

2023 ACBL Umpire Rules

- Plate umpire is required to contact the Home team head coach 24 hours before game time to confirm location and time of game. It should also be used in case weather is an issue.
- Plate umpire is required to contact his partner(s) to confirm game, shirt color and meeting time.

UNIFORMS

Anything, so long as you and your partners match styles EXACTLY. Pro black with gray panel is the default shirt. Region XV hat is the default.

NCAA RULE BOOK except:

- 9 inning games end after the 10th inning (even if its tied)
- 7 inning games end after the 9th inning (even if its tied)
- 10 run mercy after 7 innings for a (9) inning game
- 10 run mercy after 5 innings for a (7) inning game
- Timing rules will NOT be used (20 sec action clock, 120 sec between inning)
- NCAA offensive and defensive conferences rules WILL be used

SLIDE RULE

Avoidable stand-up collisions are barred. If a collision occurs for which the umpire decides could have been avoided, the runner is automatically out. If a collision occurs, which the umpire decides was a flagrant rule violation, the player is to be ejected.

DUGOUT RULE

Only players (in uniform) on the team roster, coaches, staff, managers, trainers and scorers can be in the dugout

PROTESTS

Must be announced by the manager prior to the next official pitch. The umpire will notify the opposing manager and official scorer. The umpire will also record the specific point of the game on the official score sheet.

FEES

\$165 for 1(9) inning game; \$290 for DH 2(7) inning games. Fees are paid by SIBUA check (usually mailed every Tuesday). You will get a 1099 at the end of the year. Please keep in mind that these fees are a little higher than other summer leagues so they will expect more.

Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League 2023 Guideline

The Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League Guidelines shall be strictly administered by the Executive Committee, as constituted by the Bylaws and addendum.

MEMBER TEAMS

The League's Sixteen 2023-member teams will play in two divisions. The Wolff Division Teams are the Bergen Metros, Jersey Pilots, New Brunswick Matrix, Ocean Ospreys, South Jersey Kings, Trenton Generals, NY Phenoms and Jersey Shore Stallions. The Kaiser Division Teams are the Collegians, Crush, Hawkeyes, LIB Neptune's, Sandhogs, Valor, Whitecaps, Old Town Patriots.

ROSTER

A maximum of 32 players is permitted during the season. Only 28 may be in uniform for any game. An NACSB Letter of Commitment must be completed for every rostered player and/or posted on the Pointstreak Portal. Initial rosters must be filed with the President prior to the start of the season.

Complete, final rosters must be submitted to the President by the roster cut-off date.

After June 15th, roster changes may be made with the concurrence of the President by telephone or email. Roster changes may be affected because of illness, injury, or voluntary withdrawal of a rostered player. Roster changes may also be affected by the dismissal of a player who is insubordinate, who fails to show up for practices or games or who is indefinitely suspended by the League. Completed NACSB Letter of Commitment must be posted on the Pointstreak portal for all players. The Executive Committee may challenge member team rosters and may call the players in question. Complete and up-to-date roster data must be available to all Scouts, Pointstreak roster administration web pages, and to the opposing team at each game. Current statistical information for participating teams should be available for Scouts upon request.

College student-athletes may play in the ACBL. No team shall have more than four (fall 2023) players from the same collegiate institution. The player must have completed the spring college semester (minimum 12 credits) immediately preceding the ACBL season and must have remaining college baseball eligibility. In addition, up to five 2023 high school graduates are permitted per ACBL team, provided the high school players are committed to a D1 college or JUCO and are not yet matriculated in the college. High school players do not count against the four permitted per collegiate institution.

INJURED LIST

Players can be placed on the injured list for a minimum of one week at a time and a maximum of four weeks. The placement of a player on the injured list is effective as soon as the President (or his designated representative) is notified. A team may add a player to take the roster spot of the player on the injured list. The approval of the replacement player's Athletic Director (or his/her official representative) must be obtained prior to the player's participation in a game, and the replacement player must be notified of the temporary nature of his assignment. When the original player is ready to come off the injured list, the man who substituted for him must be removed from that roster spot. At the end of a continuous four-week period, if the player is still disabled, the team, at its discretion, may continue the player on the injured list one week at a time or permanently replace him, in which case a Letter of Commitment signed by the replacement player, the Athletic Director (or his/her official representative) and the team is required. The President shall be notified when a player is removed from the injured list.

