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Thank you for your interest in and commitment to NCAA baseball. The purpose of this 2010 Game Officials Manual is to outline the guidelines, policies, and responsibilities for an umpire participating in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. This Game Officials Manual should be used as a complement to the 2009-10 NCAA Baseball Rules and Interpretations Book and the 2010 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship Handbook.

Comments and suggested additions to this manual are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact either of the undersigned.

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1.2 POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **National Coordinator**
   a. Reports to the Chairs of the NCAA DI Baseball Committee and Baseball Rules Committee.
   b. Manages the programs budget.
   c. Works with the conference liaisons to:
      1) Coordinate annual NCAA clinics.
      2) Develop a comprehensive evaluation system and educational materials (including videotapes and manuals).
      3) Develop, maintain, and enforce the umpires’ code of conduct.
      4) Monitors the conference’s umpire programs and their compliance with NCAA policies.
      5) Submits an annual status report of the Umpire Improvement Program for review by the Division I Baseball Committee.
      6) Coordinates assignments for Division I regional, super regional, and College World Series tournaments.
      7) Attends selected regional and super regional tournaments to observe and evaluate umpires.
      8) Attends the College World Series to coordinate the umpiring crew and assist in the game assignments and rotation.
d. Performs other duties as assigned by the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee and Baseball Rules Committee.

e. May not serve as a conference coordinator of umpires or as a conference liaison to the program.

f. May not serve as an officer in any national amateur baseball umpire association.

g. May not be assigned to umpire any Division I championship event.

2. **Director of Umpires**

   a. Assist the national coordinator in the operation of the Umpire Improvement Program.

   b. Attend and assist in the planning, agendas, speakers, and educational materials for all pre season NCAA Regional Umpire Clinics.

   c. Prepare, select, and edit instructional video, power point, materials, and graphics for regional clinics, in-season educational material, website, and preseason coaches education.

   d. Assist in the preparation of printed educational material and CCA Manual.

   e. Assist the national coordinator in providing interpretations and clarifications of umpire mechanics and procedures and develop new topics for rules or mechanics discussion and potential changes.

   f. Communicate with umpires, mechanics subcommittee, and conference coordinators for subject matter for collection, discussion, and dissemination.

   g. Attend NCAA UIP annual meeting and Rules Committee meeting as required.

   h. Other duties as assigned by the national coordinator, NCAA staff and/or Baseball Committee.

3. **Regional Advisors**

   a. Assist the national coordinator in the operation of the Umpire Improvement Program.

   b. Evaluate umpires for the NCAA Division I baseball championship.

   c. Assist in the recommendation of championship umpires to the Division I Baseball Committee.

   d. Evaluate umpires during the NCAA baseball championship.

   e. Support the national coordinator in the planning and operation of preseason NCAA Regional Umpire Clinics.

   f. Attend the NCAA UIP annual meeting with Division I conference representatives.

   g. Serve as a liaison to conference coordinators within specified region.

   h. Other duties as assigned by the national coordinator, NCAA staff and/or Baseball Committee.

4. **Conference Liaisons**

   a. Selected by each Division I conference that receives automatic qualification.

   b. Assist the Umpire Improvement Program in evaluating umpires throughout their respective conferences.

   c. Submit an annual roster of all umpires on their staff.

   d. Submit written evaluations of NCAA umpires as well as prospective NCAA umpires.

   e. Assist with the administration of the NCAA regional umpire clinics.
f. Provide an annual preseason and in-season list of recommended umpires from their conferences that meet the assignment criteria and are eligible and available for championship selection.

1.3 - NCAA BASEBALL OFFICIALS WEB SITES

1. Web site for NCAA Baseball Officiating Bulletins, Updates, Video Bulletins, and Interpretations. (Registration is required.):

http://www.ncaabaseball.arbitersports.com

2. Web site for NCAA baseball championship information, rule books, and handbooks:

http://www.ncaa.org

Go to spring sports, then baseball, then championships.

3. Web site for verification of NCAA clinic attendance, background check information, sports wagering questionnaire, and required testing results have been received on the Arbiter Sports Web site

http://www.ncaabaseball.arbitersports.com

To access information: sign in with your e-mail address and password. Click on the POSTSEASON tab verify your clinic, rules test, sports wagering and background check status. Each requirement will be green when satisfied and red when not.

These features are only viewable after you register as an NCAA baseball umpire on the Arbiter Sports Web site.

This site will be active January 8, 2010.

Reminder: The deadline for completion of all requirements is February 14, 2010
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June 4-7  NCAA Division I Regionals
June 8  Super Regional umpire crews and sites determined and announced
June 8  Super Regional crew chief and umpire conference call (7 pm ET)
June 11-13 or 12-14  NCAA Division I Super Regionals
June 17  College World Series pretournament meeting  Omaha, Nebraska
June 18  College World Series ground rules meeting  Omaha, Nebraska
June 19  College World Series crew meeting  Omaha, Nebraska
June 19-30  College World Series  Omaha, Nebraska
June 28  College World Series crew meeting  Omaha, Nebraska
July 19  Conference Umpire Coordinator Meeting  Indianapolis, Indiana
July 19-21  Baseball Rules Committee meeting  Indianapolis, Indiana
July 25-27  Division I Baseball Committee meeting  Indianapolis, Indiana

SECTION 3: CHAMPIONSHIP ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES

3.1 SELECTION CRITERIA

1. **Criteria for Assignment to NCAA Division I Regional**
   a. Must be recommended by at least one Division I conference.
   b. Must be scheduled to work a minimum of six regular season in-conference games and be recommended by that conference.
   c. Must have at least five years experience at the Division I level with a minimum of 25 NCAA games each year OR at least three years of professional baseball experience plus two years at the Division I level.
   d. Must work a minimum of 25 Division I games in the current season.
   e. Must attend an NCAA Regional Umpire Clinic.
f. May not serve as a conference umpire coordinator or assign umpires to work Division I conference games.
g. Must receive a passing grade of 80% or better on the annual NCAA baseball test by the deadline date.
h. Submit the signed release form by the deadline date authorizing a background check to be conducted.
i. Submit by the deadline date the sports wagering questionnaire in its entirety.
j. The national coordinator, regional advisors, and Division I Baseball Committee will select 96 umpires from the conference approved lists, taking the following into consideration:
   1) College World Series Experience.
   2) NCAA Division I Super Regional experience.
   3) NCAA Division I Regional experience.
   4) Division I conference tournament experience.
   5) Division II or Division III postseason experience.
   6) Division I conference experience.
   7) Quality of schedule.
   8) Number of games officiated in the conference that has recommended them.
   9) NJCAA or NAIA national championship experience.
  10) Previous evaluations.
  11) Off field conduct (professionalism).

2. **Criteria for Assignment to NCAA Division I Super Regional**
   a. Must be recommended by at least one Division I conference.
   b. Must be selected to work a Division I Regional in the current year.
   c. May not be selected in the same year that assignment to the CWS occurs. (Exception: CWS alternate)
   d. It is preferred that an umpire have worked at least four previous regionals.
   e. Must work a minimum of 25 Division I games in the current season.
   f. Must attend an NCAA Regional Umpire Clinic.
   g. May not serve as a conference umpire coordinator or assign umpires to work Division I Conference games.
   h. Must receive a passing grade of 80% or better on the annual NCAA baseball test by the deadline date.
   i. Submit the signed release form by the deadline date authorizing a background check to be conducted
   j. Submit by the deadline date the NCAA sports wagering questionnaire in its entirety.
   k. The national coordinator, regional advisors, and Division I Baseball Committee will select 32 umpires from the conference approved lists, taking the following into consideration:
      1) College World Series experience.
      2) NCAA Division I Super Regional experience.
      3) NCAA Division I Regional experience.
      4) Division I conference tournament experience.
      5) Division II or Division III postseason experience.
      6) Division I conference experience.
7) Quality of schedule.
8) NJCAA or NAIA national championship experience.
9) Previous evaluations.
10) Off field conduct (professionalism).

3. **Criteria for Assignment to College World Series**
   a. Must be recommended by at least one Division I conference.
   b. Experience working a minimum of two Division I Super Regionals.
   c. Must work a minimum of 25 Division I games in the current year.
   d. Must attend an NCAA Regional Umpire Clinic.
   e. May not serve as a conference umpire coordinator or assign umpires to work Division I conference games.
   f. Must receive a passing grade of 80% or better on the annual NCAA baseball test by the deadline date.
   g. Submit the signed release form by the deadline date authorizing a background check to be conducted.
   h. Submit by the deadline date the sports wagering questionnaire in its entirety.
   i. The national coordinator, regional advisors, and Division I Baseball Committee will select 8 umpires from the conference approved lists, taking the following into consideration:
   College World Series experience
   1) NCAA Division I Super Regional experience.
   2) NCAA division I Regional experience.
   3) Division I conference tournament experience.
   4) Division II or Division III postseason experience.
   5) Division I conference experience.
   6) Quality of schedule.
   7) NJCAA or NAIA national championship experience.
   8) Off field conduct (professionalism)

4. **Conference Recommendation Procedures**
   NCAA Division I conferences that receive an automatic qualification to the championship tournament are asked to submit a list of umpires from their conference(s) that qualify and that they recommend for post season assignment. In order for a conference to receive an automatic umpire assignment into the Regional tournament, a representative (conference coordinator, baseball administrator, etc.) must attend the previous year’s conference coordinator meeting and one of the NCAA Regional Umpire Clinics in its entirety. These lists must be completed and submitted based on current season evaluations and must be received by the date set each year. A conference may recommend as many umpires as they deem qualified for consideration but must recommend a minimum of ten individuals. Conferences will divide their lists into two groups; one for umpires that have been assigned 6 or more conference games and the other for umpires that have been assigned less than 6 conference games. The list should be submitted in rank order of recommendation and provide all requested information. Umpires must have worked a minimum of 25 Division I games in order to be considered for assignment to the championship. Conference coordinators who worked with multiple conferences also are required to submit a
cumulative list of all umpires recommended in rank order. The Division I Baseball Committee is required to select at least one umpire from each conference list, however they are not required to select umpires in the order recommended. NO UMPIRE WILL BE ASSIGNED UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY AT LEAST ONE DIVISION I CONFERENCE.

