NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Baseball

Division II

Division II Baseball

I. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. Administration

The NCCAA Division II Baseball National Championship and all events related thereto are under the control and supervision of the NCCAA Division II Baseball coaches and are subject to standards developed by these respective coaches and subsequent approval of the NCCAA Board of Directors. These standards shall receive annual review and approval by the National Sport Committee.

B. National Sport Committee for Division II Baseball

1. Composition and Term of Office
   a. The National Baseball Committee shall consist of the National Baseball Chair (who serves as chair of the committee), the National Baseball Vice-Chair, and the Regional Baseball Chairs. An NCCAA National Office representative shall serve as a non-voting member.
   b. The National Baseball Chair shall serve a three-year term of office and shall be succeeded by the National Baseball Vice-Chair.
2. Election
   a. The Regional Coaches, in conjunction with the Regional Coordinator, shall conduct an election of the Regional Baseball Chair to the National Baseball Committee at an appropriate time. The term of office for the Regional Baseball Chair shall be determined by each individual region.
   b. If a vacancy occurs on the National Baseball Committee, the National Baseball Chair shall, in coordination with the Regional Coordinator and upon approval of the National Baseball Committee, appoint a replacement or conduct an election.
3. Duties of the National Baseball Committee (see Bylaws section)
   a. Represent the interests of coaches and student-athletes.
   b. Propose revisions of the National Championship operating policies and procedures to the Board of Directors.
   c. Assist in solicitation of bids for future National Championship sites.
   d. Submit the top players in each region as All-American nominees.
4. Duties of the National Baseball Chair (also see National Sport Chair Job Description in Forms & Procedures section)
   a. Initiate, direct, and control the work of the National Baseball Committee.
   b. Communicate with the National Baseball Committee on issues requiring their input.
   c. Conduct meetings of the coaches and the committee at the National Championship to provide opportunities for questions, suggestions, and recommendations regarding the conduct of the National Championship.
   d. Supervise and assist the Tournament Director of the National Championship with planning and conducting the National Championship.
   e. Invite coaches of all NCCAA participating institutions to the coaches' meeting and request agenda items.
   f. Submit proposed revisions of the operating procedures (Baseball section of the NCCAA Handbook) to the NCCAA Director of Membership no later than by the deadlines listed in the National Handbook Proposal Process.
   g. Assist Regional Coordinators in selecting Regional Sport Chairs as needed.

C. National Championship Committee

In concert with the NCCAA Director of Championships, the National Championship Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the National Championship.

1. Membership
   a. The committee shall be composed of the Tournament Director of the National Championship, the National Baseball Chair, or his/her appointee from the National Baseball Committee, and the NCCAA Director of Championships or an NCCAA National Office representative.
   b. If a member of the Championship Committee is directly or indirectly involved in a protest submitted, this individual shall be replaced by an appointee of the National Baseball Chair.
   c. Three members must be present for action to be taken.
2. Responsibilities
   a. Ethical Behavior
      1) Observe the behavior of the student-athletes, coaches, and other team personnel for the duration of the National Championship.

2) Promote standards of ethical behavior during competitive events and throughout the championship. This can be accomplished by general reminders to individuals and teams during the National Championship and reinforced by more specific communication. If unacceptable behavior occurs, this committee has the right and obligation to act on the issue. This may include a reprimand with official notice to the institution with and via the NCCAA Director of Membership.

b. Write a report of all cases on which this committee acts.

c. Make on-site decisions concerning extenuating circumstances that affect the conduct of the National Championship (e.g., extreme weather conditions).

d. Make sure all teams follow the NCCAA #KingChasing Code of Ethics signed by coaches and the NCCAA #KingChasing Commitment by student-athletes (on file in the National Office).

3. Protests

a. Ensure that protest procedures, as indicated in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA with NAIA modifications) Rule Book, have been followed.

b. Act on all appropriate protests.