SCHEDULE

Any team that fails to play its entire assigned game schedule may be denied the privilege of post-season play. The person who holds the Certificate of Operation for each member team is responsible for the fulfillment of the schedule. Forfeitures will be reviewed by the Executive Committee, which may determine that the League will fine the forfeiting team \$100 per forfeiture as determined by the Executive Committee.

Unless there is a legitimate reason as determined by the board, a fine of \$100 per game will be levied by the league on all teams for each regular season home game not completed by the team.

All single games shall be nine-inning games. Each team shall schedule at least four nine-inning home games each season. All doubleheaders will consist of two seven inning games.

No regular season or playoff game may be played before June 1st or after August 15th. The League schedule will be issued by the President prior to the start of the season.

EXTRA-INNING GAMES

All regular season seven inning games are considered regulation after nine innings (8 1/2 innings, if the home team is ahead). All nine inning regular season games are considered regulation after ten innings (9 1/2 innings if the home team is ahead.) This guideline limits the number of extra-innings in a game. Games may end in a tie score.

TEN-RUN RULE

If a team is ahead of its opponent by ten runs or more during a regulation game, the game will be considered complete. If a game starts as a seven-inning game, it is a regulation game after 5 innings are completed (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead). If a game starts as a nine-inning game, it is a regulation game after seven innings are completed (6 1/2 if the home team is ahead).

POSTPONEMENTS, CANCELLATIONS, SUSPENDED GAMES

If conditions prevent a game from being played as scheduled, the manager of the home team must notify the visiting team as early as possible to prevent the visiting team from making a trip in vain. If there is a potential weather problem, the visiting team should not start its trip without telephone, email, or text assurance by the home team that the game may be played. If needed, a second verifying contact should be made by the visiting team during the trip.

If a game is canceled or moved to an alternate field, the home team must notify the assigned umpires, scouts who regularly attend games, the President and Commissioner, and must post a notice at the home field indicating any rescheduling information for the benefit of those who may seek to attend the game. The website administrator should be notified immediately, and the Pointstreak scoreboard should be updated immediately.

Postponed games or games stopped before becoming official will be rescheduled by the home team within 48 hours. Games should be rescheduled at the next mutually open date with field availability. If both teams cannot agree within 48 hours on a reschedule date, the President or Commissioner will resolve play date, and a neutral site can be assigned.

A game in progress can be stopped before completion as scheduled only by decision of the umpire-in-charge or by curfew. All ACBL games scheduled for seven and nine innings are considered officially completed games if stopped after five innings have been played (4 1/2, if the home team is ahead). If agreed by both teams and umpires before the start of the game, such a stopped game may be treated as a game that has been stopped before it becomes regulation. (See below.)

A game stopped before it becomes regulation will be deemed suspended and resumed at the point of suspension and completed as originally scheduled (seven or nine innings) unless otherwise directed by the President. All such suspended games must be scheduled by the home team at the earliest possible date and completed during the season.

No inning shall begin after 11:00 PM unless a waiver has been obtained from the President prior to the game. Local law may establish an earlier curfew. If local law permits, curfew may be extended so the game reaches regulation completion. No new innings may begin after 11:00 PM in a game that has become official.

GAME RULES

The official 2023 NCAA rules shall govern all games.

The ACBL opposes violence in every manner. It is the ACBL's aim to develop players, not injure them. The throwing of bean balls, deliberate spiking, intentional collisions, and other similar actions must be referred to the Executive Committee for action. Any player who, in the umpire's judgment, willfully inflicts injury on an opponent or demonstrates intent to do so will automatically be ejected from the game and may face suspension by the Executive Committee. In addition to immediate ejection from the game, such injurious action may include suspension or expulsion from the ACBL.