5. **Assignment Procedures**

Once the lists have been received by the conferences, the national coordinator will compile and review the lists to ensure that all recommended umpires meet the requirements listed in this manual. The national coordinator and regional advisors will evaluate all recommended umpires based on the criteria listed above and make a formal recommendation to the officiating subcommittee of the Division I Baseball Committee. The subcommittee reviews these recommendations and makes any changes they deem appropriate and then forwards their recommendations to the full Division I Baseball Committee for approval and notification. The Committee does not set a maximum number of umpires that can be assigned from a given conference in the Regional or Super Regional tournaments. For the College World Series, the Committee must be aware of not assigning too many umpires from any one conference so as to prevent any perception of bias at the championship tournament. No conference is ever guaranteed an umpire automatic qualification into the College World Series. The Committee’s overriding goal is to select the very best available officials each year.

Aside from the criteria listed above, the following are taken into consideration when making recommendations and final assignments:

a. Where each umpire is ranked on the conference list.

b. If the umpire is ranked on other conference lists and their ranking on those lists.

c. If the umpire was selected to work the conference tournament this year.

d. In season evaluations by the national coordinator and regional advisors.

Umpire assignments will be posted on the Arbiter NCAA website on Monday night May 24 at 5:00 pm ET. Umpires will also receive a letter of notification within a few days of this posting.

**SECTION 4: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UMPIRES**

1. In order to be considered for NCAA Division I umpire championship selection and assignment, the following eligibility requirements must be satisfied by the deadline dates:

   a. **Attendance at NCAA Regional Umpire Clinic** - See Appendix A for clinic sites and information.

   b. **Receive a Passing Grade of 80% or Better on the Annual NCAA Baseball Test.**

c. **Submit the Signed Release Form Authorizing a Background Check to be Conducted** – Deadline is **Sunday, February 14, 2010**. See Appendix B for process.

d. **Submit the Sports Wagering Questionnaire in its Entirety** - Deadline is **Sunday, February 14, 2010**. See Appendix B for process.

2. **Verification of Completion of Eligibility Requirements.**
Officials may verify that regional clinic attendance, background check information, sports wagering questionnaire, and required testing results have been received on the Arbiter Sports Web site:

http://www.ncaabaseball.arbitersports.com

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These features are only viewable after you register as an NCAA baseball umpire on the Arbiter Sports Web site.

This site will be active January 8, 2010.

**SECTION 5: DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP TRAVEL**

5.1 - **TRANSPORTATION**

1. **Regional Umpires.**
You will be contacted by your crew chief or assistant crew chief and notified of your site not later than Tuesday night, June 1. Please do not call the NCAA office or national coordinator unless you have not been contacted by this time. Once you have received your assignment, contact Short’s Travel at 866-655-9215. Identify yourself as an NCAA Division I umpire and book your coach class tickets. In some cases, depending on the host site, you will be flying into a nearby hub airport (e.g., Atlanta for Auburn or Clemson, or Dallas for Baylor). This is being done in an effort to be fiscally responsible as well as assuring the best possible chance of getting home ASAP. Luggage costs will be handled per NCAA policy. You are required to fly round-trip to and from the same airport unless previously approved by the NCAA staff. You must be in the host city the night of June 3. Crew chiefs and assistant crew chiefs must arrive in time for the pretournament meeting with the NCAA game representative. Please note that due to weather conditions, it may be necessary to extend the competition. By accepting this assignment, you are committing to **stay at least through Tuesday, June 8.** If the tournament cannot be completed Tuesday and you must return home, a replacement will be assigned by the national coordinator. On receipt of your itinerary, check it for accuracy and notify your crew chief of your arrival.
time and flight number. If you are assigned to a site less than 250 miles from your home, you are required to drive to your Regional site. You will be reimbursed at $.51 per mile. A maximum of 500 miles one-way (or 600 miles with approval) may be submitted for reimbursement if driving is the chosen option. Do not consume any alcohol until after all tournament related activities have concluded for that day.

2. **Super Regional Umpires**
   You will be contacted by your crew chief and notified of your Super Regional site not later than Tuesday night, June 8. If your first game is to be played before 4 p.m., you must arrive the night before. If your first game is scheduled to start after 4 p.m., you may arrive the same day but you must be scheduled on the first flight from your home city to the host city on that day **and** there must be at least one backup flight that would put you in the city at least 3 ½ hours prior to the game time. If this flight is not scheduled to land before noon, you must be in the host city the night before. The crew chief **must** arrive in time for the pre-tournament meeting with the NCAA Game Representative.

3. **College World Series Umpires**
   As soon as you receive your CWS assignment, contact Short’s Travel at 866-655-9215. Identify yourself as a College World Series baseball umpire and book your coach-class tickets. You must be in Omaha by 4 p.m. Friday, June 18. Schedule your departure for Thursday, July 1.

4. **Dress Code**
   Umpires **must** be dressed in the following manner while traveling to and from the host city and all tournament functions:

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5.2 - RENTAL CARS

1. **Regional Umpires**
   Your crew chief and assistant crew chief (or a second member of the crew if determined by the crew chief) will make reservations through Short’s Travel for a rental car (vans or SUVs are preferred for one of the vehicles) in their names. It is each umpire’s responsibility to coordinate arrival with the crew chief for transportation to the hotel. If you choose to fly in at a time (or to a different city) that cannot be coordinated with either of the drivers, it is your responsibility to arrange your own transportation to the host city and hotel. During the tournament, the crew chiefs are responsible for the cars and all transportation. These cars are for the use of all members of the umpiring crew and should not be used by just one person. If you have guests attending the tournament, arrange for
their transportation separately as to not impose on members of the crew. No umpire should drive an automobile having consumed any alcohol products. Rental cars will either be direct billed to the NCAA or crew chiefs and assistants. Crew chiefs will submit rental car receipts to the host institution for reimbursement.

2. **Super Regional Umpires**
   Your crew chief will make reservations through Short’s Travel for a rental car (preferably a van) in his name.

3. **College World Series Umpires**
   The two crew chiefs will have rental vehicles for the crews’ use for the entire tournament. On arrival at the airport in Omaha, the designated crew chiefs should proceed to the Enterprise Car Rental counter to obtain their vehicles. The rest of the crew should proceed to the baggage claim area and call the hotel to request its shuttle van for pick up. It is approximately five miles from the airport to the hotel. A third vehicle will be available for local transportation during the tournament.

### 5.3 - HOTEL

1. **Regional and Super Regional Umpires**
   The host institution will make a hotel reservation for each crew member. The rooms will be set up as a direct bill for the room and taxes. Any and all personal charges are the responsibility of the umpire. Be sure to settle all charges before you leave the site. If you have guests attending the tournament, they may stay with you or you may make other arrangements. Do not ask the host institution, tournament officials, or the hotel for any extra rooms at no charge or to upgrade your room.

2. **College World Series Umpires**
   Umpires will have individual rooms at:

   Homewood Suites by Hilton Omaha Downtown
   1314 Cuming Street
   Omaha, NE 68102
   (p) 402/345-5100
   (f) 402/345-5101
   www.omahadowntown.homewoodsuites.com

   Rooms will be set up as a direct bill for the room and tax. If umpires want to ship their equipment to Omaha, it should be sent to the Umpires Locker Room, c/o Jesse Cuevas at Rosenblatt Stadium, 1202 Bert Murphy Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68201. The phone number is 402-444-4716. You are responsible for this expense.
SECTION 6: DIVISION I PRE-TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

6.1 - PRE TOURNAMENT MEETING

1. **Regional Umpires**
   The NCAA game representative and host institution will arrange a meeting on Thursday late afternoon or evening between the coaches and administrators of each institution, the umpiring crew, and other game management personnel. The crew chief and assistant crew chief are required to attend. A ground rule review meeting will also be scheduled.

2. **Super Regional Umpires**
   The crew chief is required to attend this pretournament meeting late afternoon or early evening the day before the tournament begins and will schedule a time for all umpires to meet with the NCAA game representative to review procedures and ground rules.

3. **College World Series Umpires**
   The national coordinator will meet with NCAA staff, Division I Baseball Committee, and team representatives at a pre-tournament meeting Thursday, June 17 at 9 p.m. Central.

6.2 - UMPIRE CREW MEETING

1. **Regional and Super Regional Tournaments**
   Before the tournament, the crew chief and assistant crew chief will conduct a meeting with the entire crew. It is preferred that the meeting be held the morning of the first game. The crew chief will conduct a thorough review of the four-man mechanics that are to be utilized during the tournament, including a review of the four-man mechanics videotape, and announce the rotation for the tournament. He will discuss off-field behavior, set a time to review ground rules with the NCAA game representative, and answer any questions from the crew.

2. **College World Series**
   The entire crew will meet Friday, June 18 at the Rosenblatt Stadium umpire room to walk the field and discuss ground rules. The crew pre-tournament meeting will be held in the Rosenblatt Stadium umpire’s conference room at 9:00 am Saturday, June 19. Cars will leave the hotel at 8:45 am. Game assignments for the first two days will be announced at this meeting. The crew will also meet at noon Monday, June 28.

