



REPORT OF THE
NCAA BASEBALL RULES COMMITTEE
JULY 8-9, 2025, ANNUAL MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Billy O'Conner, chair of the Baseball Rules Committee, welcomed the Committee and invited guests and thanked them for their time.
2. **Review schedule, agenda, committee procedures and Playing Rules Oversight Panel directives.** The rules committee reviewed the meeting schedule, agenda and operations manual, which included the NCAA conflict of interest policy, guidance for committee members regarding meeting reports, notes and email, voting procedures, the federated rules process for Division I, Division II and Division III, principles for rules writing, and experimental playing rules guidelines. The rules committee was reminded of the directive of PROP from 2014. This directive encourages all rules committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay for institutions, particularly those with members from Division II and Division III, before implementing any rules changes that have financial or facility implications.
3. **Approval of 2024 annual meeting report and May 5, 2025, videoconference report.** The reports were approved as written.
4. **Report of the national coordinator of umpires.** The rules committee heard a report from the national coordinator of umpires, which focused on the ejections and suspensions from the 2025 baseball season and the use of video review through the postseason.
5. **Report of the secretary-rules editor.** The rules committee heard a report from the secretary-rules editor, which focused on the clarifications and interpretations from the 2025 baseball season.
6. **Review of 2025 and 2026 rules changes, 2025 rules survey results, committee's feedback and editorial revisions.** The rules committee reviewed the 2025 rules survey and discussed future topics of the playing rules to address. The previous rules changes all received positive and/or no impact feedback.
7. **Review of bat testing process and postseason bat testing summary.** The committee reviewed the bat testing procedure and the BBCOR compliance process. There were no changes or recommendations moved forward.

8. **Review of experimental rules from 2025 season.** The committee reviewed feedback provided by the conferences that used experimental rules during the 2025 season.
9. **Review of penalties for illegal participation by suspended player or coach.** In response to the directive from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP), the committee reviewed information related to penalties for illegal participation by suspended players or coaches.
10. **Other business.** Outgoing committee members were recognized and thanked for their service to the committee and Association.
11. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. Eastern time on Tuesday, July 8.

Committee Chair: Billy O’Conner, Xavier University, Big East Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Stanley Broaden, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating

Baseball Rules Committee July 8-9, 2025, Annual Meeting	
Attendees:	
Randy Bruns, secretary-rules editor.	
Jim Cole, Mercer University.	
Tim Corbin, Vanderbilt University.	
Billy O’Conner, Xavier University.	
Tim Seil, Hilbert College.	
Brian Thornton, Point Loma Nazarene University.	
Jesse Woods, Colby College.	
Pamm Zierfuss-Hubbard, California State University, Sacramento	
Absentees:	
Patrick McGaha, Harding University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
George Drouches, national coordinator of umpires.	
Joe Schaly, Thiel College.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support of Committee) in Attendance:	
Stanley Broaden.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ben Brownlee, Greg Johnson and Josie Kelderman.	