



**NCAA POWER INDEX
Division III Baseball**

NPI WEIGHTS					
Win%/SOS	H/A Win/Loss	QWB	QWB Multiplier	Overtime	Minimum Wins
25/75	1.0/1.0	53.5	.700	100/0	12

Rationale.

- **Winning Percentage/Strength of Schedule.** The committee utilized data from the past four seasons, 2021-2024, to determine the appropriate balance of winning percentage verses strength of schedule. The committee worked to ensure that a high winning percentage was balanced with an appropriate strength of schedule resulting in a 25/75 ratio of weight.
- **Home/Away – Win/Loss Weights.** The committee discussed the uniqueness in the sport of baseball, and consulted with softball, as it relates to scheduling. There are many contests played at neutral sites, as well as doubleheaders at one institution's location where a team serves as the away team one game and then the home team in the next game. The designation as home team does not require the institution-to be playing at its home field. Therefore, the committee voted to weigh a home or away win the same despite the location of the game.
- **Quality Win Base (QWB.)** The committee relied heavily on the previous year's data to establish an appropriate QWB. The committee worked to define a quality win base number that took into consideration approximately the top 25% of all Division III teams each year over the past four years and defined that a quality win is a win over a top 25% team. This weight would reward teams appropriately based off an important win against a top 25% team. As a result, a win over an institution around the QWB cut line had a smaller impact on the NPI number, while winning a game against teams at the top of the 25% had a larger impact of reward for that win.
- **Quality Win Base Multiplier.** The committee felt .700 provided the appropriate range of rewarding a quality win based off the QWB that was determined. The .700 multiplier gives an appropriate reward for a quality win within the overall context of a team's complete resume. The committee was cognizant of wanting to reward a quality win, but not significantly enough that a single game result would overwhelm or skew the institution's overall postseason resume.
- **Overtime Weight.** The committee voted wins in extra innings should not impact the overall NPI number differently than a win in regulation. Similar to home/away rationale, there are too many factors that determine who the home team is and who has the advantage during extra innings. Therefore, the committee decided to weigh a win in regulation or extra innings equally.
- **Minimum Wins.** The committee voted a minimum of 12 wins to evaluate an institution's complete season. The committee felt that evaluating a team's 12 best wins was the ~~best~~ most equitable method to allow teams to balance the philosophy of conference and non-conference

play. Having to play games and potentially gaining wins that could potentially be viewed as harmful to a team's NPI ranking should not serve as a detriment to their NPI while also understanding a critical mass of games is needed to evaluate a team's overall best games for potential post-season seeding purposes.

Resources.

- [NPI Frequently Asked Questions and Reference Guide.](#)