D. Tournament Director of the National Championship

1. Plans the National Championship with the approval of the NCCAA Director of Championships and the National Baseball Chair.
2. Sends all National Championship information and deadlines to the NCCAA, eligible institutions, and head coaches.
3. Plans emergency medical procedures.
4. Contacts all media for coverage.
5. Keeps a detailed accounting of all income and expenditures.
6. Obtains information pertaining to the National Championship and distributes this to appropriate coaches.
7. Submits a National Championship Reporting Form (see *Forms and Procedures* section, Item 26) to the NCCAA Director of Championships within five days of the event.
8. Emails a high-resolution photograph of the winning team to the NCCAA National Office within an hour of the event.
9. Submits the championship results in real time to the NCCAA National Office or directly to the NCCAA website.
10. Provides game statistics.

E. Election of Sport Chair and Vice-Chair

A National Baseball Chair and a Vice-Chair are elected to serve three-year terms. The Vice-Chair replaces the National Baseball Chair after three years to serve as the National Baseball Chair. Selection must be by more than 50% of the total number of coaches in the NCCAA and shall be conducted by email vote.

F. Officers

Chair: Colton Wolfe, Grace Christian University
Vice-Chair: Jon Copeland, Trinity College of Jacksonville

II. ELIGIBILITY

A. Institution Eligibility

Only teams that are in good standing with the NCCAA shall be eligible. Good standing shall include all dues paid in full and free from any sanctions imposed by the NCCAA restricting institutional eligibility.

B. Team Eligibility

All NCCAA member institutions must file a completed Declaration of Intent to Participate form by August 15 or all varsity sports with the National Office (see Forms & Procedures section).

C. Individual Eligibility

NCCAA-only member institutions must file an affidavit of eligibility (see Eligibility section) to the NCCAA Director of Membership no later than the date of their first contest (including scrimmage). Dual members with CCAA, NAIA, NCAA II, and NCAA III must confirm eligibility is being filed for all sports in compliance with their primary affiliation on the Membership Directory & Dues Form.

III. PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. Official Rule Book
Baseball: NCAA baseball rule book with NAIA Baseball Coaches Association modifications. (See Appendix A.) To obtain rules, visit www.ncaapublications.com.

B. Bat testing is required for all NCCAA competition during regular and postseason play. See the full policy in Appendix B.

C. Statistics
Complete and accurate statistical information must be submitted to the NCCAA in the form of .XML game files, following the steps outlined at www.thenccaa.org/helpcenter and using only one of the approved statistical programs (DakStats, Genius Sports, PrestoSports, StatCrew, or StatInput). Game files must be submitted to the NCCAA within 24 hours after the game and visiting team appeals are required to be filed with the home team within 48 hours following the conclusion of the contest. However, the mandatory deadline for weekly game files to be uploaded to the NCCAA website is Tuesday at noon ET. Any amount of missing game files in a week shall count as a missed report. Any game files submitted from a non-approved statistical program shall count as a missed report. Once statistical reporting begins, missing or incomplete game schedules may result in multiple penalties being issued at the discretion of the NCCAA National Office.

The penalties for not reporting statistics or for being late are:
1. 1st offense: email or letter of notice of the violation.
2. 2nd offense: email or letter of warning of the violation.
3. 3rd offense: $100 fine paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice or before Regional Championships, whichever comes first.
4. 4th offense: $250 fine paid within 30 days of the date of the invoice or before Regional Championships, whichever comes first, a loss of postseason awards for the applicable athletes and/or team, the team shall become ineligible for statistical reports and ratings for the remainder of the season, and any further penalties at the discretion of the Administration Committee (e.g., ineligible for postseason play).

It is the responsibility of each institution to contact the National Office regarding any technical problems experienced in submitting weekly statistics. Proper communication can prevent team penalties.

Regular Season Neutral Site Tournament Statistics: The host institution of regular season tournaments (e.g., classic, tri-match, or any multi-team event of the like that an institution hosts, regardless of venue or if the host institution is competing) is responsible for recording official statistics for all participating teams for those sports in which a weekly national statistical report is conducted. Missing statistics from a regular season tournament shall be considered a missing statistical report for the host institution regardless if the host competed (other participants of the tournament shall not be considered to have missed a statistical report the first week, but the following week shall be considered to have missed a statistical report if still missing). Note: If the host sent files to opponents and opponents failed to upload the files in time, the host shall not be penalized.

