



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL RULES SUBCOMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 3, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items. The NCAA Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee approved the following experimental rule request for the 2026 season. The subcommittee requests approval from the Division I Baseball Oversight Committee for the following item:

a. Use of in-game data/technology in the dugout during a game, including preloaded or non-live recorded video.

(1) Recommendation. To permit the use of electronic equipment (tablets) to access scouting and analytic information (Note: Access to pitch location [e.g., balls/strikes] will not be accessible during the game). Preloaded or recorded video will not be live and managed by a controlled device management program.

(2) Effective date. Immediately for conference play only.

(3) Rationale. The use of detailed stats and analytics to inform in-game decision-making has become prevalent in college baseball. At the same time, advancements in technology have made immediate and ready access to such real-time information much more accessible. Other sports have recently adjusted playing rules to permit members of the coaching staff to utilize approved electronic devices to acquire real-time information for use in in-game decision-making, and the use of preloaded or non-live recorded video for educational and scouting purposes.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Varies depending on type of equipment used.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The members in attendance were welcomed and thanked for their time.
2. **Approval of October 6, 2025, videoconference report.** The subcommittee approved the videoconference report as written.
3. **Secretary-rules editor report.** The subcommittee received a report from the secretary-rules editor. The report included an update regarding items for the 2026 season which included a discussion on updated rules clarifications and interpretations.
4. **National coordinators of umpires' reports.** The subcommittee received a report from the national coordinators of umpires. The report included updates regarding the registration progress on RefQuest+, preparation of umpire watchlist and additional updates on national umpire initiatives.
5. **Experimental rules for 2026 season.** The subcommittee reviewed and considered an additional experimental rule as noted above in the Action Items section of this report for the 2026 season.
6. **Other business.** The other business included a review of referrals by the Division I Cabinet to modify legislation regarding the use of commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos on student-athlete uniforms, apparel and equipment; use of commercial or nonprofit logos on playing surfaces; and use of commercial or nonprofit logos on officials' uniforms.
7. **2025-26 videoconference timeline.** The next videoconference is scheduled for December 1 at 11 a.m. Eastern time.
8. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time.

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

Division I Baseball Rules Subcommittee November 3, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Jim Cole, Mercer University.	
Randy Bruns, secretary-rules editor.	
Tim Corbin, Vanderbilt University.	
Jeff Gosney, national coordinator of umpires.	
Billy O’Conner, Xavier University.	
Pamm Zierfuss-Hubbard, California State University, Sacramento.	
Absentees:	
John Brammer, active umpire.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Jon Browar, DII national coordinator of umpires.	
Don Umland, DIII national coordinator of umpires.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support of Committee) in Attendance:	
Stanley Broaden.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Randy Buhr and Ashlee Follis.	

