

University Athletic Association

BASEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

Statement on Sportsmanship

Each University Athletic Association member institution shall ensure that:

- **The conduct before, during, and after competition of all those representing participating institutions exemplifies the highest traditions of intercollegiate athletics.**
- **Competition is conducted in a non-discriminatory manner that encourages enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship and fosters a positive attitude among spectators and participants in support of their teams.**
- **Coaches and student-athletes are encouraged to abide by the letter and spirit of the playing rules and to be gracious in both victory and defeat.**

SECTION 1. Administrative Authority

Administrative authority shall be the Baseball Sport Committee chaired by the primary athletic administrator designated by the Executive Committee. In the event the designated primary athletic administrator is unable to serve as chair of the committee, a UAA Delegate from that institution or one of the participating institutions shall serve as chair.

Appointment of Representatives The primary athletic administrator of each institution shall appoint individuals as appropriate to represent the interests of that institution at meetings of the sport committee. In the case of men's and women's sport committees that meet jointly, an institution may choose to appoint one individual to represent the interests of both its men's and women's programs. If an institution sends a single representative to a joint sport committee meeting, it shall be assumed that the individual representing the institution is authorized to cast votes on behalf of both the institution's men's and women's programs.

Replacement of Committee Chair In the event the institution designated to chair a sport committee chooses to designate its primary athletic administrator as its representative to that sport committee, another representative from that institution, who must be a member of the Delegates Committee, shall chair the sport committee in place of the primary athletic administrator.

Voting Lines The disposition of all issues considered jointly by sport committees meeting together shall be by joint vote of the committees. Results of all joint votes shall be reported by

listing the voting tallies of the respective men's and women's committees as well as the voting tally of the joint committee.

Proxy Voting There shall be no proxy voting. In the event a representative from an institution leaves a meeting of the sport committee prior to its conclusion, the vote of that individual shall not be transferred to another individual from that institution nor to any individual from another institution.

SECTION 2. Determination of Association Champions

The association champion shall be decided at an association tournament. In the event of a tie, co-champions shall be declared.

If tournament play is completed with teams having played unequal numbers of games, the champion shall be determined by best won-loss percentage. If more than one complete round of games is cancelled during the tournament, no champion shall be named.

SECTION 3. Game Management

Refer to Site Policies and Procedures and applicable sections of Policies Regarding Sportsmanship and Event Management.

Lightning and Health & Safety Emergency Policy – In conducting Association competition, the game management staff and game officials shall follow the NCAA Guideline on Lightning Safety as published in the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook. All coaches, participants, and officials shall cooperate fully in this regard. Protocols and emergency plans shall be discussed with the coaches during the pre-competition meetings or conference calls as appropriate.

Game management staff and the head competition official shall monitor local weather conditions to the best of their ability. In the event of lightning, once a flash-to-bang count of 30 seconds (equivalent to six miles) is observed play shall be suspended and all personnel shall be directed to leave the field of play and take shelter in a safe structure. Play shall remain suspended until at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder unless the head competition official can reasonably determine the threat of lightning has passed.

Each institution shall clearly designate the person or persons who shall have the ultimate authority and responsibility to stop or resume play in the event of lightning or other health and safety emergencies, and shall communicate this information to the competition officials and coaches prior to the contest. The game management responsibilities of the designated individual or individuals should be such that they are able to monitor such circumstances without distraction.

SECTION 4. Conduct of Sport

4.1 Site

Competition shall take place in Atlanta, Florida, or a comparable warm weather site at a location to be determined by the Executive Secretary and confirmed by the Athletic Administrators' Committee.

The Executive Secretary will perform the functions of a site director and coordinate arrangements as appropriate. An athletic administrator from one of the participating institutions shall serve as assistant site director with responsibility for game management operations of the competition site. The expenses for the conduct of the tournament will be shared equally by the competing institutions and will be billed to the respective institutions by the Executive Secretary.

4.2 Format

The tournament will be held in March during the common spring break period as determined by the Athletic Administrators Committee.

A tournament of suitable format shall be played to determine the UAA champion. The format shall be approved by the Athletic Administrators Committee.

The tournament shall be a double round robin played over eight days. Each team shall play twice on one day and once each on the other days. All games shall be nine innings in length.