6.3 - TICKETS

1. **Regional and Super Regional Tournaments**
   Tickets for tournaments must be arranged for and purchased from the host institution. No umpire should ask for or receive tickets for guests at no charge. It is recommended that host institutions provide seats for non working umpires.
2. **College World Series**
   Tickets for the College World Series can be purchased in advance based on availability through Chad Tolliver at the NCAA national office 317-917-6706. Requests must be received not later than Friday, June 4. Umpires receive a photo credential for admittance to the Stadium. **Guests must have a ticket for each game.**

### 6.4 - PAYMENT OF FEES AND EXPENSES

1. **Regional Umpires**
   The NCAA national office is responsible for the payment of your game fees and expenses. Each umpire will receive $1,380 in game fees (regardless of how many games are worked). Each umpire also will receive $45 per day for meals and incidentals beginning with day of arrival and ending with day of departure. In addition, airline luggage expenses for a maximum of two bags may be submitted for reimbursement if receipts are submitted. All expense forms must be completed and sent by the crew chief or NCAA game representative to Chad Tolliver at the NCAA, FAX 317/917-6710. The NCAA and host institutions do **not** reimburse umpires for airport parking, laundry, or any other expenses. These are your responsibility. A direct deposit form must be completed or on file with the NCAA national office for payment and direct deposit to be processed.

2. **Super Regional Umpires**
   Each umpire will receive $945 in game fees.

3. **College World Series Umpires**
   Each umpire will receive $3,685 in game fees.

### 6.5 - PRE TOURNAMENT BANQUET

Per NCAA policy, game officials may not attend the pre tournament banquet or social event involving participating coaches or teams before the competition.

### SECTION 7: AROUND THE STADIUM

#### 7.1 - TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE STADIUM

1. **Regional and Super Regional Tournaments**
   All umpires must coordinate with the crew chief and assistant crew chief as to their transportation plans to and from the stadium. Please notify the crew chief if you plan to arrange for your own transportation. All umpires scheduled to work, including the alternate, must be at the stadium at least one hour and fifteen minutes before the scheduled start time.
2. **College World Series**
   Parking for courtesy cars will be in Lot 2 directly behind the third base side of the stadium. If you plan to use your own car, please notify the national coordinator so that an additional parking pass may be requested. Please note that parking passes are in great demand for this event and may not be available.

### 7.2 - LOCKER ROOMS

The host institution will provide the umpires with a secure locker room to be used for the duration of the tournament. This locker room is for the exclusive use of the umpires. No visitors will be allowed at any time. **AT NO TIME SHALL A COACH OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF A PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION BE ALLOWED IN THE UMPIRE LOCKER ROOM.**

The crew chief and assistant crew chief must make sure this is enforced. NCAA personnel, the NCAA game representative, and clubhouse attendants are the only other individuals permitted in the locker room. The crew chief will coordinate the handling of the locker room to ensure security. It is recommended that valuables not be left in the locker at any time. Remember you are guests of the host institution and always be respectful of their facilities. **There will be no tobacco products or alcohol allowed in any locker room.**

Visitors are permitted in the lounge area of the Rosenblatt Stadium umpire locker room. However, umpires and families should not abuse this privilege. The lounge is a place for assembly before and after game, not a place to watch games as it is a working area.

### 7.3 - CLUBHOUSE ATTENDANTS

Host institutions normally assign one or more individuals to assist the umpiring crew during a tournament. The attendants may arrange for meals and drinks for umpires working consecutive games, the laundry of game uniforms, shoe polishing, etc. It has been customary for the crew to give the attendants a gratuity after the completion of the tournament. This is up to the discretion of the crew and should be coordinated by the crew chief. Treat these people with the utmost respect: they usually bend over backward to accommodate you. If you have a problem regarding the attendant, the crew chief will be responsible for handling the situation with the appropriate tournament administrator.

### 7.4 - GAME BALLS

1. **Regional and Super Regional Tournaments**
   Game balls will be delivered to the crew chief before the tournament. In most cases, the umpires will be responsible for rubbing up balls before each game. It is the policy of the NCAA to allow each umpire one new game ball as a souvenir. Any umpire discovered taking more than one ball would be subject to discipline by the NCAA. If it appears additional game balls might be necessary, please notify the NCAA game representative promptly.
2. **College World Series**
   Game balls will be handled by the NCAA and will be located directly behind home plate. It is the policy of the NCAA to allow each umpire two new game balls as souvenirs of the tournament. The crew chief will be responsible for distributing these balls. Any umpire discovered taking more than two balls will be subject to discipline by the NCAA.

**7.5 - PRESS BOX**

1. **Regional and Super Regional Tournaments**
   The press box is off limits to all members of the umpiring crew at all times.

2. **College World Series**
   The press box, press meal area and ESPN tent is off limits to all members of the umpiring crew at all times.

   The Stadium View Club is available to all members of the umpiring crew. You must wear your photo credential for access. Any accompanying guest must show his or her ticket and have a Stadium View Club pass to enter. Please remember this is a privilege. You may not use the Stadium View Club while in uniform and should be dressed appropriately.

**7.6 - DRESS CODE**

1. **Regional Tournaments**
   It is acceptable for umpires to dress casually when traveling to and from the stadium and during their off games. It is acceptable to wear dress shorts (no cutoffs) however no denim jeans, t-shirts, or warm-up suits are allowed. You are not allowed to wear any university, conference, or pro logo item. Remember you are representing the NCAA from the time you leave your home until the time you return.

2. **Super Regional Tournaments and College World Series**
   All umpires will dress appropriately for travel to and from the stadium each day. Long pants and a dress, casual, or golf shirt are required.

**7.7 - MEDIA/PRESS STATEMENTS**

1. **Regional and Super Regional Tournaments**
   In the event of an odd or confusing play or situation, a pool reporter, selected by the tournament media coordinator, will be escorted to the umpire’s locker room area by the NCAA game representative to receive a rule interpretation. All interpretations will be made by the crew chief, or assistant crew chief if the crew chief was involved in the play.
2. **College World Series**
   The national coordinator will handle all press inquires.

### 7.8 - GIFTS

Host institutions may not give any member of the umpire crew any gift or memento that is not also given to all participating coaches. No umpire should request gifts or souvenirs from anyone involved in the tournament.

### 7.9 – SECURITY

The host institution must provide adequate security as umpires enter and exit the playing field and at the umpire locker room. Crew chiefs should discuss this with the NCAA game representative before the tournament begins. It is recommended that at least one security officer accompany game officials to and from the playing field and their locker room.

**SECTION 8: ON THE FIELD**

### 8.1 ASSIGNMENTS/ROTATIONS

1. **Regional Tournaments**
   All assignments are made by the crew chief in consultation with the national coordinator and with approval by the NCAA game representative. Assignments will be announced at the pre tournament umpires meeting. Either the crew chief or assistant crew chief must be on the field for every game. Umpires are not guaranteed a specific number of games (plate or bases) during the tournament. An alternate umpire must be in the stadium at all times. Generally the umpire who just worked home plate should be the alternate; however this may change if an umpire wants to stay at the stadium for some reason. Umpires are required to be in the locker room at least one hour and fifteen minutes before each game that they are assigned to work.

   The rotation for all regional tournaments will be as follows:

   HP / Off (Alt) / Third Base / Second Base / First Base / Off

   In the event of injury, illness, or any other reason an umpire in not available to work as scheduled, the crew chief will coordinate an adjusted rotation with the national coordinator. The goal is to not require an umpire to work more than two games in a day.

2. **Super Regional Tournaments**
   All assignments and rotations are made by the national coordinator with final approval by the NCAA game representative. The rotation will be announced at the pre tournament
umpires meeting. Umpires must be at the stadium at least one hour and fifteen minutes before each game.

3. **College World Series**
   The national coordinator, in consultation with the chair of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee, makes all assignments. Assignments for the first four days of the tournament will be made at the pre tournament umpires meeting. After the first four days, assignments will be made daily and will be posted in the locker room. Due to numerous factors, the rotation will most likely not remain the same for the remainder of the tournament. Umpires are not guaranteed a specific number of games (plate or bases) during the tournament.

   An alternate umpire must be in the stadium at all times. Generally, the umpire who just worked second base should be the alternate; however this may change if an umpire wants to stay at the stadium for some reason.

4. **Injury or Illness**
   The alternate will take the position on the field of any base umpire who becomes ill or injured during a game. If the plate umpire becomes ill or injured, the alternate will work second base and the second base umpire will take over behind home plate. No umpire, unless ill or injured, shall leave the tournament before the conclusion of the championship game. The crew chief should contact the national coordinator if any member of the crew is unable to work the remainder of the tournament. The national coordinator will decide if a replacement is necessary and will select such person in consultation with the officiating subcommittee of the Division I Baseball Committee.

**8.2 - TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

The use of all tobacco products by umpires at the site of competition (i.e. umpire locker room, playing field, other areas of the stadium, etc.) as well as during other championship activities such as press conferences, post game interviews, shall be prohibited. The games committee, in accordance with the misconduct provisions, shall deal with violations of this regulation.

**8.3 UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT**

1. **Regional Tournaments**
   NCAA umpires should take pride in their appearance. Uniforms and hats shall be kept clean, pressed, and in first class condition. Uniforms will be worn only in the dressing room and on the field. Umpires may not sit in the stands or enter public areas of the stadium while in uniform.