Postseason Statistics: NCCAA members must upload files by the weekly deadline for all postseason play (conference tournament, regional championship, national championship, etc.). In NCCAA postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host to record official statistics and the responsibility of the higher seed to upload files. Failure to upload files by the weekly deadline is subject to penalty, including fines.

D. National Ranking
1. The coaches' poll voting shall be conducted by the National Chair, in conjunction with regional representatives, and be reported to the NCCAA Director of Communications.
2. Each Regional Sport Chair shall be the region rater and voter.
3. Regional raters are responsible for submitting region ratings to the National Chair, who shall then send out all region ratings to voters. Raters should include explanation/summary as to why teams are rated where they are. Raters may work to get feedback from region teams when developing the region ratings.
4. Regional raters shall then select the top 5 teams nationally and send them to the National Chair. The National Chair shall tally all votes and must send the final ranking along with each regional rating to the NCCAA Director of Communications by 11:00 a.m. (ET) each Tuesday that has a ranking.
5. When casting votes for the national rankings, voters must follow the order of the regional ratings.

6. Ties shall be broken by:
   a. Number of ballot appearances;
   b. Most votes in highest place; and
   c. Winning percentage.

   The team winning the tie-breaker shall receive one additional point.
7. There shall be bi-weekly rankings through the conclusion of the regular season, with a final postseason ranking the week following the National Championship.
8. The National Office serves as the oversight committee.

E. NCCAA Power Rating System
1. See Appendix C for the NCCAA Power Rating System.
2. Each member institution must meet all statistical requirements (see Section III.C above).
3. There shall be a total of three consecutive weeks of power ratings, with the final power rating released on the Wednesday prior to the Regional Completion Deadline. If a team has regular season games after the final power rating, the final power rating shall be updated with the additional regular season dates for the National Baseball Committee to use in selection and seeding.

F. Official Speed-Up and Championship Rules Mandatory for NCCAA Regional and National Championship
1. There shall be a 10-minute warm-up period for each team between games. A National Baseball Committee member shall be charged with timing the warm-up. The home team shall take infield practice first.
2. Teams transitioning out after their game is complete should remove all gear and conduct any team meetings outside of the field area to allow the next game teams to begin their warmup.
3. Infielders shall be allowed to throw the ball around infield while the pitcher takes five warm-up pitches. RECOMMENDATION: The pitcher in the game is permitted to use the bullpen between innings to stay loose if he does not delay the start of the next half-inning.
4. Relief pitchers shall be allowed eight warm-up pitches when entering a game.
5. Batter must be on deck when his turn at bat comes around.
6. On an intentional walk, the batter is waved to first base (no pitches to be thrown).
7. ENFORCE the 20-second rule: The pitcher shall deliver the ball or make a play, or an attempted play, within 20 seconds after receiving the ball.
8. Umpire shall insist that both the pitcher and batter be ready in a reasonable time. If not, they shall be penalized. If the batter delays, the umpire shall instruct the pitcher to pitch and shall call "strike" on each such pitch. If the pitcher delays, a "ball" shall be called under normal pitching rules.
9. The Ten-Run Rule shall be in effect at the end of seven innings or any inning thereafter. This is applicable only to the first complete round of play, including the loser's bracket games in the Regional Championships.
10. All batters/runners are required to wear a double earflap helmet. The same helmet, worn while batting, shall be worn on the base paths.
11. It is mandatory that teams use a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher with two men out in all National Championship games. With less than two outs, this rule is optional. NOTE: A team may not use the same runner for the pitcher and catcher in the same inning. If the pitcher is also designated hitter for the game, a courtesy runner is allowed. A player removed from the line-up may not be used as a courtesy runner.
12. A pitcher is permitted to go to his mouth on the dirt portion of the mound if he is not on the rubber and that he wipes off before going to the rubber.

G. Frequency of Play and Practice Guidelines

Each sport in the NCCAA has 24 weeks between August 1 and May 15 to conduct practices and competitions. Each sport has a maximum and minimum number of contests in the regular season. Baseball has a maximum of 50 contests and a minimum of 16 contests. Each sport has a specified date to begin practice and to conduct its first contest. Baseball's start date for practices, scrimmages, and exhibitions is September 1 or the start of the institution's fall term, whichever is earlier. Baseball is permitted two scrimmage dates plus three additional scrimmage dates to be conducted before the end of the fall term. The first allowable contest is the Thursday of the last full weekend in January. More details can be found in the Sport Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook.