Dugout Rule: Only the following persons are allowed in the dugout once a game has started: rostered and disabled players (all players must be in uniform), coaches, staff, managers, trainer, and scorer.

Only official team personnel may participate in pre-game workouts, and all team personnel must be in a uniform that displays his/her official jersey number on the back of the jersey.

Slide Rule: Avoidable stand-up collisions are barred. If a collision occurs for which the umpire decides could have been avoided, the runner is automatically out. If a collision occurs, which the umpire decides was a flagrant rule violation, the player is to be ejected.

SCORING AND STATISTICS

The current NCAA rule book and the ACBL Guidelines must be in the possession of the home team's general manager or scorer at each game.

Teams shall assign a scorer, who is knowledgeable of the contents for each game. The Pointstreak system is to be used by each team in the ACBL. The scorer may use a PC computer, iPad or iPhone to score the game for submission to Point Streak. The home team's scoring is the official "book" and must be finalized to the website within 48 hours of game completion. If the home team fails to submit the game, the visiting team may submit the game for input into the system. A fine of \$25 will be imposed on the home team if the game scoring is not submitted within 48 hours. The ACBL will levy a fine of \$25 for each significant scorekeeping error not corrected within 48 hours of the end of a game. Fines will be deposited into the ACBL general fund.

Player statistics, season team leaders, batting stats, pitching stats, etc. will be compiled from the data received from each game. This information will be listed on Pointstreak and the website under each team and under special categories. At the end of the season, season titles will be based on the following criteria: Batting title requires at least 2.5 plate appearances per team games played, and pitching title requires at least one inning pitched per team games played. Player statistics from a suspended game are entered when that game is completed or at the season's end.

Any discrepancies or plays in question must be resolved between the two teams. Any changes to a game already in the system must be agreed upon by both teams prior to reporting the changes to Pointstreak and the website. The home team will report the change to Pointstreak and website.

Standings will be kept during the season by accumulating points for each played game with the following point system:

3 Points Win

2 Points for Tie

1 Point Lose

A game that is not played accumulates no points for either team. A forfeited game gives 3 points to the winning team and no points to the forfeiting team. Each team accumulates points during the season. At the end of the season leading teams seed the playoff brackets.

PENALTIES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OMISSIONS

To maintain a proper level of participation and communication of the League and of the teams and to fulfill our commitments to the players, to the NCAA and to Major League Baseball, the League requires team administrators to file statistical, roster, financial and tax reports in a timely fashion. Late submission will result in the levying of fines established by the Executive Committee. Persistent lateness or non-submission may result in suspension of a team or its administrator(s).

PROTESTS

A manager who wishes to play a game under protest must announce his intention to the umpire in charge of the game at the point of protest and prior to the next official pitch. The umpire will relay the decision to the opposing coach, to the official scorer to record the time and place on the score sheet, to the announcer (if any) and to the fans.

The written report of the protesting manager must be transmitted to the President within 48 hours of the protest or it will be automatically disallowed. Upon receipt within the proper time, it will be considered at the first opportunity by the Executive Committee. The President (or his designee) shall make every reasonable attempt to communicate with all umpires of the game. The decision of the Committee will be final and will be transmitted promptly to all League and team personnel.

UMPIRES

Two college-level umpires are required to officiate at each League game. A college umpire is defined as someone who does four-year college games in the spring. Each home team will arrange to have umpires present for scheduled games and will make direct payment to those umpires. Failure of a home team to provide umpires (barring the occurrence of emergencies) shall be deemed a forfeited game and a win granted to the visiting team. Two umpires are required for play-off games. Three umpires are required for the championship game, and the All- Star game.

LEAGUE CHAMPION

The winner of the playoffs will be the League champion and will hold the League Champion title for one year.

