



## Frequently Asked Questions on Uniforms and Contest Delays Baseball – 2020-21

*(This document includes specific NCAA Baseball Rules references where applicable.)*

### ***1. What words, logos and symbols are allowed on the jersey, hat and/or helmet?***

Other than the uniform number, the playing rules permit the following words, logos and/or symbols on the uniform (Rule 1-14-a; 1-14-g; 1-14-i; 1-14-j):

#### *Words permitted on the uniform*

- Mascot
- School name

#### *Logos permitted on the uniform*

- Manufacturer's logo
- Mascot
- Memorial
- School

#### *Logos permitted on the helmet*

- Manufacturer's logo
- Mascot
- Memorial
- School

### ***2. What size restrictions are there for these?***

Any manufacturer's logo or memorial patch may not cover an area larger than 2 ¼ square inches (Rule 1-14-i; 1-14-j).

### ***3. Are any words other than the player's name allowed on the back of the jersey?***

Yes. As authorized by the institution or conference, other names or words intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events or other causes may be located on the back of the uniform where the player name is traditionally located. The names or words may vary by team member.

### ***4. May the jersey contain any other words, slogans, messaging, etc.?***

Yes. The uniform may contain a commemorative or memorial patch. All team members are not required to wear the patch; however, the patch must be identical for all who choose to wear the patch.

### ***5. Are words allowed on wristbands, signal arm bands and/or other attachments?***

The rules permit the use of a wristband or signal arm band by the pitcher for the purpose of receiving signs from the dugout (Rule 9-1-f). The rules do not specifically address the use of wristbands or other attachments by other players.

**6. *What about messaging for causes, organizations, etc.?***

The rules permit the uniform to have a commemorative or memorial patch intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events or other causes.

**7. *How does the unsportsmanlike acts rule apply?***

Any head coach, assistant coach, players or other team personnel shall be ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or unprofessional behavior that discredits intercollegiate athletics or the game (Rule 5-15).

**8. *What are the rules about uniform colors for opposing teams?***

By rule, the visiting team is responsible for wearing a contrasting uniform to the jersey worn by the home team (Rule 1-14).

**9. *What are the rules about the contrast of jerseys and numbers?***

The rules do not specifically address the numbers contrasting the color of the jersey.

**10. *What is the penalty for wearing a jersey whose number does not contrast?***

The rules do not specifically address the numbers contrasting the color of the jersey.

**11. *What is the purpose of the rules regarding numbering and visibility?***

The rules require that a number be on the back of the jersey and that they be at least six inches in height.

**12. *What is the rule regarding refusal to play?***

A game may be declared a forfeit only as a last resort in the following cases:

- a. If a team fails to appear upon the field or, being upon the field, refuses to begin a game for which it is scheduled or assigned within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play," unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game is unavoidable.
- b. If, after the game has begun, one side refuses to continue to play.
- c. If, after play has been suspended by the umpire, one side fails to resume playing in one minute after the umpire has called "Play."
- d. If a team employs tactics obviously designed to delay or shorten the game.
- e. If, after warning by the umpire, any one of the rules of the game is willfully and persistently violated. This includes crowd behavior that puts players or patrons in peril.
- f. If the order for the removal of a player, coach or team personnel is not obeyed, the game is suspended until the order of removal is corrected.
- g. If, because the removal of players from the game by the umpire or for any cause, there are fewer than nine player on either team.

**13. *Are there any playing rules that specify protocols for student-athletes and/or coaches during the national anthem?***

A game may be declared a forfeit:

- a. Rule 5-15-a-5 prohibits a National Anthem standoff between two teams.
- b. Any umpire shall eject any player, coach or team personnel for violations of the Coaching and Player's Code of Ethics.

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