   Each umpire is responsible for his own equipment and uniform. The NCAA will provide a sized hat to each regional umpire. Please be sure to fax Honig’s immediately to provide them with your hat size. The hats for the entire crew will be sent to the host institution and delivered to you on arrival.
See Appendix C for Honig’s Information and Order Forms

The standard uniform options are as follows:

a. Short or long sleeve black pullover shirt with white tipping on collar and sleeve cuff (reference Honig’s style NHMLS-B, NMLLS). Black or white T-shirt may be worn underneath the black shirt. All members of the crew must wear the same color on the bases.

b. Short sleeve polo blue pullover style shirt with black and white tipping on the collar and sleeve cuff (reference Honig’s style NHMLS-PB). Black or polo blue T-shirt or mock turtleneck may be worn underneath the polo blue shirt. Shiny or dazzle cloth versions are not acceptable.

c. All shirts must have the “NCAA” letters embroidered on the left breast pocket.

d. Black nylon pullover jacket with white shoulder trim and “NCAA” lettering on the left chest (reference Honig’s NCAA17-B). Black, polo blue, or white T-Shirt, mock turtleneck worn underneath.

e. Black blazer

f. Gray pants (reference Honig’s PBS1, PBS2 for consistent color).

g. Black ball bags.

h. Black socks.

i. Black shoes (white stripes are permitted).

j. Black belt.

k. Black gloves.

l. Black hat with “NCAA” lettering. Each regional umpire will receive one sized hat.

No other variations are allowed and no conference or association patches are allowed. No uniform numbers will be worn in regional or super regional tournaments. All base umpires will dress in the same uniform top; the plate umpire may dress in the uniform of his choice. However, if all umpires are wearing shirts they must all be the same color. **It is not acceptable to wear a short sleeve shirt on the plate with a long sleeve shirt underneath.** No visible jewelry (excluding wedding bands and medical alert bracelets) or watches of any kind are to be worn on the field during any NCAA tournament game.

It is acceptable for umpires to wear athletic style sunglasses on the field if the conditions warrant. It is recommended that umpires carry the glasses onto the field and during the pre game conference and put them on once they reach their respective positions.

2. **Super Regional Tournaments**
   All umpires must bring plate equipment to the super regional tournament even if they are not scheduled to work the plate.

3. **College World Series**
   The NCAA will provide sized NCAA hats, shirts with numbers, undershirts, NCAA lettered black/white pullover for use in case of inclement weather, and trousers. Umpires **must** return Honig’s order form immediately upon selection for shipment.
8.4 – TEAMWORK

Games are to be officiated by a crew of umpires, not four or six individuals. Umpires should officiate and communicate as a team and should assist and support one another on the field at all times. Umpires should avoid any conduct (including communication both verbal and non verbal) that would suggest to coaches, student-athletes, or fans the existence of dissention or friction within the crew.

8.5 - STYLE OF FORM OF CALLS

The NCAA strongly encourages individualism in style and form of basic umpire mechanics and recognizes that the individual styles of veteran umpires have evolved over a number of years. However, certain fundamentals should be evident in signals and calls:

1. NCAA umpires shall make a signal on all calls with the exception of “ball” and an obvious catch of a fly ball. Signals are to be visible, crisp, and clear. Voice calls should be clearly audible.
2. All signals should project decisiveness to the teams, fans, and media. Signals should not be slow to the point of appearing uncertain or causing confusion for the fans or media.
3. NCAA umpires are expected to increase the assertiveness of their call (signal and voice) as the play becomes closer. A causal, laid back signal is not appropriate in a crucial, close play. However, over elaborate, excessive signals are not an acceptable technique either.

8.6 – ATTITUDE

The NCAA expects energetic and earnest work from every umpire working a post season assignment. Umpires must be 100% focused every pitch of every game without regard to the score, inning, record of teams involved, or any other external factor. Umpires must present themselves with a high level of intensity and concentration throughout every game. They are expected to display an alert, eager, confident, enthusiastic demeanor on the field. Unacceptable demeanor includes appearing bored, lethargic, casual, arrogant, cocky, antagonistic, timid, lackadaisical, and other non professional appearances.

8.7 – CHARACTER

NCAA umpires are expected to exhibit and uphold the standards of integrity of the umpiring profession. The image of an NCAA umpire demands honesty and a sense of high ethical standards. NCAA umpires should make every decision based on the circumstances and facts presented, regardless of an umpire’s past history with a particular student-athlete or team. No umpire should ever threaten a student-athlete, coach, or team with future retaliation. NCAA umpires should accept constructive criticism from conference or national umpire supervisors.
8.8 – FRATERNIZATION

NCAA umpires should avoid excessive casual, unnecessary conversations with student-athletes, coaches, team personnel, or fans during the progress of a game. Umpires may not visit team or university offices unless official business requires otherwise. To avoid appearances of impropriety, umpires should be cautious regarding any casual fraternization with university employees.

8.9 - HUSTLE AND ENTHUSIASM

The NCAA expects a consistently high level of hustle and enthusiasm from every umpire. These qualities should be evident in all movements and mannerisms on the field. Umpires are expected to hustle to and from positions while not exhibiting “false or over hustle”. They must demonstrate a keen interest from start to finish and must not appear disinterested at any time. They must also remain focused and intense regardless of their position on the field or the status of the game. Every pitch and every play must be treated with the same respect. Umpires must assume a ready position (hands on knees or walking into the pitch) before every pitch. Hands on hips or arms folded across the chest are not acceptable ready positions.

8.10 GETTING THE CALL RIGHT

The first requisite of an umpire is to ultimately get all decisions correct. Umpire pride is important, but never as important as getting the play right. It is the philosophy of the NCAA that umpires always seek to get the call right. This may involve the reversal of a previously rendered decision. However, the correct decision, not the pride of any umpire, must prevail.

Following are general guidelines for this policy:

1. NCAA rule 3-6-g states “No umpire shall criticize or interfere with another umpire’s decision, unless asked by the one making it; however, if there is a misinterpretation of a rule, it should be brought to the attention of the umpire-in-chief”. Therefore, except in special situations such as those outlined in the next paragraphs, the umpire making the call must be the one to seek assistance of a partner.

2. An umpire is urged to seek help when his view is blocked or positioning prevents him from seeing crucial elements of a play. An umpire is also encouraged to seek help in instances when he has any doubt and a partner has additional information that could lead to the proper ruling.

3. In the situations listed below, a partner, who is 100% certain he has additional information unknown to the umpire making the call, should approach unsolicited and alert the other umpire to such information. **However, the ultimate decision to change a call rests with the calling umpire.**
a. Deciding if a home run is fair or foul.
b. Deciding whether a batted ball that left the playing field is fair/foul or a home run or ground rule double.
c. Cases where a foul tip is dropped or trapped by the catcher.
d. Cases where a foul fly ball is caught or not caught.
e. Cases when an umpire clearly errs in judgment because they did not see a ball dropped or juggled after making a tag or force.
f. Spectator interference plays.
g. Balks called by an umpire who clearly did not realize the pitcher’s foot was off the rubber.

Umpires are not to seek help on plays on which they are 100% confident in their judgment and view of the play. **Head coaches are not entitled to a second opinion when the calling umpire is certain his decision is correct.** On the other hand, umpires are not to “die” with a call in cases where:

a. The calling umpire is not 100% certain he is right, and
b. Another umpire has additional information which could lead to a proper ruling. Both NCAA philosophy and umpire integrity, consistent with NCAA rules, dictate that calls be reversed in this situation.

4. When an umpire seeks help, he should do so shortly after making the original call. He should not have a lengthy discussion with the head coach or others and then ask for help. If the calling umpire seeks help, he should include other umpire(s) who would likely have the best position to see the elements of the play. This conversation must take place away from student-athletes or coaches. If a crew chief deems it necessary, he can, at his discretion, bring together the entire crew. All umpires involved should meet at once; multiple meetings unnecessarily delay the game. Crew chiefs can conduct conferences and are expected to ensure that NCAA philosophies are given priority over any single umpire’s pride. After a request for an umpire conference has been granted, coaches are not allowed to continue to argue a call once the final decision has been made. If a call is reversed, coaches are entitled to an explanation.

5. Judgment calls, which have traditionally not been subject to reversal, include steal and other tag plays (except if the ball is dropped without the umpire’s knowledge as discussed above), force plays (when the ball is not dropped and foot is not pulled), balls and strikes (other than check swings). This practice will continue. Also some calls cannot be reversed without creating larger problems. An example is the “catch/no catch” with multiple runners or a ball that is ruled foul that does not leave the playing field.

Overall, umpires are urged to seek help on reversible plays in which they may have erred by not seeing a crucial element of a play. Such meetings, while necessary, should be infrequent and not become a substitute for umpires seeking proper angles, exercising sound judgment, and having the conviction to stay with a call that an umpire believes was properly made.


8.11 - HANDLING SITUATIONS

NCAA umpires must walk a fine line between keeping the game under control and not exacerbating situations with overly aggressive or arrogant actions. Although every situation is unique, the NCAA strives for uniformity in dealing with situations on the field with the following general guidelines:

1. Umpires should remain calm, professional, tactful, firm, in control, fair, and impartial. They cannot be perceived as overly aggressive, confrontational, hot-headed, short-tempered, timid, intimidated, or nervous. Umpires must never display impatience or a condescending attitude.

2. Umpires are expected to understand their role as a steady, calming influence on the game. Umpires must be able to sort out complex and important situations and cannot be hesitant to make unpopular decisions.