Recommended

Game Time	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
11:00 a.m.	1 at 4	3 at 1	5 at 3	2 at 5	4 at 2	2 at 1	1 at 5	5 at 4
2:30 p.m.	2 at 3	4 at 5	1 at 2	3 at 4	5 at 1	4 at 3	3 at 2	
6:00 p.m.	5 at 2	2 at 4	4 at 1	1 at 3	3 at 5			

Game times may be adjusted as necessary.

The NCAA Halted Game Rule shall be used. Every attempt shall be made to complete a halted game or rained out game.

In the event the tournament schedule must be adjusted due to postponed games, the following priorities shall be observed:

- 1) Every effort shall be made to complete all games,
- 2) All games shall be kept at nine innings,
- 3) Each team should play every other team at least once,
- 4) The schedule should be adjusted to play later in the day rather than earlier in the day,
- 5) No game shall be allowed to start after 10:00 p.m., and
- 6) Doubleheaders should be kept intact.

4.3 Squad Size

There shall be no limit on competitive squad size for either team.

The size and composition of each member institution's travel party shall be determined by that respective institution.

4.4 Officials

Two qualified officials are to be provided for every game. Umpires' fees are determined by the site host and to be shared equally by the participating teams.

One umpire shall be designated as the umpire-in-chief for the tournament.

The Executive Secretary shall arrange for distribution of umpire evaluation forms to be completed by coaches following each game. Results shall be forwarded to the umpire-in-chief and local officiating assignor.

4.5 Rules

NCAA baseball rules shall govern all UAA tournament play.

The NCAA 10-Run Rule and the NCAA Halted Game Rule shall be used in all UAA games.

Coaches may protest an erroneous rules interpretation or the misapplication of a rule or penalty as per NCAA rules with all such protests ruled upon immediately by the tournament Rules Interpretation Committee. The rulings of the Rules Interpretation Committee shall be final. No game protests shall be allowed.

The use of all tobacco products by players and all game personnel shall be prohibited during UAA tournament games and all pre-game activities. This rule shall be enforced by the umpires with penalties the same as those applied during NCAA championship play.

Ejection for Fighting — Notification Process In the event a player is ejected from a contest for fighting, all pertinent NCAA rules and sanctions shall apply, and the following notification protocol shall be used.

- 1) The ejection shall immediately be noted in the official scorebook as per NCAA rules.
- 2) The official scorer shall inform the tournament director or his/her designee if not available on site.
- 3) The ejection shall be noted on all box scores before they are distributed.
- 4) The tournament director, or his/her designee if not available on site, shall speak to the ejected player's coach at the conclusion of the game to confirm notification of the ejection for fighting.
- 5) The tournament director, or his/her designee if not available, shall forward notification of the ejection for fighting to the athletic director of the ejected player's institution.

4.6 Rules Interpretation Committee

The Rules Interpretation Committee shall comprise the UAA Tournament Director, the umpire in chief, and the "off" umpire of the game in which the protest has been lodged. All protests shall be ruled upon immediately.

4.7 Equipment

The official UAA ball shall be the ball designated as the official NCAA championship ball.

4.8 Pairings

Pairings for all rounds shall be determined by a random draw conducted by the Executive Secretary with consideration given to travel constraints and academic calendars.

Early games on the first day should be scheduled with regard to the travel constraints of competing teams. Teams that will be in the area prior to the start of the tournament should be scheduled for the earlier games if possible. Teams that will be in the area following the tournament may be scheduled for later rounds if necessary.

4.9 Facilities

It will be necessary to have a minimum of two fields available for play. The fields should be in close proximity to each other to allow for movement of teams from one field to another when more than one round is played on the same day. It is strongly preferred that facilities be available to allow for batting practice prior to all single round games and prior to first round games on days when two rounds are played. Game fields should be available for pre-game infield/outfield practice.

SECTION 5. General Guidelines

5.1 Uniforms

According to NCAA rules and regulations. During the pre-tournament conference call the schedule will be reviewed and opponents will be polled to determine the colors of their light and dark jerseys to ensure sufficient contrast between light and dark jerseys.

5.2 Scheduling

To be determined by the Executive Secretary and approved by the Administrative Authority of the Sport Committee.

5.3 Scouting

Scouting is not permitted except during the Association tournament.

As per NCAA rules, non-uniformed personnel may sit in the stands during their own game for the purpose of charting pitches or videotaping the contest. No scouting information obtained in this manner shall be transmitted to the playing field or to team personnel. The term “non-uniformed” shall be interpreted to mean in street clothes and not a partial uniform. Further, since no scouting information may be transmitted to “the playing field or team personnel” any individual participating in such scouting activity shall be ineligible to compete or relocate to the team bench area during that same contest.

