



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Divisions I, II and III Baseball Conference Commissioners, Directors of Athletics and Head Coaches.

FROM: Randy Bruns, Secretary-Rules Editor
NCAA Baseball Rules Committee.

Fritz Hamburg, Chair
NCAA Baseball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: NCAA Baseball Playing Rules Change Related to COVID-19.

This communication is being shared to provide the membership an additional playing rules change related to COVID-19 for the 2021 season. The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel has approved a recommendation from the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee to Appendix E, Section 2, to expand the permissible use of video review in games in which the assigned umpire crew is reduced to only one available umpire.

COVID-19 Rules Change: To permit that if the assigned umpire crew is reduced to only one available umpire due to illness, injury or other unforeseen circumstances and video review is being utilized, the umpire working alone is allowed to review any of the 12 types of reviewable plays at any time during the game at their discretion. Each coach is allowed two (2) challenges per game.

Thank you for your attention to this memorandum. If you have any questions, please contact the baseball secretary-rules editor, Randy Bruns (rbruns11@gmail.com), or the baseball national coordinator of umpires, George Drouches (georgedrouches@gmail.com).

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cc: NCAA Baseball Rules Committee
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