3. Umpires should never ignore occurrences on the field that require their attention to maintain order and control. But when difficult situations arise, it is essential that umpires stay above the emotional fray and never lower themselves to the excitable level of a particular student-athlete or coach. Umpires must be clear and decisive, while not overly aggressive or overbearing. They are expected to become more assertive if the situation calls for such, but must control their temper at all times. All in all, umpires must calm volatile situations while keeping control and managing them.

4. Umpires are required to listen to head coaches if discussions are reasonable and non-emotional. Umpires are to be firm and authoritative in conversations with head coaches, but never should initiate an argument. Umpires must not create unnecessary friction by ignoring reasonable inquiries. At the same time, NCAA umpires must command respect and never tolerate personal abuse.

5. Umpires should avoid sarcastic remarks or profanity and not insist on the last word. The NCAA will not tolerate umpires’ language, which if used by a student-athlete or coach toward an umpire, would result in discipline.

6. Umpires must not charge a student-athlete or coach or follow him if the argument is over and he is walking away. Umpires cannot look for trouble or invite arguments. If a situation can defuse itself, umpires must allow it to happen. Umpires must not be perceived as having escalated a situation.

7. Umpires must not initiate contact with a student-athlete or coach. Initiating contact, including “bumping” and physical finger pointing will subject umpires to discipline.

8. Umpires must never be resentful or hold grudges. Decisions must be made individually regardless of past history with a particular student-athlete, coach, or institution. Umpires should never attempt to “even-up” with a student-athlete or coach with whom he has had previous problems.
8.12 - EJECTIONS/SUSPENSIONS

1. **Ejections**
   Umpires are entrusted with the power to remove any participant from a game. This responsibility should never be taken lightly. The NCAA recognizes that every situation is unique and that umpire discretion is essential to proper game management. Notwithstanding unique or extraordinary circumstances, student-athletes and coaches look to umpires for uniformity in applying standards to determine grounds for ejection. The following guidelines should be followed and considered cause for ejection of the offender:

   a. Any threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, bumping, kicking, spitting, spewing, throwing at, or attempting to make physical contact.
   b. Use of profanity specifically directed at an umpire or vulgar personal insults, including accusations of bias or cheating.
   c. Refusal to stop arguing, and further delaying the game after the umpire has provided a student-athlete or coach adequate opportunity to make his point. The umpire should warn the student-athlete or coach that he has been heard and should return to his position or the dugout or he will be ejected.
   d. Arguing balls and strikes (including check swings) after being warned.
   e. Use of gestures (i.e. jumping up and down, sliding on the ground, violently waving arms) while arguing with an umpire, or stepping out of the dugout and making such gestures toward an umpire.
   f. Throwing uniform items, equipment, or other items while arguing or from the dugout.
   g. Assistant coaches engaging in a prolonged argument with an umpire over a rule or judgment call. Only head coaches may enter the field of play to discuss a rule or play with an umpire.
   h. There are other specific actions listed in the NCAA Rule Book that result in an immediate ejection. These violations include a pitcher intentionally throwing at a batter, a runner flagrantly colliding with a fielder, bench jockeying, etc. These rules are to be enforced strictly as written.

   If an ejection does occur, the umpire must complete the NCAA Ejection Report and send the report by e mail to the national coordinator within 8 hours after the completion of the game. A call should also be made following the game to the national coordinator.

2. **Suspensions**
   If the student-athlete or coach commits an act that by rule is cause for suspension, the umpire must notify the head coach or game management administrator and the NCAA game representative immediately. The umpire must complete the NCAA Suspension Report and send the report by e mail to the national coordinator within 8 hours after the completion of the game. A call should also be made following the game to the national coordinator.

   See Appendix D for the Ejection and Suspension Report Forms
8.13 - RAIN/LIGHTNING SITUATIONS

1. **Regional and Super Regional Tournaments**
   The umpire in chief will work with the crew chief, assistant crew chief, the NCAA game representative, tournament manager and the ground crew in determining when to utilize the tarp and when the game will be halted and/or resumed. If field conditions become dangerous to student-athletes, the umpire in chief and crew chief should halt the game and consult with the NCAA game representative.

2. **College World Series**
   All decisions to cover the field will be made by the NCAA staff in consultation with stadium personnel and broadcast partners. If field conditions become dangerous to student-athletes, the umpire in chief and crew chief should halt the game and consult with NCAA staff and stadium personnel.

8.14 - PROTESTS

Any protest by the coach of a completing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed. If the game ends (legal contest) in a protestable situation, the offended team has until all fielders have left fair territory to voice its protest intentions. All protests must be made to the crew chief. However, if he is not working the game, the assistant crew chief or the home plate umpire shall receive the protest. No protest shall be allowed that involves a judgment decision by an umpire. All protests must be ruled on immediately by the protest committee. The committee shall confer with the umpires before making its decision, and the NCAA game representative will make a written report to the Chair of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee.

8.15 - EVALUATIONS

1. **Regional and Super Regional Tournaments**
   NCAA game representatives, assistant game representatives, regional advisors, coaches of participating institutions and anyone designated by the national coordinator are requested to complete an evaluation form for each member of the crew. See Appendix E for evaluation form, criteria and scale.

   a. Each umpire should submit a composite self-evaluation form for each tournament worked.
   b. Each crew chief and assistant crew chief should submit a composite evaluation form for each umpire of their crew for each tournament worked. The completion of comments is especially important.
   c. Crew chiefs should work with the game representatives and tournament manager to receive DVD’s of any televised games.
All evaluations should be sent to the national coordinator no later than June 30. It is recommended that crew chiefs meet with each member of the crew to discuss his overall evaluation and any problem areas. It is not the policy of the NCAA to forward copies of any evaluations to umpires; however, any umpire may contact the national coordinator to discuss his evaluations. Evaluation summaries will be compiled by the national coordinator for the officiating subcommittee.

2. **College World Series**
   The national coordinator, regional advisors and UIP staff, coaches, DI baseball committee members or anyone designated by the national coordinator will complete evaluation forms of each umpire. DVD’s will be made available to each crew member of each game. Composite self evaluations are expected by each CWS umpire.

### SECTION 9: OFF THE FIELD

#### 9.1 CREW CHIEF

Once notified of his site and crew, the crew chief should first contact his assistant and start the process of notifying the other members of the crew. He should then contact the tournament manager and NCAA game representative to confirm the pre tournament meeting time and site. If all members of the crew have not been contacted and response received by Tuesday night June 1 for Regionals and Tuesday night June 8 for Super Regionals, the crew chief should contact the national coordinator.

The crew chief should confirm the hotel arrangements and then notify the national coordinator with the following numbers:

1. Crew chief cell phone
2. Assistant crew chief cell phone
3. Locker room
4. Press box
5. Hotel (phone and FAX)

Aside from the leadership responsibilities on the field, crew chiefs are responsible for conduct of the umpires off the field as well. The crew chief must file a written report of any incident of misconduct, unprofessional behavior, or violation of these guidelines with the national coordinator immediately after the tournament. Crew chiefs will be held responsible, and possibly disciplined for any incident not reported or for any umpire violations of these policies and procedures.

#### 9.2 – GUESTS

Some umpires like to bring wives or other guests to tournaments. This is acceptable as long as the umpire does not abuse the situation or inconvenience his partners, NCAA game
representatives, or anyone at the host institution. Umpires should not ask for free tickets, hotel rooms, or for any other special requests. Having these guests in attendance is the umpire’s responsibility. While it is acceptable to have guests, please remember that your duties and responsibilities as a tournament umpire come first.

9.3 – ALCOHOL

No alcoholic beverages of any type are permitted in the umpire locker room during a tournament. After an umpire has completed his assignments for a day (including serving as an alternate), he is allowed to drink alcoholic beverages. However, a few guidelines should be adhered to:

1. Do not drink at the stadium.
2. Do not drink in any public places at the hotel.
3. Find a reputable establishment that is not frequented by the media, coaches, or student-athletes.
4. If you are in an establishment when members of the media, coaches, or student-athletes arrive, you should finish your drinks and leave.
5. Do not, under any circumstances, drive an automobile after having consumed alcohol.
6. Do not bring undue attention to yourselves by announcing to people who you are and why you are in town.

We are all adults and should know these things but past experience mandates such policies. Umpires are very visible and therefore recognizable to the media, coaches, student-athletes, and fans. The Umpire Improvement program wants every umpire to have fun and enjoy the experience of working championship tournaments; however, we must be aware of the perception that can be created by inappropriate behavior off the field. If you are not able to adhere to these policies for an entire tournament, we will be forced to replace you.

9.4 - GAMBLING

The NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering. Sports wagering has the potential to undermine the integrity of sports contests and jeopardizes the welfare of student-athletes and the intercollegiate athletics community. Sports wagering demeans the competition and competitors alike by sending a message that is contrary to the purposes and meaning of “sport”. Sports competition should be appreciated for the inherent benefits related to participation of student-athletes, coaches, and institutions in fair contests, not the amount wagered on the outcome of the competition.

For these reasons, the NCAA membership has adopted specific rules prohibiting athletics staff members and student-athletes from engaging in gambling activities as they relate to intercollegiate or professional sporting events. Please note the following basic guidelines that college baseball umpires should adhere to:

1. Do not ever bet on a game – with anyone. All kinds of tactics will be used by gamblers to encourage your involvement.
2. Do not associate with known or suspected bettors.
3. Do not offer any opinions about any game to anyone – before or after the game.
4. Do not put yourself in a compromising situation through any personal misconduct.
5. Do not accept favors or gifts from suspected or known bettors.
6. Do not furnish any information about a game, student-athletes, coaches, or officials to anyone except when following your conference’s procedures.
7. Do not hesitate to discuss any suspicious person(s) with your crew chief, who will notify the national coordinator. If necessary, a confidential investigation can be conducted. Always inform your crew chief any time an individual suggests (even apparently in fun) that you accept money to affect the outcome of a game.