H. Rules Education

All coaches, new and returning, must complete an annual online rules education training program. This includes all paid and voluntary head, associate, assistant, and graduate assistant coaches. New coaches must complete the required training within the first 60 days of hire or prior to the coach's first competition, whichever is earlier. Returning coaches and staff members must complete the required training prior to the earliest start date for competition for any sport sponsored by the institution. More details can be found online at the NCCAA Member Help Center.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A. Site and Date

1. Bids to host the NCCAA Baseball National Championship shall be submitted to the National Office and reviewed by the National Baseball Chair. All necessary information pertaining to the National Championship Bid Contract is answered in the Forms & Procedures section.
2. Dates of the National Championship for the upcoming year is as follows:

Regionals Completed	National Championship	Site
May 8, 2027	May 19-21, 2027	TBA
May 6, 2028	May 17-19, 2028	TBA
May 5, 2029	May 16-18, 2029	TBA
May 4, 2030	May 15-17, 2030	TBA
May 3, 2031	May 14-16, 2031	TBA

3. Regions may choose whatever format is most expedient for the number of teams participating but must send a copy of their Regional Championship pairings to the National Baseball Chair and the NCCAA Director of Championships.
4. Regions with dually affiliated members of NCAA III may not hold Regional Championships due to the timing of NCAA III conference postseason. These regions shall use power ratings to determine the Regional Qualifier by the conclusion of the conference tournament.

B. General Guidelines

1. National Championship Broadcasting

   The NCCAA owns exclusive rights for all broadcasts (television, webcast, radio, etc.). When the NCCAA produces a webcast, no institution or entity is allowed to produce a webcast. All institutions interested in producing a broadcast of any kind must first obtain written approval from the NCCAA Director of Communications. Approval is not guaranteed. More information, including rights fees, is in the Sports Policies and Procedures section. Each qualifying team must submit the following in the team's folder in the Google Drive five days prior to the championship: Up to date full season stats (individual & team), schedule with results, story lines for broadcasters; a TRO roster file, and action shots.
2. Championship Administration

   To ensure proper administration, transportation and expenses to the National Championship shall be reimbursed for the National Baseball Chair in accordance with the reimbursement policy. (Flight must be scheduled 21 days in advance.) The Vice-Chair's transportation and expenses shall be paid if the National Baseball Chair's team is involved in the National Championship. If both the National Baseball Chair and the Vice-Chair's teams are in the National Championship, an NCCAA head baseball coach of a team not in the National Championship may be designated to act as the Championship Administrator. When two fields are used, it is recommended to have an additional coach or baseball leader to administrate the second field.
3. Required Functions to Attend

   Teams that participate in the Division II Baseball National Championship are required to attend and participate in the National Championship Banquet, the Christian Service Project, the Coaches Meeting, and Contests. Arriving late to the championship or not attending/participating in these required functions would be considered failure to comply with its Declaration of Intent to Participate. The sanction for failure to comply with the Declaration of Intent to Participate is the sport being placed on Restrictive Probation for the following academic year with the potential for additional penalties up to all sports at that institution being placed on Restrictive Probation.
4. National Championship Banquet

   There shall be a championship banquet on the Tuesday evening prior to the National Championship. All teams are required to participate, and awards shall be presented.
5. National Championship Housing

   All teams are required to lodge in the hotel(s) designated by the host institution or city for this championship. Lodging at an unapproved location shall be considered failure to comply with its Declaration of Intent to

Participate and shall result in loss of eligibility for championship travel reimbursement in addition to a fine of $1,000.

6. National Championship Christian Service Project (CSP)
   Each player and coach participating in the National Championship shall be asked to donate up to, but not more than, two hours of his time to serve in a CSP. The host Tournament Director of the National Championship, in concert with the NCCAA Director of Championships, is responsible to secure the sites and set up the times for the service.
7. Roster Size and Official Traveling Party
   The official party is made up of participants, defined as student-athletes, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, additional student-athletes not in uniform, and any staff member who travels with a competing team.

