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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Athletics Directors, Conference Commissioners and Head Baseball Coaches.

FROM: Ty Halpin, liaison
NCAA Baseball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: BBCOR Bat Standard – January 1, 2011.

This correspondence is being sent on behalf of the Baseball Rules Committee, reminding the baseball community that the new BBCOR standard will be required, effective January 1, 2011. The attached document provides the pertinent details regarding the standard and expectations.

For complete information on the NCAA's baseball bat certification program, please go to www.ncaa.org/baseballbats.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please contact me directly.

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Dave Keilitz, American Baseball Coaches Association
Selected NCAA Staff Members

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NEW BAT STANDARD REMINDER

This correspondence serves as a reminder to all NCAA baseball institutions that the Ball-Bat Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard will go into effect January 1, 2011. This new standard was announced in September 2008.

Full information on the BBCOR standard and other bat details is available at the following website: <http://www.ncaa.org/baseballbats>.

All BBCOR bats will incorporate a logo mark, once certification approval is granted. This mark will be consistent across every approved bat design so umpires will easily identify approved bats. The logo is below:



To be clear, **for a bat to be legal in the 2011 season, it must be BBCOR approved; therefore, no BESR bats will be allowed.**

The new BBCOR formula provides a better measure of the bat's performance and therefore allows the rules committee and bat testing laboratories to better predict field performance based on lab tests. The goal is that non-wood bats that meet this new standard will perform similarly to wood bats.

Most manufacturers have indicated plans to have bats available for the fall season. As stated previously, the BBCOR standard does not take effect until January 1, 2011, so scrimmages played during the fall season can be played with BESR bats. Additionally, it should be noted that the BBCOR requirement only applies to game competition; each institution makes its own decisions on what products to use during practice.

Any questions regarding bat standards should be directed to Ty Halpin at the NCAA (thalpin@ncaa.org).