Gambling not only is a big business – it is dangerous. Your cooperation in the fight to combat it not only will protect intercollegiate competition from its harmful influences, but will place one of your more important aspects– your personal integrity- above reproach. The NCAA is very concerned about the perception of its officials and gambling. Any local area casino, racetrack, or other establishment where any form of wagering occurs is strictly off limits at all times. No exceptions or allowances will be given in this area and offenders will immediately removed from the crew.

**9.5 - OTHER**

Be very careful of what you say to anyone about your work as an umpire. Whether you are talking directly to a person or not, be aware that what you say can be overheard and misinterpreted. You should not socialize in any way with anyone from the host institution or from any of the participating institutions. Whenever possible, umpires should enter and exit the stadium together. If confronted by a coach, student-athlete, or fan, do not enter into a discussion; simply excuse yourself and leave.

You should also be extremely careful of any remarks made while traveling, in and around the stadium, and in any social situation that may be interpreted as harassing or sexually offending. Again, you are representing the NCAA at all times and your actions must be above reproach.
APPENDIX A

2010 NCAA Umpire Clinics

January 9, 2010           Dallas, Texas

Sheraton Dallas Hotel
400 North Olive Street
Dallas, Texas  75201
214/303-4145

NCAA Room Rate - $119.00
Cut Off Date – December 18, 2009

Division I Conferences Expected to attend: Big 12, C-USA, Missouri Valley, Mountain West

January 16, 2010           Atlanta, Georgia

Grand Hyatt Atlanta
3300 Peachtree Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia  30305
404/237-1234

NCAA Room Rate - $119.00
Cut Off Date – December 24, 2009

Division I Conferences Expected to attend: ACC, Atlantic Sun, Big East, Big 10, Big South, Colonial, C-USA, Horizon, Mid-American, MEAC, Ohio Valley, Sun Belt, SEC, Southern, SWAC

January 23, 2010           Los Angeles, California

Marriott Los Angeles Airport
5855 West Century Boulevard
Los Angeles, California  90045
310/641-5700

NCAA Room Rate - $109.00
Cut Off Date – December 28, 2009

Division I Conferences Expected to attend: Big West, Mountain West, Pac-10, WAC, West Coast
January 30, 2010
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Marriott Philadelphia Airport
One Arrivals Road
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19153
215/492-9000

NCAA Room Rate - $99.00
Cut Off Date – January 5, 2010

Division I Conferences Expected to attend: America East, Atlantic-10, Big East, Big Ten, Colonial, Horizon, Ivy, MEAC, Metro Atlantic, Mid-American, Northeast, Patriot

In order to receive the room rates listed, each clinic attendee should inform hotel personnel that he or she will be attending the NCAA umpiring clinic. All arrangements for sleeping rooms should be made through the reservation desk at the appropriate hotel before the designated reservation cut-off date. All room blocks are limited and on a first come, first serve basis.

* The hotel sales contact should be contacted directly only if coordinators or conference representatives wish to schedule meeting(s) prior to or after the NCAA clinic. Please do not contact these individuals when making sleeping room reservations only.

** It is permissible for an individual to attend a clinic other than the one to which his or her conference or institution is assigned.
APPENDIX B

REQUIRED
GAME OFFICIALS BACKGROUND CHECK PROGRAM
This is the 2009-10 Game Officials Background Check Program information. No documents will be mailed to you. Please follow the instructions below.

December 1, 2009

TO: NCAA Division I Baseball Game Officials.

FROM: Rachel Newman Baker
        NCAA Director of Agent, Gambling and Amateurism Activities.

SUBJECT: NCAA Game Officials Background Check Program.

This is to provide you with information as it relates to the 2009-10 college baseball postseason game officials background check program.

As a reminder, for a game official to be eligible for assignment to work any NCAA Division I postseason baseball tournament games, it is necessary to submit the required information via the online NCAA Division I Game Officials Background Check Program. The attached instructions will explain in detail the steps necessary to complete this process. The online system will be open for use beginning January 8 and will close at 11:59 p.m. Pacific time February 14. The system will not be accessible after 11:59 p.m. Pacific time February 14. No paper documents will be accepted.

If the form is not completed online by the noted deadline, there is no recourse and the official will not be eligible to officiate any 2010 postseason baseball tournament games. For privacy reasons, there will be no notification from the national office prior to the deadline to officials or conference offices/officiating coordinators if background checks are not received from any individual.

NCAA Division I Game Officials Background Check Program

www.ncaabaseball.arbitersports.com

This site will be active January 8 through 11:59 p.m. Pacific time February 14.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions relative to the program. Thank you for your cooperation and best wishes for the upcoming NCAA baseball season.

RNB:esb

Attachment

cc: NCAA Division I Conference Commissioners
    NCAA Division I Coordinators of Officials
    Selected NCAA Staff Members
BASEBALL ONLINE BACKGROUND CHECK PROGRAM PROCEDURES

DEADLINE IS 11:59 P.M. PACIFIC TIME FEBRUARY 14, 2009

Access the Web site at this address:

www.ncaabaseball.arbitersports.com

1. Background check information is located in the postseason tab.

2. Click on the "background check" tab to access the background check pages.

When you have completed the background check process, a green check mark will appear indicating you have completed the process.
If you have difficulty completing the background check section, please contact Suzanne Brickell (sbrickell@ncaa.org or 317/917-6866) immediately.

3. Select the sport code for the sport that you officiate. If you officiate more than one sport, you must complete the entire process for each sport (i.e. men’s basketball, women’s basketball, men's ice hockey, baseball or postseason football).

4. Enter your driver license number. Be sure to enter all numbers and letters - if the license number begins with 0s, be sure to include those as well.

5. Enter the state in which your driver license is issued.

6. Enter your birth date, using the format indicated.

7. United States Citizenship

You must indicate if you are a US citizen. If you are not a US citizen, you must send to the agent, gambling and amateurism activities staff, before the noted deadline, verification that you are legally residing within the United States and are able to earn income as an independent contractor. This information will be verified before an official is eligible for selection.

8. Click "Go" to proceed to the next step.
9. **General Policies.** You must read this page and check the box at the bottom that you agree to the terms and conditions that are specified in the general policies.

10. At the bottom of the General Policies page are links to other documents that are helpful in understanding the NCAA Game Officials Background Check Program.

11. **NCAA Position on Sports Wagering.** This document appears as a word document; close the document to return to General Policies page.
12. Frequently Asked Questions. Helpful questions and answers about the NCAA Game Officials Background Check Program. This document appears as a word document; close the document to return to the General Policies page.

13. Authorization and Release of Custodial Information. You must read and check the box that you have read the release, understand it and agree to the terms and conditions therein.

14. If your social security number begins with a "0" you will be required to edit the social security number to enter the "0". Click "Edit SSN." A pop-up screen will ask "Are you sure you want to edit this data?" Click OK. When the next screen appears, type in the correct SSN. Click Edit. A pop-up screen will ask "Are you sure you want to Edit this data?" Click OK.

15. Click Personal Background Questionnaire to begin completing the necessary documentation.
16. Other names. List any other names you may be known by, including maiden name, and dates names were used. Use the calendar function to enter dates.

17. Address. List all addresses where you have resided during the past seven years. The dates that you lived at each address are also required. Enter required dates using the calendar function provided.
18. **Employer Information.** Enter employer name, department in which you work, phone number, address, city, state and zip. You must also provide an explanation of your duties. If you are retired or unemployed, please use the drop-down box to indicate the applicable category.

19. If you are self-employed or hold 10 percent ownership or more of the business that employs you, you must provide an explanation.

20. If you have ever been convicted of a violation of law, or have been charged with a crime that is awaiting adjudication, you must provide an explanation.

21. If you have claimed bankruptcy, or been the subject of a collection account, or the subject of a lien, suit or judgment, you must provide an explanation.
22. Click "sports wagering questionnaire" to proceed to next section.

23. Answer each question with "yes" or "no." A "yes" answer requires an explanation. After completing the questionnaire click submit.
NOTE: By clicking submit, you are certifying that all of the information furnished on the questionnaire is true, complete and correct. After you click submit, you will not be able to access the forms again. So be sure your answers are accurate before submitting.

24. After submitting, print a copy of your forms for your records. Your printed copy will reflect the date that you submitted your forms. **IMPORTANT:** It is strongly recommended that you print the date-stamped confirmation page as it is the official’s responsibility to verify proof of submission of the required online forms.

**DON'T FORGET TO PRINT YOUR DATE-STAMPED CONFIRMATION PAGE!**
25. If you go back into the system after you have submitted the information, you will receive a message that your background check questionnaire was already submitted. You can print a copy, but will not be able to access the information.

**DID YOU PRINT YOUR DATE-STAMPED CONFIRMATION PAGE?**
APPENDIX C

2010 NCAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT ORDER FORM

Please return this form by March 1, 2010 (Note – no order shipped until an assignment has been received)

To
[Name]
[Street Address]
[City, ST, ZIP Code]
[Phone]
[e-mail]

Ship To
[Name]
[Company]
[Street Address]
[City, ST, ZIP Code]
[Phone]

For 2010, Honig’s Whistle Stop will again supply the uniform items for the NCAA Baseball Tournaments. Below are the required items to be worn during NCAA tournament games. The uniform is the same as in 2009, so if you worked the tournament last year you should not need additional items. Completing this will help Honig’s project their needs. PLEASE NOTE that the uniform is NOT authorized for use during the regular season and these orders WILL NOT be processed until tournament assignments are confirmed. We will process your order ONLY if you are assigned a tournament game.