   The official party for each team participating in NCCAA National Baseball Championship competition is 34 individuals, which includes 28 student-athletes in uniform and 6 additional personnel (which can include coaches, managers, athletic trainers, sports information staff, additional student-athletes not in uniform, bullpen catcher, and/or other institutional personnel) to be used at the discretion of each participating institution. Only members of the official travel party shall be permitted in the team areas and/or/dugout.

   Each qualifying team must submit the following in the team's folder in the Google Drive 10 days prior to the National Championship: Official team roster and travel party on Google Docs Form (completely filled out), high resolution team photo, player headshots, and any other requested information.

   A player may be replaced on the official roster between the Regional Championship and the NCCAA National Championship by any eligible player whose name is included on the Official Eligibility Form for the current season.

   When a roster is submitted to the NCCAA National Office, it shall serve as the Official Roster for the National Championship competition.
   a. Each head coach can amend his/her roster with the NCCAA Director of Championships at the championship coaches meeting on site.
   b. Once the coaches' meeting is concluded, a team's roster shall be deemed certified, and no changes can be made for the duration of the championship.
   c. Once the championship begins, no player may play that is not on the official roster with no exceptions including the event of injury, illness, or family emergency.
   d. Additional people (which can include coaches, managers, athletic trainers, sports information staff, additional student-athletes not in uniform, and/or other institutional personnel) must also be registered on the Official Roster to be permitted in the team only areas.
   e. Any additional university personnel above the travel and roster numbers need to be outside of official championship areas (e.g., dugout, bullpen, batting cages, etc.), and the university shall assume any additional cost associated with additional numbers to the travel party.
8. Umpires
   The Tournament Director of the National Championship shall secure all the officials for the National Championship. The Tournament Director of the National Championship shall assign officials for all games through, and including, the finals. Umpires shall be NCAA or NAIA rated umpires. A minimum of two officials shall be provided for National Championship games except for the semifinals and finals where three officials shall be used (unless the schedule is altered by rain).
9. Home and Away Protocol
   The home team shall occupy the third base dugout with the exception that the same team that played in the previous game already is occupying a dugout. Said team shall NOT move dugouts. Existing protocol shall be followed as to which team is designated home or away.

   In the first round of games in the NCCAA National Championship, the home team shall be the higher seed. In subsequent games, the home team shall be determined according to the following procedures by the championship committee:
   a. The institution that has been the home team the fewer number of times shall be designated the home team.
   b. If the two teams are equal in this respect but unequal in the number of times they were the visitor, then the team that has been the visitor more often shall be designated the home team.
   c. If the two teams are equal in the number of times that they have been home and visitor, the games committee or the committee representative shall observe the following procedures in the order stated:

1) The team that was visitor in its preceding game shall be the home team, unless both teams were visitors in their preceding games; or
2) If the two teams have met previously in that tournament, the visitor in the previous game shall be the home team in the game in question.
3) If the above procedures do not resolve the matter, a coin flip shall determine the home team. The coin toss shall be held on the field immediately after the game that caused the situation to develop and both coaches (or designated team representative) are requested to be in attendance.

NOTE: In an "if-necessary" game, the teams shall reverse home and away designation regardless of the above guidelines but remain in the same dugout and same uniforms. All other games: flip of the coin with higher seed calling.