5.4 Statistics

Refer to Site Policies and Procedures.

A non-participant shall be designated as official scorer for each game. The Executive Secretary shall coordinate the compilation of cumulative stats and prepare a summary immediately following completion of the tournament for use by the coaches in selecting an All-Association team.

5.5 Organizational Meetings

A pre-tournament conference call shall be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time on the Wednesday of the week prior to the start of the tournament. The annual meeting of the Baseball Sport Committee shall be held during the tournament.

SECTION 6. Awards

6.1 Team Champion

Trophy to be awarded to the team champion.

Individual certificates to be awarded to the members of the championship team.

6.2 All-Tournament and All-Association Teams

All-Tournament Team — Following completion of the Association championship tournament, each coach may nominate up to 6 players from his squad for All-Tournament consideration. Coaches shall vote for 13 players (5 infielders, 4 outfielders, 1 catcher, 2 pitchers, and 1 unallocated position) from other UAA institutions. The eleven players receiving the most votes in their respective categories (4 infielders, 3 outfielders, 1 catcher, 2 pitchers, plus the player with the next highest vote total) shall comprise the All-Tournament Team.

All-Association Team — At the conclusion of the regular season, each coach may nominate up to 6 players from his squad for All-Association consideration. Coaches shall vote for 13 players (5 infielders, 4 outfielders, 1 catcher, 2 pitchers, and 1 unallocated position) from other UAA institutions. The eleven players receiving the most votes in their respective categories (4 infielders, 3 outfielders, 1 catcher, 2 pitchers, plus the player with the next highest vote total) shall comprise the All Association First Team, and the eleven players receiving the next highest respective totals shall comprise the Second Team.

In the event the distribution of votes results in an incomplete second team, the executive secretary shall consult with the Sport Committee chair to determine whether a supplemental ballot shall be distributed to facilitate selection of a full complement of players to the second team. A mechanism appropriate to the situation and consistent with established selection procedures shall be determined by the executive secretary in consultation with the Sport Committee chair.

6.3 Most Valuable Player and Player of the Year

The UAA Tournament Most Valuable Player and the UAA Player of the Year shall be selected by ballot of the coaches. The Tournament Most Valuable Player shall be selected at the conclusion of the Association championship tournament, and the Player of the Year shall be selected at the conclusion of the regular season. The same procedure shall be used for both selections. Each coach shall submit the names of three players listed in rank order. Coaches may vote for members of their own teams in the balloting. The player with the highest total points from the rank order ballots shall be declared the honoree.

6.4 Rookie of the Year

The Rookie of the Year shall be selected by ballot of the coaches at the end of the regular season. Only traditional, first-year student-athletes shall be eligible. Each coach shall submit the names of three players listed in rank order. Coaches may vote for members of their own teams in the balloting for the Rookie of the Year. The player with the highest total points from the rank order ballots shall be declared the Rookie of the Year and shall receive a certificate in recognition of selection.

6.5 Coaching Staff of the Year

There will be no coaching staff of the year selected.

SECTION 7. Miscellaneous

7.1 Compliance with Deadlines

Coaches and other responsible individuals shall comply with all deadlines for the exchange or submission of materials and information as specified in the Code of Conduct. In the event of a missed deadline, the designated recipient shall notify the Association Office immediately. The Executive Secretary shall then notify the primary athletic administrator of the institutions involved, and that primary athletic administrator shall take action to ensure compliance with the specifications of the deadline.

7.2 Pre-Game Practice & Suggested Starting Times

Pre-game batting practice for both teams should be available in close proximity to, though, not necessarily on, the game field prior to each single round game and the first game of any double round game. It shall be permissible for members of competing teams not directly participating in a game to take part in batting practice during that game in a batting tunnel, or similar facility, located at the playing site.

The Home Team (or team designated as home team for the first game of a doubleheader) shall occupy the third-base dugout.

Pre-game schedule (may be adjusted by mutual agreement or field conditions)

2:00 prior to game	Home Team 40 minutes batting practice and use of practice field
1:20 prior to game	Visiting Team 40 minutes batting practice and use of practice field
0:40 prior to game	Move to game field
0:30 prior to game	Home Team infield/outfield practice on game field
0:20 prior to game	Visiting Team infield/outfield practice on game field
0:10 prior to game	Pre-game meeting with umpires

Each team is permitted ten minutes of infield/outfield practice on the game field prior to every game.