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- [ ] Visa, MasterCard or Discover
  
  Card Number__________________________  Expiration_____  Security Code_____

**Mail, Scan & E-Mail or Fax form to:**

**Mail or Scan and E-Mail:**

Honig’s Whistle Stop  
7136 Jackson Rd  
Ann Arbor, MI  48103  
ncaa@honigs.com

Or

**Fax:**  
Honig’s Whistle Stop  
877-869-4783

-----PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MARCH 1, 2010
Order will be processed only if you are given a tournament assignment
APPENDIX D

Umpire Ejection/Incident Report

**Procedure to follow after an ejection:**

1. The ejecting umpire shall call his conference coordinator immediately after the game to report any ejection or incident.

2. The ejecting umpire shall file an NCAA or conference approved ejection report with his conference coordinator as soon as possible after the completion of the contest.

3. If a suspension was also issued, a separate NCAA approved suspension report must also be filed. Further instructions for filing the suspension are included on that form.

4. If ejection occurs during NCAA Div-1 Post-Season play, a copy of the report and an immediate phone call needs to be placed to the National Coordinator. If he is not available, please then contact the Director of Umpires.

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<th>Director of Umpires</th>
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<td>Tom Hiler</td>
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<td>208-598-5558 Cell</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:McArtorE@missouri.edu">McArtorE@missouri.edu</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:TomasHiler@yahoo.com">TomasHiler@yahoo.com</a></td>
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**Date and Time Report is written:**

**Name of Conference Coordinator:**

**Reporting Umpire (Name/Telephone # and Email Address):**

**Home Plate Umpire:**

**Location at time of incident:**

**First Base Umpire:**

**Location at time of incident:**

**Second Base Umpire:**

**Location at time of incident:**

**Third Base Umpire:**

**Location at time of incident:**

**Date of Game:**

**Location & Conference of Game:**

**Home Team:**

**Visiting Team:**

**Name of Player(s)/Coach(s)/Personnel involved (FULL NAME & UNIFORM #):**

**Situation that led up to the incident (BE DETAILED):**

**Describe any consequences as a result of the incident:**

**In my opinion this offense was (check all that apply):**

- [ ] Offensive  
- [ ] Very Offensive  
- [ ] Violent  
- [ ] Too Prolonged

The ejected person(s) was [ ] was not [ ] warned.

The ejection delayed the game for approximately ___ minutes.
Suspension Report Form

**Procedure when an ejection carries a suspension:**
1. The ejecting umpire will notify his conference supervisor immediately after the game and will file this suspension report with his supervisor and the secretary-rules editor as soon as possible after the completion of the contest.

2. The ejecting umpire/crew chief shall notify the head coach of the suspension, either personally or through the home team game management administrator on site.

**Procedure for a Post-Participation Ejection:**
1. If a situation occurs after the last out to end a game or after a player has been removed from the game and this conduct would result in an ejection during the normal course of play, the umpire/Crew chief will issue a post-participation ejection.

2. If the ejected person is an assistant coach, player or other team personnel, the umpire/crew chief is to inform the head coach personally or through the home team game management administrator on site.

3. If the head coach is ejected, the umpire/crew chief is to inform the head coach and the home team game management administrator of the head coach's postgame ejection.

4. The ejecting umpire shall file a suspension report with the conference administrator, coordinator and NCAA secretary-rules editor noting that the ejection shall be served in that team's next scheduled contest. For clarification, the suspended individual is not allowed to:
   a) Be dressed in game uniform;
   b) Communicate with any team personnel or umpires;
   c) Take part in any pre-game activities at the site of competition; or
   d) Be in the stadium or on the field once pregame activities have started.

NCAA secretary-rules editor contact information:
Jim Paronto, secretary-rules editor
749 Winters Avenue
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
*E-mail: paronto25@aol.com
Cell: 970/985-0233
Fax: 970/263-4529
*E-mail is the preferred method of communication.

*During NCAA Division I Post-Season play, if an individual is suspended or receives a post-participation ejection, the National Coordinator must be notified immediately and a copy of this report forwarded directly to him. If National Coordinator is not available, please contact the Director of Umpires.

**National Coordinator:**
Gene McArtor
573-999-9162 (Cell)
McArtorE@missouri.edu

**Director of Umpires**
Tom Hiler
208-598-5558 (Cell)
TomasHiler@yahoo.com
It is very important that you include as much detail as possible when completing this report.

Reporting Umpire: Date and Time Report is written:

Home Telephone Number:

Home Plate Umpire: Location at time of incident:
First Base Umpire: Location at time of incident:
Second Base Umpire: Location at time of incident:
Third Base Umpire: Location at time of incident:

Date of Game: Location of Game:
Home Team: Visiting Team:

Name of Player(s)/Coach(s)/Personnel “suspended” (please include uniform number):

Situation that led up to the Suspension:

Describe in detail what happened after the Suspension was issued:

Who was notified of the Suspension? (Check all that apply)

- Head Coach Name of Individual:
- Assistant Coach Name of Individual:
- Game Administration Name of Individual:
- Director of Athletics Name of Individual:
- Conference Assignor Name of Individual:
- NCAA Secretary Rules Editor

Score at the Time of the Suspension (In favor of)

Final Score of Game: Home: Visitor:

Was game protested?

The Suspended person(s) was □ was not □ warned.

Did the suspended individual stay out of “Sight and Sound” after being Suspended:
APPENDIX E

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCALE
2010 NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL
Umpire Evaluation Standards

Grading Scale

(5) Outstanding- never deviates from the listed standards
(4) Above Standard- seldom deviates from the listed standards
(3) Meets Standard- Adheres to an acceptable level from the listed standards
(2) Below Standard- Occasionally deviates from the listed standards
(1) Unacceptable- Consistently deviates from the listed standards

STANDARDS FOR NCAA UMPIRE EVALUATIONS

Plate Work

Stability of Head and Body Position
• Establishes “Locked In” position on every pitch
• Does not drift side to side or up and down with pitch
• Does not flinch on swings or foul tips
• Maintains proper spacing from catchers as not to become entangled if catcher moves quickly and unexpectedly
• Eyes remain at horizontal level with ground and does not dip as game goes on. Head at proper height to allow unobstructed view of entire plate
• Works in the “slot” not over top of catcher or to the outside
• Does not set in an unusually high or deep position that would draw attention or questioning of judgment

Timing
• Does not anticipate pitch
• Allows everything that can happen, to happen, before making DECISION, then makes a call
• Does not make a call as the ball is approaching the plate or crossing but, after the catcher has caught he ball
• Stays down in position to call balls

Proper Positioning for Plays
• Attains the appropriate angle and distance for plays
• Not too close nor too far from the play
• Works to get angle over distance when appropriate
• Adjusts position for poor throws or unusual play
Style/Mechanics of call
- Gives clear authoritative signals and uses correct signals
- Possesses smooth, relaxed style that projects confidence
- Coordinate voice and signals to give professional appearance. Voice is loud enough to be heard but does not draw undue attention
- Does not showboat or change the mechanics of his call during the course of a game

Judgment, Interpretation and Consistency of Strike Zone throughout the game
- Maintains the same zone throughout the game
- Is the same for both teams
- Has a grasp of how zone can be adjusted in lopsided game
- Interprets and calls the zone to its written limits
- Does not call “unhittable” pitch a strike nor zone is too small
- Makes concerted effort to call pitches above the belt as strikes

Crew Mechanics and Communications
- Follows NCAA umpire mechanics
- Has good knowledge of proper mechanics and rotations
- Rotates to first and third as needed
- Uses proper verbal and non-verbal communications
- Makes good eye contact with partners between hitters and during developing plays

Base Work

Proper Positioning for Plays
- Attains appropriate angle and distance for plays
- Not too close not too far from the play
- Works to get angle over distance when appropriate
- Adjusts position for poor throws or unusual play

Style/Mechanics of call
- Gives clear authoritative signals. Possesses smooth, relaxed styles that project confidence
- Coordinates voice and signals to give a professional appearance
- Does not showboat or change the mechanics of his call during course of game
- Uses a voice that is loud enough to be heard but does not draw undue attention

Timing/Judgment
- Does not anticipate the play
- Allows everything that can happen, to happen, before making DECISION
- Gets the call right

NCAA Mechanics/Crew Communication
- Has a good knowledge of proper mechanics and rotates in the proper situations and is alert enough to adjust if one of his partners misses coverage
- Reads partners and fly balls well on outfield coverage and goes out as needed
- Uses proper verbal and non-verbal communications
- Establishes eye contact with partners between hitters and during developing plays
Reactions to Developing plays
• Exhibits knowledge and perception of how play will develop through correctly anticipating where, how, and the speed at which the play will occur

Game and Situation Management

NCAA Policies and Procedures
• Adheres to all policies and procedures as outlined in the NCAA Game Officials Manual

NCAA Playing Rules
• Adheres to and applies rules, accepted practices, and interpretations detailed in NCAA Rule Book.

