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MEMORANDUM

September 12, 2007

TO: Head Baseball Coaches.

FROM: Gary Vaught, chair
NCAA Baseball Rules Committee

Jim Paronto, secretary-rules editor
NCAA Baseball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Approved Rules Changes.

The Baseball Rules Committee has received approval for the attached rules changes during its annual meeting July 9-11. These rules changes were approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) on a recent conference call.

Please note that the committee withdrew a proposal regarding a batter being hit by a pitch to avoid possible confusion about how these rules should be administered. Umpires and coaches are advised that nothing has been altered in relation to this rule except for a minor editorial change for consistency.

Thank you for your attention to this information.

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Enclosure

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PART I: Editorial Changes

Rule 1-16-a, On-Deck Batters. Altered to read: “on-deck batter.”

Rationale: Was previously the plural “batters” which was not correct given the rules change to only allow one on-deck batter. This is a simple correction.

Rule 2, Ejections. Add to this rule: “The ejected individual must remain out of sight and sound for the remainder of the contest.” (See 3-6d, A.R. 2)

Rationale: This language is included in the ejection rule later in the rules book, but not in the definitions. This is for ease of reference.

Rule 2, Suspensions. Add reference to Appendix D to this section.

Rationale: This appendix was added last year to clarify suspension and ejection procedures for easy reference.

Rule 3-6-d, Ejections. Remove the underlined wording: “Any umpire shall eject any player, coach, manager or trainer for **acts of misconduct or for** violations of the Coaches’ and Players’ Code of Ethics (see p. 10). Conferences and institutions may choose to implement additional penalties.”

Rationale: The interpretation of the rule has been misapplied, leading to the suspension of a player or coach that did not deserve one. This wording will assist in clarifying that these types of ejections do not carry a suspension from the umpire but the appropriate governing authority (e.g., conference office) may choose to add an additional suspension.

Rule 5-3-Penalty 2. Add reference to the end of this rule to read: “See Rule 6-2-h.”

Rationale: Ease of reference.

Rules 6-2-e, 6-2-f, 8-2-g, 8-5-k, Various Rules. Delete the phrase “**with a reasonable chance to make a play**” from all of the above rule references.

Rationale: This wording was eliminated in 2006 from the rules, but appeared in error this year.

Rule 6-2-h. Add reference to Rule 5-3-(2).

Rationale: Ease of reference.

