

BASEBALL

1. The NJCAA Code of Conduct (Article XX) and Sportsmanship Policy (Article XVIII) will apply to all MCCA Contests.
2. Statistics
 - A. Statistics for **ALL** games played prior to one week before voting must be entered and up to date on the NJCAA website (or website designated by the NJCAA) for players to be eligible for MCCA Post-Season awards.
 1. Statistics must be up to date for **ALL** players not just players nominated for awards.
 2. It is the job of each athletic director with the assistance of the baseball sport chair to ensure all stats are kept up to date through out the year.
3. Lightning Policy
 - A. At the first visible sign of lightning all play shall be suspended.
 - B. While play is suspended for lightning both team shall leave the playing area and seek safe shelter.
 - C. Play shall be resumed thirty (30) minutes after the last visible lightning flash and associated thunder clap. The thirty (30) minute clock shall reset on each flash of lightning and associated thunder clap. Game management and officials shall order the resumption of play.
 - D. It is strongly recommended that all schools have a lightning detector at the field.
4. OFFICIALS
 - A. Officials for all contests will be scheduled by the supervisor of officials as assigned by the MCCA baseball chairperson.
 - B. Officials may not be students or employees of the institution unless mutually agreed by the competing teams.
5. **PLAYING RULES** - Rules shall be the most current addition of the NCAA baseball rules with exception of local ground rules and the 5 inning, 10 run mercy. The "halted game" rule will be used.

NOTE: This includes all speed-up rules and optional substitutions as printed.
6. Game and Schedule Completion
 - A. Teams will be divided in to East and West for crossover weekend play dates with Lansing considered East for scheduling purposes
 - B. Teams will play one doubleheader with every team in the league
 - C. Crossover dates will be on Saturday's as much as possible.

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- D. The make-up games will be played according to the following:
1. Tuesday games will be re-scheduled and played on Wednesday, the next day.
 2. Thursday games will be re-scheduled and played on Friday, the next day.
 3. Saturday games will be re-scheduled and played on Sunday, the next day
 4. All games must be made up on the next available date. League games take precedence over non-league games.
 5. If a rescheduled game cannot be made up the next day per baseball regulations the college in question must contact the MCCAABaseball director for the next available date ruling.
 6. This schedule of make-up games **must** be adhered to completely. It supersedes the playing of any non conference game(s).
 7. If multiple consecutive scheduled games cannot be made up due to weather, games will follow the 'next day' rule in the order of the original schedule.
- E. All teams will play 26 games.
- F. All games must be played to their legal conclusion (per NCAA rule).
- G. An umpire assignor will be hired for the MCCAABaseball. In the event of game cancellation the assignor will be contacted immediately. As travel and field preparations for the make-up are begin made, so too will the umpire assignment.
- H. Last conference game to be finished on or before the Tuesday preceding the Region XII Tournament.
7. **FINAL STANDINGS** – MCCAABaseball standings places 1 through 14, will be based on the winning percentage of all conference games played
8. **TOURNAMENT SEED** - The top 6 teams in the MCCAABaseball standings will qualify for the Regional Tournament in odd years and the top 5 teams in MCCAABaseball standings will qualify for the Regional Tournament in even years. They seeded according to their order of finish and the seeding formula as stated in the Regional regulations.
- A. Two Team Tie: Tie breakers will be determined by the best W/L record against each other. If a tie still exists, compare each tied team's record against the team occupying the highest position in the standings until one team gains the advantage, thereby winning the higher position. If a tie still exists, a coin flip conducted by the baseball chairperson will determine the tournament seed.

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- B. Multiple ties (three or more teams): Compare the combined record of each of the tied teams against the other tied teams involved in the tie until an advantaged is gained. (Example: Team A's combined record against Team B & Team C, as compared to B's combined record against both A and C, etc.)

If a multiple tie still exists, compare each of the tied teams record against the team occupying the highest position in the standings and continue down through the standings until the tie is reduced to a two-team tie (at which time revert to the two-team process) or until the tie is broken.

- C. Last Seed: If there is a tie for the final berth in the regional tournament, the W/L records between the colleges involved will prevail. If that should result in a tie a one game playoff shall be played on the earliest playing date at a mutually agreed upon site, and will be used as the tie breaker.

All cost of this playoff game will be borne by the teams involved.

9. **PRE-GAME SCHEDULE**

1:00 PM GAME TIME

BATTING PRACTICE

HOME TEAM UNTIL - 12:00 PM

VISITORS - 12-12:30 PM

PRE-GAME INFIELD

HOME TEAM - 12:30-12:40 PM

VISITING TEAM - 12:40-12:50 PM

UMPIRE INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES - 12:50 - 1:00 PM

2:00 PM GAME TIME

BATTING PRACTICE

HOME TEAM UNTIL - 1:00 PM

VISITORS - 1-1:30 PM

PRE-GAME INFIELD

HOME TEAM - 1:30-1:40 PM

VISITING TEAM - 1:40-1:50 PM

UMPIRE INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES - 1:50 - 2:00 PM

The visiting team will be allowed thirty minutes (30) batting practice/infield if delayed due to acts beyond their control.

10. **EQUIPMENT**

BALLS: A top of the line baseball shall be used for all games.

Mandatory safety netting shall be provided for visiting team for their pre-game batting practice. This should include at least one L-Screen and one infield screen.

11. **GAME TIMES** - All game times shall be as follows, unless otherwise mutually agreed: Weekdays - 2:00 PM, Weekends - 1:00 PM.

12. **PROTEST PROCEDURES** - In event of a protest being lodged on a rule interpretation, the coaches and umpires shall stop the game, consult the current NCAA Rule Book and jointly enforce the proper rule.

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In the event a solution cannot be reached, the protesting coach must write up the protest on site and have the umpires and the opposing coach verify what is being protested. The protesting coach must then send the written protest to the baseball chairperson not later than the day after the game. Upon receipt of the protest the chairperson must respond within 48 hours.

13. MCCA A CONFERENCE AWARDS

A. All-MCCA A selections

1. Top 12 players will be designated 1st Team All-State. The individuals selected will receive All-MCCA A awards (Plaques) supplied by the MCCA A.
2. Second 12 players will be designated 2nd Team All-MCCA A. The individuals will receive a certificate from the MCCA A. Ties must be broken.
3. Any other players receiving at least 1 (one) vote will be Honorable Mention All-MCCA A.
4. All voting will be done via e-mail and completed before the Regional meeting.
5. All-MCCA A selections must be based on overall statistics to expedite All-Region voting and statistics must be updated on the NJCAA website to be considered for All-MCCA A Awards
6. Coaches may not vote for their own players.

14. DEADLINES: The following information must be submitted to the MCCA A Publicity Director by the deadlines below.

- A. A schedule must be sent by January 10th.
- B. One week prior to the first game, a roster must be sent including the following information: Number, Name, Position, Bats/Throws, Height, Weight, Year, Hometown and High School. (This includes spring trip games)
- C. A digital photo must be sent as soon as possible once the season starts.

15. OFFICIALS PAY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SINGLE GAME</u>	<u>DOUBLEHEADER</u>
2012	\$90	\$150