

BASEBALL

1. The NJCAA Code of Conduct (Article XX) and Sportsmanship Policy (Article XVIII) will apply to all MCCAAs 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 MCCAAs 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. The thirty (30) minute clock shall reset on each flash of lightning. 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 MCCAAs 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.

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6. GAME AND SCHEDULED COMPLETION

- A. Teams will be divided in to North, Central and South Divisions for the purpose of schedule making

<u>EAST</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>
1. Henry Ford CC	1. Grand Rapids CC	1. Ancilla College
2. Macomb CC	2. Kellogg CC	2. Glen Oaks CC
3. Mott CC	3. Lansing CC	3. Jackson CC
4. St. Clair County CC	4. Muskegon CC	4. Kalamazoo Valley CC
		5. Lake Michigan College

- B. Teams will play a double round robin within their division
- C. Teams will play one double header with teams from the other divisions
- D. Crossover dates will be on Saturday's as much as possible
- E. 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. If this game is canceled it must re-scheduled for no later than the following Sunday.
 - 4. If a cross state game is postponed it may be made up no later than the following Sunday
 - 5. If a rescheduled game cannot be made up the next day per baseball regulations the colleges in question must contact the MCCAAB baseball 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).
- G. All teams will play 30 games. The sport chair will decide which games in the South Division count as conference games.
- H. Conference make-up games shall have precedence over non-conference games. If necessary, non-conference games shall be canceled. **All** MCCAAB scheduled games will be played as per published schedule and will follow the accepted make-up procedures listed above in section 3E.

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- I. An attempt shall be made to play a suspended second game of a double header as part of the schedule second double header when playing intra-conference. All games must be played to their legal conclusion (per NCAA rule).
 - J. An umpire assignor will be hired for the state. In event of game cancellation the assignor will be contacted immediately. As travel and field preparations for the make-up are being made, so too will the umpire assignment.
 - K. Last conference game to be finished on or before the Wednesday preceding Region XII Tournament.
7. **FINAL STANDINGS** - MCCAAs standings, places 1 through 13, will be based on the winning percentage of all conference games played.
8. **TOURNAMENT SEED** - The top 6 teams in the MCCAAs standings will qualify for the Regional Tournament in odd years and the top 5 teams in MCCAAs 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.
 - 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.

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9. PRE-GAME SCHEDULE

1:00 PM GAME TIME	
BATTING PRACTICE	PRE-GAME INFIELD
HOME TEAM UNTIL - 12:00 PM	HOME TEAM - 12:30-12:40 PM
VISITORS - 12-12:30 PM	VISITING TEAM - 12:40-12:50 PM

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

2:00 PM GAME TIME	
BATTING PRACTICE	PRE-GAME INFIELD
HOME TEAM UNTIL - 1:00 PM	HOME TEAM - 1:30-1:40 PM
VISITORS - 1-1:30 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.

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.

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2. Second 12 players will be designated 2nd Team All-MCCAA. The individuals will receive a certificate for the MCCAA.
 3. All coaches will write their **ranked** players on the board that deserve post season awards (1st team, 2nd team or honorable mention).
 4. Weighted voting for top 12 vote getting players will be considered 1st Team All-MCCAA. These players will then be removed from the board. Ties for 12th spot must be broken.
 5. Weighted voting for next 12 vote getting players will be considered 2nd Team All-MCCAA. Any other players receiving votes will be Honorable Mention. Schools not present at the meeting will only are allowed to have honorable mention players determined by the other MCCAA coaches.
 6. All-MCCAA Selections must be based on overall statistics to expedite All-Region Voting.
 7. Copies of overall statistics **MUST** be furnished to all MCCAA coaches for players being considered.
 8. Coaches may note vote for their own players
14. The following information must be submitted to the MCCAA Information Director by the deadlines below
- A. A schedule must be sent by January 10th
 - B. One week prior to the first game and 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**

YEAR		SINGLE GAME	DOUBLEHEADER
2009	\$75	\$135	
2010	\$80	\$140	
2111	\$85	\$145	
2012	\$90	\$150	