



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 4-5, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Championship policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved some of the items listed below as championship policies for the 2025 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship and beyond.
 - a. **Double base at first base for the Division I Baseball Championship.** The committee discussed feedback from the American Baseball Coaches Association and from various conferences regarding the use of the double first base and voted to approve its use during all rounds of the championship.
 - b. **Clubhouse usage policy during the championship.** The committee agreed to amend the championship policy regarding "Clubhouse Usage" to allow preliminary-round host facilities that have the host team clubhouse area and a secondary internal space for the visiting team to keep all "clubhouse" spaces open pregame, in-game and postgame during the championship. In this scenario, this change will allow the host institution access to its clubhouse.
 - c. **10-run rule during the Division I Baseball Championship.** The committee discussed the possibility of enacting a 10-run rule during all rounds of the championship but took no action at this time.
 - d. **Permanent restroom requirement for fans to host preliminary-round competition.** The committee determined that host sites for the preliminary rounds of the championship will now be required to have permanent restrooms for fans to be considered to host.
 - e. **Post ejection – media availability.** The committee agreed to modify the current championship policy that prohibits a head coach or other participant who is ejected from attending the postgame press conference to allow the individual to attend the postgame press conference.
 - f. **Dugout limits.** The committee voted to increase the dugout limit during the Division I Baseball Championship to 45 individuals per team. The previous limit was 40 individuals. Each institution will be responsible for determining which appropriately credentialed individuals will be included in their 45-person limit. There will not be any corresponding adjustment to the 35-person official travel party limit.

The committee agreed to revisit the appropriate dugout limit maximum following the completion of the 2025 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship in order to review how the overall new roster limits may impact the new dugout limit (45).

- g. **Scouting and pitch charting seats.** The committee discussed but took no action regarding an adjustment to the scouting and pitch charting seats requirement during all rounds of the championship. Committee members will survey the coaches from their respective conferences to see if participating teams are in fact using the scouting and pitch charting seats during the championship and report back on a future committee conference call.

11. Umpire program report. George Drouches, national coordinator of umpires, reported on the Baseball Umpire Program.

- The committee approved the composition of the baseball umpire subcommittee to include Jay Artigues, chair; Michael Alford; and Greg Seitz for the 2025 baseball season.

12. American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) report. Craig Keilitz, executive director of the ABCA; Jon Litchfield, deputy executive director of the ABCA; and head baseball coaches Rick Heller, University of Iowa; Chris Pollard, Duke University; Kerrick Jackson, University of Missouri, Columbia; and Jim Schlossnagle, University of Texas at Austin, led a discussion with the baseball committee and NCAA staff regarding key issues facing the baseball membership.

13. Regional and conference alignments. The committee reviewed the conference alignments and regional alignments for the 2025 baseball season.

14. Committee member responsibilities.

- a. Regional advisory committee (RAC) assignments.** The committee reviewed the regional advisory committee chair and vice chair assignments as well as RAC rosters for the 2025 season.
- b. Checklist for RAC calls.** NCAA staff provided a checklist of items for chairs and vice chairs to guide their RAC calls. Additionally, in the early spring staff will provide a packet of information to help national committee members lead those calls.
- c. Vice chair.** The committee was reminded that Michael Alford, director of athletics at Florida State University, will serve as the committee vice chair during the 2024-25 academic year.

15. Future meeting dates and sites.

- a.** 2025 selection meeting – May 23-26, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- b.** 2025 MCWS – June 13-22/23, 2025, Omaha, Nebraska.
- c.** 2025 summer Microsoft Teams meeting – August 7, 2025, 1-4 p.m. Eastern time.
- d.** 2025 fall Microsoft Teams meeting – November 5-7, 2025.

Committee Chair: Jay Artigues, Southeastern Louisiana University.
Staff Liaisons: Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances
Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances
Chad Tolliver, Championships and Alliances

Division I Baseball Committee November 4-5, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Michael Alford, Florida State University.	
Jay Artigues, Southeastern Louisiana University, chair.	
Scott Dolson, Indiana University, Bloomington.	
Jon Gilbert, East Carolina University.	
Scott Leykam, University of Portland.	
Jeremy McClain, University of Southern Mississippi.	
Randale L. Richmond, Kent State University.	
Casey Scott, Kansas State University.	
Greg Seitz, Jacksonville State University.	
Scott Stricklin, University of Florida.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Kristi Bredbenner, Wichita State University.	
Tara Brooks, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.	
Randy Bruns, NCAA Baseball Secretary-Rules Editor.	
Jack Diesing Jr., College World Series of Omaha, Inc.	
Lisa Diesing, College World Series of Omaha, Inc.	
Roger Dixon, Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority.	
George Drouches, National Coordinator of Baseball Umpires.	
Carol Foreman, College World Series of Omaha, Inc.	
Joey Gardner, College World Series of Omaha, Inc.	
Rick Heller, University of Iowa	
Natalie Gonzalez Honnen, Clemson University.	
Amy Hornocker, College World Series of Omaha, Inc.	
Heather Hunter, University of California, Davis.	
Kerrick Jackson, University of Missouri, Columbia.	
Katie Karmazin, College World Series of Omaha, Inc.	
Craig Keilitz, American Baseball Coaches Association.	
Emily Keilman, Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority.	
Emma Lady, Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority.	
Jessica C. Leger, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.	
Jon Litchfield, American Baseball Coaches Association.	
Jesse Martin, Oklahoma State University.	
Kurt McGuffin, University of Tennessee-Martin.	
Lori Perez, California State University, Sacramento.	
Chris Pollard, Duke University.	
Kevin Raymond, Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority.	
Jim Schlossnagle, University of Texas at Austin.	
Holly Van Vlymen, South Dakota State University.	
Jane Wagner, Northwestern University.	
Kyle Webber, College World Series of Omaha, Inc.	

NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Stanley Broaden, Championships and Alliances.
Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.
Randy L. Buhr, Championships and Alliances.
Anthony Holman, Championships and Alliances.
Kristen Jacob (KJ) Smith, Championships and Alliances.
Josh Logan, Championships and Alliances.
Jeff O'Barr, Financial Planning and Analysis.
Jay Jay Rackley, Championships and Alliances.
Chad Tolliver, Championships and Alliances.
Jeff Williams, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Morgan Adcock, Eligibility Center.
Jennifer Fraser, Division I Governance.
Matt Holmes, Championships and Alliances.
Paige Newman, Championships and Alliances.
Sadie Redburn, Championships and Alliances.
Natalie Steger, Championships and Alliances.
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances.
Michelle Watsky, Championships and Alliances.
Kelly Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.