PLAYOFFS

The 2023 playoff structure is usually determined at the May meeting: The point system is used for seeding. Seeding ties within a division will be broken by head-to-head record. If tied again then ties are broken by runs against the tying team. Seeding ties between division are broken by most wins, and if tied again by most runs. Games will be nine innings. As with all league games five complete innings will be considered a complete game (4 1/2, if the home team is ahead) if called by the umpires due to weather. During a delay due to weather or any other reason, the home team is responsible to make all reasonable effort to maintain and bring the playing area into condition for immediate continuation. If reasonable effort is not made, the game will be continued at the next available time. Note that due to the time urgency of the playoffs, fields for games shall be scheduled as soon as possible, even if the opponent can supply the field earlier than the originally scheduled field-providing team. Top 4 Teams from each division qualify,

RD1 1 Plays 4, 2 Plays 3 Single Elimination (Top Seed is Home Team)

RD 2 Winners Meet Single Elimination (Top Seed is Home Team)

Rd 3 Championship series Single Elimination (Neutral Site)

AWARDS

Special player and other awards will be discussed and voted upon by member teams at the first meeting following the conclusion of the season. The voting may occur via email if a meeting cannot be scheduled.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

During the season the League will be seeking television, radio, internet and print media coverage of games. Teams that arrange direct coverage or public appearances should notify the League President and, in addition, advise the League of stories or columns about League activities with particular attention to material about former ACBL players playing in Major and Minor Leagues. Weekly highlights should be submitted to the League Secretary for submission for national publication.

MANAGER'S AND COACH'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Making it clear that players are expected to concentrate on baseball during the season. Jobs and social events are a normal part of everyday life but should not interfere with baseball development. Players should obtain jobs that allow full ACBL team participation.
2. Acknowledging all player applications. If tryouts are held, all applicants must be invited to participate. The League and team are committed for the season to players selected. Players must sign a contract form and have permission of their Athletic Director (or that of the Athletic Director's official representative). They are expected to remain with the League through the full season, including playoffs scheduled prior to the NCAA cutoff date.
3. Organizing practice and pre-game drills. This is a teaching situation in a developmental league. Post-game reviews should include constructive information.
4. Assuring that all players and coaches on the field meet the uniform, equipment and grooming standards of the League. Players may not dress on the field or appear in incomplete uniform on the field. Players should take batting practice and infield/outfield drills with uniform numbers on jerseys.

5. Insisting that players hustle at all times – so that all-out hustle becomes a habit.
6. Assuring the presence of players and coaches at all games and practices. Granting days off to individuals can hurt morale and players' physical conditioning.
7. Monitoring compliance with rules regarding tobacco use and food at games and maintaining control of players' relations with opponents, fans and umpires. Bad or abusive language, brawling, baiting opponents and extended arguments with umpires will not be tolerated. With regard to tobacco use, if a player is ejected for possession or use of tobacco, the field manager will also be ejected. Penalties are in accordance with NCAA Rules and Regulations.
8. Affording full cooperation to all professional scouts in attendance at games and to facilitate Pointstreak scoring, line up cards should be available to scouts and the opposing team scorer at least a half-hour before game time.
9. Coaches or Managers ejected from games: a) First Ejection – no penalty; b) Second Ejection – suspension for next game; c) Third Ejection – suspension for next three games; d) Fourth Ejection – indefinite suspension with reinstatement only after full investigation by the League President. Any case deemed serious by the League President will cause indefinite suspension pending full investigation by the President and concurrence of the Executive Committee. All ejections must be reported by the umpires to the President within 24 hours following the game.
10. The field manager is responsible for following these Pitch Smart Guidelines:

Ages 19 to 22 Daily Max Pitches: 120

Pitches in Game

1-30

31-45

46-60

61-75

76-105

105 +

Required Rest

0 days 1 days 2 days 3 days 4 days 5 days

Penalties for violation of Pitch Smart Guidelines: a) First violation – suspension of Field Manager for next game; b) Second violation – suspension of Field Manager for next two games; c) Third violation – matter referred to the executive committee for action.

GENERAL MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Appointment to the position of General Manager of an ACBL team must be proposed by the holder of the Certificate of Operations and approved by the ACBL Executive Committee.

