

# 2019 Baseball Rules Survey Report

## QUANTITATIVE DATA

June 3, 2019

Title	n	N	%
DI HC	181	299	61%
DII HC	155	266	58%
DIII HC	228	390	58%
<b>TOTAL COACHES</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>59%</b>
DI Commissioner	27	31	87%
DII Commissioner	15	23	65%
DIII Commissioner	27	44	61%
Umpire	1446	2770	52%

Please indicate your level of agreement to the following statements.

**Hit by pitch:** The Baseball Rules Committee recently approved a rule change to hit by a pitch that if the batter is deemed to have made an intentional movement to get hit by the pitch, regardless of the location of the pitch, the pitch will be called a strike.

A. The enforcement of this change has been consistent throughout the season.

HEAD COACH	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Strongly Agree	6%	10	8%	12	7%	17	7%	39
Agree	27%	49	34%	52	33%	76	31%	177
Disagree	28%	51	28%	43	32%	73	30%	167
Strongly Disagree	39%	70	31%	47	27%	62	32%	179
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>562</b>

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall		Umpire	
Strongly Agree	0%	0	8%	1	13%	3	6%	4	36%	521
Agree	78%	21	62%	8	63%	15	69%	44	52%	760
Disagree	11%	3	31%	4	21%	5	19%	12	10%	148
Strongly Disagree	11%	3	0%	0	4%	1	6%	4	2%	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1457</b>

# HIT BY PITCH CONTINUED

B. The enforcement of this change has been a benefit to college baseball.

HEAD COACH	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Strongly Agree	4%	8	4%	6	8%	18	6%	32
Agree	17%	30	27%	42	29%	64	24%	136
Disagree	26%	46	31%	48	23%	52	26%	146
Strongly Disagree	53%	94	38%	58	40%	90	44%	242
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	178	100%	154	100%	224	100%	556

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall		Umpire	
Strongly Agree	19%	5	15%	2	21%	5	19%	12	50%	729
Agree	59%	16	62%	8	71%	17	64%	41	39%	564
Disagree	11%	3	15%	2	4%	1	9%	6	8%	116
Strongly Disagree	11%	3	8%	1	4%	1	8%	5	3%	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	27	100%	13	100%	24	100%	64	100%	1448

## PACE OF PLAY

The Baseball Rules Committee recently approved a rule change to defensive team conferences, to limit the defensive team to six (6) mound visits without a pitching change per game.

A. The application of this change has been consistent throughout the season.

HEAD COACH	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Strongly Agree	48%	86	49%	75	38%	87	44%	248
Agree	46%	83	42%	64	47%	107	45%	254
Disagree	3%	5	7%	11	11%	25	7%	41
Strongly Disagree	3%	6	3%	4	3%	7	3%	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	180	100%	154	100%	226	100%	560

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall		Umpire	
Strongly Agree	22%	6	40%	6	43%	10	34%	22	62%	907
Agree	78%	21	53%	8	52%	12	63%	41	34%	500
Disagree	0%	0	7%	1	4%	1	3%	2	3%	41
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	1%	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	27	100%	15	100%	23	100%	65	100%	1459

# **PACE OF PLAY**

*B. The enforcement of this change has been a benefit to college baseball.*

<b>HEAD COACH</b>	<b>D I</b>		<b>D II</b>		<b>D III</b>		<b>Overall</b>	
Strongly Agree	26%	46	17%	26	15%	33	19%	105
Agree	45%	80	53%	81	43%	95	46%	256
Disagree	16%	28	21%	32	25%	55	21%	115
Strongly Disagree	13%	24	9%	14	18%	40	14%	78
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	178	100%	153	100%	223	100%	554

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>D I</b>		<b>D II</b>		<b>D III</b>		<b>Overall</b>		<b>Umpire</b>	
Strongly Agree	33%	9	33%	5	48%	11	38%	25	53%	777
Agree	67%	18	60%	9	57%	13	62%	40	35%	510
Disagree	0%	0	7%	1	4%	1	3%	2	9%	128
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	3%	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	27	100%	15	109%	25	103%	67	100%	1452

**The Baseball Rules Committee recently approved a rule change to offensive team conferences, to charge an offensive team conference any time runners, coaches and/or batters leave their position to confer, regardless whether a defensive conference has been granted.**

*A. The application of this change has been consistent throughout the season.*

<b>HEAD COACH</b>	<b>D I</b>		<b>D II</b>		<b>D III</b>		<b>Overall</b>	
Strongly Agree	41%	73	34%	52	31%	70	35%	195
Agree	44%	79	57%	88	53%	120	51%	287
Disagree	9%	16	7%	11	11%	25	9%	52
Strongly Disagree	6%	11	2%	3	5%	11	4%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	179	100%	154	100%	226	100%	559

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>D I</b>		<b>D II</b>		<b>D III</b>		<b>Overall</b>		<b>Umpire</b>	
Strongly Agree	23%	6	13%	2	17%	4	19%	12	54%	783
Agree	77%	20	80%	12	74%	17	77%	49	41%	600
Disagree	0%	0	7%	1	9%	2	5%	3	4%	63
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	1%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	26	100%	15	100%	23	100%	64	100%	1454