10. Thirty minutes shall be allowed between games and follow the 10 minute-10 minute-10 minute format. Infield, if requested, shall be home team first 30 minutes prior to first pitch and visiting team 10 minutes immediately following home team I/O's.
11. The schedule of games and/or matches shall be determined in conjunction with the National Chair, the Tournament Director of the National Championship, and the NCCAA National Office. Preference shall be given to the higher seeded teams to advance with the most amount of rest and/or best playing conditions. The host shall be given the opportunity to schedule one round robin game at a time that allows for the best hometown fan attendance. Game times and dates may be adjusted to accommodate any Seventh Day Adventist member institution's Sabbath or rain delays.
12. Rainout Policy
    a. Every effort shall be made to complete the championship as structured.
    b. If rainouts occur and result in the cancellation of a partial day, full day, or multiple days, the Championship Committee, in conjunction with the host and National Office, shall determine any adjustments to the schedule and/or format.
    c. Possible adjustments include:
        1) Adjusting the schedule to retain the double elimination format.
        2) Adding a day to retain the double elimination format.
        3) Changing to a single elimination format.
        4) Adding a day to complete the single elimination format.
    d. If the National Championship is completely rained out or rained out after only one day of competition, it shall be considered a no contest.
    e. If the first two days of the tournament are completed but the championship game(s) are rained out and adjustments cannot be made, the National Champion shall be the undefeated team. Should there not be an undefeated team, the National Champion shall be selected by the following criteria:
        1) Head-to-head competition.
        2) Higher seed in the National Championship.
    f. The Championship Committee reserves the right to adjust times of the schedule as needed due to weather considerations. When rainouts occur, the Championship Committee, in conjunction with the host and National Office, shall make every attempt to utilize a possible adjustment but shall make the best decision possible based on the circumstances.
13. Qualifier Packet and Qualifier Call

    The NCCAA Director of Championships, in concert with the Tournament Director of the National Championship and the National Sport Leadership, shall prepare a Qualifier Packet detailing key information about the championship event, such as lodging information, schedule, CSP, and other important information. The Qualifier Packet shall be made available on the NCCAA website and sent to each qualifier. Additionally, a mandatory Qualifier Call shall be scheduled once all teams have qualified and before teams travel to the championship site.

C. National Championship Format

The NCCAA World Series is a four-team double elimination format played in three days. All games shall be nine-inning games with a ten run rule in seven innings. The championship game shall be a nine-inning game without a run rule.

Wednesday Schedule:
G1 - #1 vs. #4
G2 - #2 vs. #3

Thursday Schedule:
G3 - Loser G1 vs. Loser G2
G4 - Winner G1 vs. Winner G2
G5 - Winner G3 vs. Loser G4

Friday Schedule:
G6 (Championship) - Winner G4 vs. Winner G5
G7 (If Necessary)

D. Selection of Teams
1. Teams included shall be the champion, representative, or qualifier of each region, and the host institution. There shall be three NCCAA Division II Baseball regions:
   a. North
   b. South
   c. Southwest
2. If a region has only one team available to participate in the Regional Championship or Regional Qualifier Process, that team shall be declared the Regional Representative and receive the region's automatic bid provided they have a record of .500 or better in addition to being declared to accept a Regional Representative bid.
3. Regions with dually affiliated members of NCAA III may not hold Regional Championships due to the timing of NCAA III conference postseason. These regions shall use power ratings to determine the Regional Qualifier by the conclusion of the conference tournament.
4. The host institution shall receive an automatic bid. An institution who is the host of an NCCAA National Championship may allow its team to participate in the National Championship if that team meets its institution's Declaration of Intent requirements. The host institution, via the Declaration of Intent process, can choose to accept an automatic bid to National Championships without competing in the Regional Championship or choose to participate in the Regional Championship to earn a place in the National Championship.
5. Selection of At-Large Bids
   a. National Championship at-large bid selection, if needed, shall be made by a vote of the National Baseball Committee.
   b. There shall be a conference or video call of the Baseball Committee to select and seed the field after the completion of regional play by the Sunday following the regional completion deadline.
   c. The at-large bid request to be considered for the NCCAA National Championship is on the Declaration of Intent to Participate. Athletics Directors can list the conditions by which they shall accept an at-large bid on the Declaration of Intent to Participate. To be considered for an at-large bid, the team must have played in the NCCAA Regional Championships, made its declaration to be considered for the Regional Qualifier, or been exempt due to NAIA/NCAA conflicts.
   d. The selection of at-large team(s) shall be made using the NCCAA Power Rating System Option B. Criteria from the a la carte options shall be the following (in order of importance):
      1. Head-to-head.
      2. Common opponents.
      3. National rankings.
   e. For a la carte items to be used, teams must be within .500 in power ratings.
   f. The selection committee should ideally be comprised of unbiased individuals and not include individuals who have qualified for the National Championship or are seeking an at-large selection. If that is not possible, at a minimum, individuals who are seeking an at-large selection are not permitted to participate in the selection process.