General Managers are responsible for finances, records maintenance and promotion/publicity for their teams, including:

Games administration, including ascertaining home field dates available for game schedules, home field facilities and equipment and team uniforms for players and coaches according to League standards. Uniforms should be professional quality. Accessories should, whenever possible, match the team's colors. Fines will be levied by the League for non-compliance with uniform guidelines for dressing on the field and for incomplete uniforms. Fines will be \$10 for the first offense, \$50 for second offense, and third offense will call for suspension and review. In addition, all games must start promptly. Game team rosters must be available for scouts and fans.

The ACBL does not permit the use of advertising on player uniforms. This includes patches that display the name or logo of any commercial enterprise. The exception is that the maker of the uniform (e.g., NIKE) may apply their name and/or logo to a small area of the uniform. Patches must be approved by the president of the league.

Official scoring of home games, confirmation of official scores of away games and assuring timely notice of canceled games to opponents, umpires and League officials.

Prompt reporting of game results to appropriate media outlets and prompt relay of game file to League website and Pointstreak.

Publicity for team clinics, player/manager/coach speaking engagements, promotion of photos or feature stories and solicitation of media coverage.

Raising money for support of the member team. Teams are permitted to charge a player fee for participating in the League in accordance with MLB guidelines.

Handling business and travel details of all games. Publishing schedules of team games and All-Star games.

Arranging for make-up dates of rained out or suspended games and publishing dates of schedule changes.

Providing visiting teams with written pre-game practice schedules and directions. Pre- game practice for visiting teams: batting practice one hour before game time (with pitching screen provided by home team); twenty minutes before game time –

-Infield/Outfield drills; ten minutes before game time – home plate conference with umpires.

11. Arranging for treatment of players injured during games and filing insurance claim forms promptly.

12. Submitting budget, financial and tax reports to League President if required, including all receipts, expenditures and balances shown.

13. Providing each player on the roster at the start of the season (or added to the roster during the season) with the team's complete schedule (including play-off dates), and obtaining NACSB Portal Letters of Commitment, approved by the player's coach. Distributing to all prospective players 'PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES' page so that no misunderstandings occur during the season.

14. Arranging for at least one team representative at each ACBL meeting. A team not represented at an ACBL league meeting subjects the team to a fine of \$50 for each occurrence.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. Uniforms, shoes and equipment must be clean and in good repair at all times. Caps should fit and be in good condition. Only wood or certified composite bats are authorized to be used.
2. All players shall wear undershirts and socks that comply with the team's uniforms and the appropriate protective equipment.
3. Helmets and catcher's gear should fit properly and be clean and in good repair. It is required that catchers wear helmets and that all catchers have a built-in or attachable throat guard on their masks.
4. Neatly-kept beards and mustaches are permitted. Hair length should be moderate so caps and helmets fit properly to prevent injuries.
5. Players must be in full and proper uniforms that conform to League standards when on the field. Dressing should take place prior to arrival or in the facilities provided.
6. Use of tobacco products and eating are prohibited on the field, on the bench in the dugout and in the bullpen area. A NO TOLERANCE policy of tobacco use or possession will be enforced.
7. Throwing equipment, offensive language, arguments and fighting must be halted promptly. Players or team coaches and managers who violate League rules may be ejected from games. Player ejections should be reported to the President within 24 hours by the field manager or general manager.
8. Players ejected from games: a) First Ejection – suspension for next game; b) Second Ejection – suspension for next three games; c) Third Ejection – indefinite suspension; reinstatement only after full investigation by League President. Penalty for pitchers intentionally throwing at a batter will be in accordance with NCAA rules.
9. Players are responsible for being available and present for all the team's games. Players are allowed to play on teams in other leagues as long as this does not interfere with their playing in games or attending practices of their ACBL team.
10. Any player who does not comply with the above is subject to suspension from the ACBL for the remainder of the season. After a suspended player's term of suspension is completed, his case will be reviewed by the League's Executive Committee to determine his eligibility for the following year.