OFFENSIVE TEAM CONFERENCES CONTINUED

B. The enforcement of this change has been a benefit to college baseball.

HEAD COACH	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Strongly Agree	24%	42	13%	19	10%	22	15%	83
Agree	34%	61	40%	61	37%	82	37%	204
Disagree	21%	38	34%	51	31%	68	28%	157
Strongly Disagree	20%	36	14%	21	23%	50	19%	107
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	177	100%	152	100%	222	100%	551

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall		Umpire	
Strongly Agree	23%	6	13%	2	36%	9	26%	17	51%	729
Agree	77%	20	80%	12	56%	14	70%	46	37%	530
Disagree	0%	0	7%	1	8%	2	5%	3	10%	147
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	2%	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	26	100%	15	100%	25	100%	66	100%	1442

The Baseball Rules Committee approved a change to the time between innings, to require the time be increased from 90 seconds to 120 seconds beginning at the time of the third out.

A. The application of this change has been consistent throughout the season.

HEAD COACH	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Strongly Agree	23%	42	18%	27	14%	32	18%	101
Agree	53%	95	55%	84	48%	110	52%	289
Disagree	19%	34	21%	32	25%	57	22%	123
Strongly Disagree	5%	9	7%	11	12%	28	9%	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	180	100%	154	100%	227	100%	561

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall		Umpire	
Strongly Agree	15%	4	0%	0	9%	2	10%	6	45%	650
Agree	77%	20	69%	9	57%	13	68%	42	45%	649
Disagree	8%	2	31%	4	30%	7	21%	13	8%	113
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1	2%	1	3%	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	26	100%	13	100%	23	100%	62	100%	1458

# TIME BETWEEN INNINGS CONTINUED

B. The enforcement of this change has been a benefit to college baseball.

HEAD COACH	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Strongly Agree	20%	35	14%	22	13%	29	15%	86
Agree	60%	108	64%	98	53%	119	58%	325
Disagree	15%	27	15%	23	24%	54	19%	104
Strongly Disagree	5%	9	7%	11	9%	21	7%	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	179	100%	154	100%	223	100%	556

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall		Umpire	
Strongly Agree	12%	3	8%	1	16%	4	13%	8	41%	595
Agree	69%	18	62%	8	52%	13	61%	39	42%	608
Disagree	19%	5	31%	4	28%	7	25%	16	12%	170
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	0%	0	4%	1	2%	1	5%	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	26	100%	13	100%	25	100%	64	100%	1441

## VIDEO REVIEW

The Baseball Rules Committee approved a rules change to expand the list of reviewable plays to include plays involving force or tag plays, specific base running calls, hit-by-pitch, tag-up, interference for the purpose of breaking up a double play and the placement of runners.

A. The enforcement of this change has been a benefit to college baseball

HEAD COACH	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Strongly Agree	51%	90	21%	30	9%	17	27%	137
Agree	47%	84	60%	85	66%	120	58%	289
Disagree	2%	4	16%	23	18%	33	12%	60
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	3%	4	6%	11	3%	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	178	100%	142	100%	181	100%	501

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall		Umpire	
Strongly Agree	37%	10	15%	2	4%	1	21%	13	36%	507
Agree	56%	15	38%	5	35%	8	44%	28	57%	801
Disagree	7%	2	31%	4	39%	9	24%	15	6%	78
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	15%	2	22%	5	11%	7	2%	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	27	100%	13	100%	23	100%	63	100%	1410

**The Baseball Rules Committee approved a rules change to permit the head coach two challenges, permitting a review of any of the reviewable at any time during the game.**

*A. The enforcement of this change has been a benefit to college baseball*

<b>HEAD COACH</b>	<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>		<b>Overall</b>	
Strongly Agree	53%	93	21%	30	9%	17	28%	140
Agree	45%	79	60%	85	68%	122	58%	286
Disagree	2%	3	16%	23	17%	30	11%	56
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	3%	4	6%	10	3%	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>496</b>

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>		<b>Overall</b>		<b>Umpire</b>	
Strongly Agree	33%	9	8%	1	4%	1	17%	11	34%	476
Agree	52%	14	38%	5	35%	8	43%	27	59%	829
Disagree	15%	4	38%	5	39%	9	29%	18	6%	81
Strongly Disagree	0%	0	15%	2	22%	5	11%	7	1%	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1405</b>

**Player Safety Equipment: The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) is recommending to the Baseball Rules Committee the creation of a rule requiring all catcher's chest protectors to be certified to the NOCSAE performance standard for chest protectors by the 2020 season.**

*Are you in favor of requiring a minimum certification standard for catcher's chest protectors?*

<b>HEAD COACH</b>	<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>		<b>Overall</b>	
Support	83%	147	81%	125	68%	154	76%	426
Oppose	17%	31	19%	30	32%	71	24%	132
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>558</b>

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>DI</b>		<b>DII</b>		<b>DIII</b>		<b>Overall</b>		<b>Umpire</b>	
Support	96%	26	100%	15	96%	25	97%	66	88%	1271
Oppose	4%	1	0%	0	4%	1	3%	2	12%	175
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1446</b>