E. Seeding
The Championship seeding shall be as follows:
1. Seeding shall be the responsibility of the National Baseball Committee.
2. Seeding shall be made using the NCCAA Power Rating System Option B. Criteria from the a la carte options shall be the following (in order of importance):
   a. Head-to-head.
   b. Common opponents.
   c. National rankings.
3. For a la carte items to be used, teams must be within .500 in power ratings and a team may only move up or down three places in power ratings.
4. The National Baseball Committee, in conjunction with the National Office, can adjust the seeding to avoid regional opponents from playing each other in the first round (if possible), following the Regional Seeding Conflict Guidelines in the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the handbook.

V. AWARDS

The NCCAA maintains a standardized awards program for all National Invitationals and Championships. Team, Most Outstanding Player, National Coach of the Year, All-American, and All-Tournament Awards are ordered and paid for by the NCCAA National Office.

A. Championship Awards
The National Championship team shall receive a championship banner, trophy, medallions, and t-shirts. The Second Place Team shall receive a plaque designating its finish.

B. National Championship All-Tournament Team
A total of nine players including Most Outstanding Player of the Tournament (with plaque) shall be selected to the All-Tournament Team during the National Championship. Each coach shall nominate the appropriate number of players from his/her team based on the team's final place in the National Championship. The number of players selected per team is as follows:

First Place team	3 players (including the Most Outstanding Player)
Second Place through Fourth Place teams	2 players for each team

C. All-Regional Honors
1. The number of athletes on each All-Regional Team shall be equal to the number of athletes on each All-American Team, which for baseball is 12.
2. Regional Player of the Year must be included in the number of athletes on the All-Regional Team, not a plus one in addition to it.
3. Players may only be selected for one position.
4. The All-Regional Team(s) shall follow the All-American positional breakdown of one catcher, four infielders, three outfielders, one utility, and three pitchers.
5. Regions must use the standard Google Docs form for voting, following the same voting procedures as the All-American process.
6. Votes shall be conducted by position for a positional rank order. A separate vote shall also be conducted for overall rank order.
7. Coaches may not vote for their own players, except when there are only one or two teams in region.
8. The maximum number of All-Regional Teams a region is permitted to have is based on the number of full members in the region that sponsor the sport, regardless of Declaration of Intent, and is listed in the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the handbook.
9. The maximum number of athletes any team can have on each All-Regional Team (e.g., First Team, Second Team, etc.) is six for baseball.
10. Regions cannot limit nominations based on regular season or postseason finish.
11. Regions are permitted to have Honorable Mention.
12. If a team does not participate in the nominating and/or voting process, that shall eliminate that team from the number of teams in the region when determining how many All-Regional teams there are. If a team nominates student-athletes but does not vote, that team's student-athletes shall not be included on All-Regional Teams.
13. Regions must have tiebreaking procedures in place. Ties may not be submitted within the rank order for All-American purposes.
14. After the Regional Sport Chair has concluded the voting process and finalized the All-Regional Team(s), the chair shall submit the All-Regional Team(s) via Teamworks. The Regional Coordinator shall then review and approve the submission via Teamworks by the Wednesday prior to the Regional Complete Deadline.

D. All-American Honors
1. Each region shall submit a slate of candidates in rank order from their All-Regional Team and ranked by position. A player must be on a regional team to be considered for All-American.
2. Copies of the voting procedure shall be provided to each voting member of the committee at least one week prior to the vote.
3. The First Team shall be a 12-member squad comprised of one catcher, four infielders, three outfielders, one utility, and three pitchers. The Second Team shall be a 12-member squad comprised of one catcher, four infielders, three outfielders, one utility, and three pitchers.
4. The Player of the Year shall be voted on after the conclusion of the First Team All-American selections. The top vote getter from each position (catcher, infielder, outfielder, utility, pitcher) shall be reviewed again, and then another vote shall be taken to determine the Player of the Year.

5. The All-American selection committee shall be the Regional Sport Chairs along with the National Chair and Vice-Chair and selections shall be made by the Tuesday following the National Championship. All committee members are required to be on the call.
6. The All-American voting procedure is listed in Appendix D.