Situation Management
• Adheres to provisions of the NCAA Game Officials Manual

Effort and Professionalism

Focus and Hustle
• Concentrates consistently on the crucial elements throughout the game
• Is prepared for every pitch and play, developing plays and situations
• Is aware of all that is going on within a game including dugout situations and inter-team developments
• Moves with a purpose during a play to get into proper position to cover plays
• Does not over hustle to draw attention to themselves

Appearance and Demeanor
• Proper display of uniform and fit or athletic appearance within the uniform
• Displays a conscientious and earnest desire to carry out on-field duties
• Exhibits posture that reflects interest in the game

Mobility
• Possesses physical ability to move into proper position on field
• Runs athletically and is able to keep pace

Fraternization
• Avoids excessive, casual, and/or unnecessary conversation with uniformed personnel or spectators during the game
**UMPIRE EVALUATION REPORT**

**Umpire:**
____________________________________

**Evaluator:**
____________________________________

**Site:**
____________________________________

**Date:**
____________________________________

**Home Team**
_________________________________

**Visiting Team:**
________________________________

Scoring Description:  1 - Unacceptable, 2 - Below Standard, 3 - Meets Standard, 4 - Above Standard
5 - Outstanding. * Any rating of 2 or lower must be accompanied by specific comments

1) **PLATEWORK**
   
   a) Stability of head & body position
      1  2  3  4  5
   b) Timing
      1  2  3  4  5
   c) Proper positioning for plays
      1  2  3  4  5
   d) Style & mechanics of calls
      1  2  3  4  5
   e) Judgment, interpretation, consistency of strike zone
      1  2  3  4  5
   f) Crew mechanics & communication
      1  2  3  4  5

2) **BASEWORK**

   a) Proper positioning of calls
      1  2  3  4  5
   b) Style & mechanics of calls
      1  2  3  4  5
   c) Timing & judgment calls
      1  2  3  4  5
   d) Crew mechanics and communication
      1  2  3  4  5
   e) Reaction to development of plays
      1  2  3  4  5

3) **GAME & SITUATION MANAGEMENT**

   a) NCAA policies, procedures, and points of emphasis
      1  2  3  4  5
   b) NCAA playing rules
      1  2  3  4  5
   c) Situation management / Ejections / Warnings
      1  2  3  4  5

4) **EFFORT & PROFESSIONALISM**

   a) Focus / Hustle
      1  2  3  4  5
   b) Appearance / Demeanor
      1  2  3  4  5
   c) Mobility
      1  2  3  4  5
   d) Fraternization
      1  2  3  4  5

5) **Evaluator Overall Rating**

   1  2  3  4  5

   **Evaluator Comments**

   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
APPENDIX F
NCAA BASEBALL RULES COMMITTEE
2009-10 RULE CHANGES

Major Rules Changes

Rule 1-3-c: Add: “At the time of the pitch, the base coach must remain within the confines of the coaches’ box with both feet. It is legal for the base coach to be positioned farther away from home plate than the boundaries of the coaches’ box.”

PENALTY: Warning on the first offense; a further violation shall result in the coach being ejected.

Rule 1-12-b-PENALTY for a. and b: “…cause an unusual reaction on the baseball shall be removed from the game. If detected after the first pitch the batter shall be declared...”

**Rationale: Clarifies when a batter should be called out for using an illegal bat.

Rule 1-14-g. It is required that base coaches wear a helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards.

**Rationale: To enhance the safety of base coaches, who often are assisting runners and may not be directing their attention to the batter at the time of the pitch. Additionally, base coaches that are outside of the coaching area are in jeopardy of interfering with a live play.

Rule 3-6-d, A.R.1: “An umpire first may warn any violator or team before ejecting the individual(s) from the game.

**Rationale: Clarification that a warning can be issued individually or for the entire team.

Rule 3-6-d; and Appendix D:

A.R. 1, Sight and sound shall mean that the ejected person(s) cannot view the contest, cannot communicate with their team nor be where the umpires may hear them. It may still be possible for the ejected person(s) to be able to hear the sounds of the game; however, they must have left the confines of the playing field and the stands.

A.R. 3. The ejected individual is not allowed to return to the dugout, field or grandstands until the umpiring crew has been escorted to their dressing area by security or game management.

PENALTY: A minimum of a one game suspension, in addition to the post-game or post-participation ejection, will apply to any individual in violation of this rule.
Rationale: Assists game management and the umpires in identifying what the Committee defines as “sound” as well as defines where an ejected individual must go and sets penalties for violations of 3-6-d.

Rule 3-6-e: “... decision and seek its reversal.” Coaches are not entitled to a second opinion simply because they dispute a call. [See Appendix E, (c) 1-7]

A.R.: After a request for an umpire conference has been granted, coaches are not allowed to continue to argue a call once the final decision has been made. If a call is reversed, coaches are entitled to an explanation.

PENALTY: Ejection.

Rationale: Clarification for Appendix E.

Rule 3-6-f, A.R. 2: “If a coach leaves the dugout or their position to argue a ball or strike call (including a checked swing), the coach may be ejected without warning.”

Rationale: Clarifies that no one should be allowed to argue a ball or strike call which includes a check swing.

Rule 3-6-k: “Jurisdiction on personal confrontations and conduct towards the officiating staff does not end until the umpires have left the parking lot.”

Rationale: Clarifies when an official’s jurisdiction ends with regard to the officiating crew.

Rule 5-2-f, A.R. 3: Televisions and any live broadcast (e.g., Internet streaming) shall be turned off in the dugout and clubhouse during a game.
Revise the penalty for “f” to read: …shall be removed from the stands or shall receive a post participation ejection.

Rationale: Brings the regular-season code in line with all post-season play regulations.

Rule 5-16-b: Any threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, bumping, kicking, spewing, spitting....

Rationale: that any type of spitting or spewing that is directed at an official will be cause for an additional suspension.

Rule 6-5-f: Each team shall be allowed three (3) offensive and (3) defensive conferences per game. If the game goes into extra innings, the team will receive one (1) extra offensive and one (1) extra defensive conference plus any unused conferences from the first nine innings.

Rationale: An attempt to improve pace of play.
Rule 7-7-e, p. 81: “Hits the batter in the batter’s box or hits the dirt or home plate and then hits the batter or the bat, which is in the hand or hands of the batter, while the batter is still in the batter’s box; or . . .”

**Rationale:** Clarifies that when the batter is still holding the bat, a ball should be ruled foul that rebounds from the ground and hits the batter while the batter is still in the batter’s box.

Rule 8-6-b (1) (b): “… return the ball to the base and the fielder may tag the runner or the base.”

**Rationale:** Eliminates the ambiguity between 8-6-a and 8-6-b, both rule sections now allow the defensive player the same type of defensive response when playing on a runner.

Rule 9-4-b, A.R. 1: “If after … the coach goes to the plate umpire to announce a pitching change, the second trip is charged (when the change is recorded on the official line-up card). If moved to a defensive position, the removed pitcher shall not return to pitch.”

**Rationale:** Clarifies when the second trip is officially charged.

Rule 9-4-d: A trip to the mound, that may include a conference with the infielders … begins when the coach crosses the foul line and shall be concluded when the …”

**Rationale:** Clarifies when a defensive conference begins.

Appendix B:
Section A-1-a: Add: Exception: In-stadium replays of swinging third strikes are allowed, if shown immediately and before the next batter of either team enters the batter’s box.

**Rationale:** Clarifies the time frame that swinging third strikes may be shown on the video board.

Section A-3: Add to the existing sentence, “Any instance in which an umpire has made a judgment call may be replayed only one time at regular speed and must be replayed prior to the next batter (for either team).”

**Rationale:** Defines when a judgment call may be replayed and sets a definite time frame for the replay.

Appendix E: Add to F, Line 5: Add: “Also some calls cannot be reversed without creating larger problems. Examples include a “catch/no catch” with multiple runners or a ball that is ruled foul.”

**Rationale:** The addition defines that a ball that is ruled foul cannot be changed.
EDITORIAL CHANGES
Number the sections in Rule 2-Definitions as all other rules are numbered.

**Rationale: Provides for consistency throughout entire rulebook, makes it easier to reference back to Rule 2 by number.

Rule 2—Ejection, A.R. 2: If a situation occurs after the last out of a contest or after a player is no longer eligible to participate and such conduct would result in an ejection during the normal course of play, the umpire(s) shall issue a post-participation ejection. This ejection shall be served in the team’s next regularly scheduled contest …”

**Rationale: Editorial

Rule 5-2-c, PENALTY: Add to read, PENALTY for “c” and d.—

Rule 5-2-d—Last sentence of that paragraph, “Team personnel …shall not enter the dirt “area” [delete “circle” and replace with “area” since on some fields the area around the plate is not in the shape of a circle].

Rule 5-16 a & b, PENALTY: “If a player, coach or team representative is ejected from a contest because of physically abusing an “umpire” [delete, “official” in the old wording].
NCAA Baseball Rules Committee
Point of Emphasis – Pace of Play

After making pace of play a point of emphasis last season, the Committee remains concerned with delays in game action that are distractions from what is an exciting and enjoyable game to watch, coach and play. After thorough review and consideration of new rules to address these issues, the Committee ultimately decided to reinforce several rules that are already in place for 2009 and 2010.

These include, but are not limited to:

1. The continued enforcement of time limits on when the pitcher must deliver a pitch with no runners on base;
2. Not allowing the batter to repeatedly step out of the batter's box unless there is a safety issue or legitimate reason;
3. Adhering to a consistent mechanic dealing with the handling of offensive and defensive conferences; and
4. Reducing offensive conferences in extra inning games and requiring umpires to consistently enforce the mechanic that makes for a smooth and speedy transition between each half inning.

Additionally, more stringent guidelines were incorporated into the rules that regulate scoreboards and video and audio presentations. It remains the responsibility of the home team to monitor and to abide by all of the guidelines and policies including between-inning and between-hitter entertainment. If there are violations, the umpires have the authority to stop the game and have the matter corrected.