will distribute copies to the committee. The committee members shall then make their recommendations with the final announcement to be made at the National Baseball Championship Banquet by the Director of Unlimited Potential, or a representative from its ministry, if possible.

#### **V. SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The selection committee shall be comprised of the following:

1. Director of Unlimited Potential
2. Board members of Unlimited Potential (up to two)
3. NCCAA National Office Representative
4. NCCAA National Baseball Chair
5. NCCAA National Baseball Vice-Chair

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## Appendix D Revised Burbridge Rating Method NCCAA Baseball

### I. FORMULA

#### Victories

On the road against a winning opponent:

NCAA Division I	9 points
NCAA Division II or NAIA	8 points
NCAA III or NCCAA I	7 points
NCCAA Division II	6 points

At home against a winning opponent:

NCAA Division I	8 points
NCAA Division II or NAIA	7 points
NCAA III or NCCAA I	6 points
NCCAA Division II	5 points

On the road against a losing opponent:

NCAA Division I	7 points
NCAA Division II or NAIA	6 points
NCAA III or NCCAA I	5 points
NCCAA Division II	4 points

At home against a losing opponent:

NCAA Division I	6 points
NCAA Division II or NAIA	5 points
NCAA III or NCCAA I	4 points
NCCAA Division II	3 points

#### Losses

On the road against a winning opponent:

NCAA Division I	5 points
NCAA Division II or NAIA	4 points
NCAA III or NCCAA I	3 points
NCCAA Division II	2 points

At the home against a winning opponent:

NCAA Division I	4 points
NCAA Division II or NAIA	3 points
NCAA III or NCCAA I	2 points
NCCAA Division II	1 points

On the road against a losing opponent:

NCAA Division I	3 points
NCAA Division II or NAIA	2 points
NCAA III or NCCAA I	1 points
NCCAA Division II	0 points

At the home against a losing opponent:

NCAA Division I	2 points
NCAA Division II or NAIA	1 points
NCAA III or NCCAA I	0 points
NCCAA Division II	0 points

For the purpose of this rating system:

1. Opponents from athletic associations not listed above (e.g. USCAA, ACCA, NJCAA, etc.) shall be treated like NCCAA D-II only schools.
2. A loss against any opponent (NCAA, NAIA, NCCAA, etc) of 10 or more runs shall be treated like a contest against an NCCAA D-II only school.
3. All games at "neutral" sites will be considered as "away" contests.
4. Concerning "dual affiliated" teams, the highest level of association will be used. Therefore, if a school is an NCCAA D-II school and is also an NCAA D-III school, the NCAA D-III category will be used for calculating the Burbridge Rating.

### II. Power Points

The rating is determined by adding the power points for the season, dividing by the number of games, and carrying the result to the third decimal place.

### III. Rankings Based on Power Points

Teams shall be ranked each week throughout the season using this rating system. The rating system is only as accurate as the information supplied on the game results form. Each institution shall gather and report the most accurate data possible.

## Appendix E National Championship Bracket NCCAA Baseball D-II