E. Coach of the Year Honors

The NCCAA National Coach of the Year shall be voted on by the All-American Committee. Candidates shall consist of the Regional Coaches of the Year and the National Championship winning coach.

F. Hank Burbridge Award

1. Recipients of this award must:
   a. Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the field, including Christian service activities.
   b. Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete.
   c. Be a junior, senior, or graduate student and a varsity team member.
   d. Demonstrate leadership ability.
   e. Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
2. Purpose:
   To enhance the Christian purpose of athletic excellence in Christian athletic competition and to perpetuate the Christian philosophy and faith in evangelical Christian colleges and universities across our nation.
3. Procedures:
   a. Only one student-athlete per institution may be nominated by the head coach, Athletics Director, or Sports Information Director (SID).
   b. The nomination form (See Appendix E) must be used and submitted to the National Office by April 15.
   c. Final selection shall be made prior to the National Championship by a selection committee comprised of the National Chair, National Vice-Chair, the Regional Sport Chairs, and the namesake of the award (if they so choose). It is the responsibility of each committee member to recuse themselves from the vote and find a replacement voter if they have a direct bias toward a nominee. If there are three or more nominees, voters shall rank their top three with points allocated to athletes from highest to lowest (e.g., top athlete receives three points, second two, third one). All ties in voting shall be broken by the National Chair (or National Vice-Chair or his/her appointee pending recusals).
4. The recipient shall be encouraged to be present at the banquet. The National Office shall contribute up to $250 toward travel expenses.
5. The recipient of the Hank Burbridge award shall subsequently be a nominee for the year-end NCCAA GP4L Student-Athlete Character Award. It is encouraged that one letter of recommendation from an Athletic Director, opponent coach, or member of the institution faculty or staff be included with the nomination.

G. Student-Athlete of the Week

The NCCAA Student-Athlete of the Week award shall be given to one student-athlete in Division II Baseball during the regular season, chosen from the list of nominees submitted by institutions. Only one student-athlete per school may be nominated. See the full procedures and instructions in the Forms & Procedures section of the Handbook.

H. Scholar-Athlete Award

The purpose of the Scholar-Athlete Award is to recognize outstanding scholar-athletes among NCCAA member institutions, emphasize the place of academics in our national organization, and publicize and promote the NCCAA by recognizing institutions individually and collectively through this medium.

1. Criteria for nomination
   a. Be of junior, senior, or graduate student academic standing making normal progress toward a degree.
   b. Have completed at least one term (semester or quarter) at the nominating institution.
   c. Be a competing student-athlete in the sport for which nominated.
   d. Have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale at the nominating institution. Transfer students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale based on all grades at all institutions attended, regardless of whether a course grade is accepted at the nominating institution. GPA cannot be rounded up.
2. Procedure for nomination
   The nominating institution must submit a completed nomination form on Teamworks to the National Office four weeks prior to the National Championship. The institution's registrar's office or compliance officer must verify the nominee's GPA on the Teamworks form with a signature. Forms shall not be complete until signatures are acquired.

I. Scholar Team Award

The purpose of the Scholar Team Award is to honor NCCAA athletic teams that demonstrate academic success in the classroom, emphasize the importance of academics within our national organization, and promote individual student-athlete scholarship on the team.

1. Criteria for nomination
   a. An institution must be a current NCCAA member in good standing. The team must be a varsity team.
   b. Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale. Please do NOT round up to 3.4 or 3.40.
   c. Fall teams use fall term(s) GPA's only and spring teams use spring term(s) GPA's only.
   d. Teams that overlap terms and have countable games or matches in each term must use GPA's from all terms in which the sport participates. (Note: tennis is a spring only sport, golf is a fall only sport.)
   e. Include all varsity student-athletes who competed in the sport with the institution for any portion of the academic year.
   f. Meet the minimum number or greater on the team as the number of student-athletes required to field a team in the sport to be recognized. (Note: track and field minimum is eight student-athletes.)
2. Nomination and Selection process
   a. The NCCAA Scholar Team Award Nomination Form must be completed on Teamworks and sent to the NCCAA National Office by January 31 for all eligible fall sports and May 31 for all eligible winter/spring sports of each academic year.
   b. The institution's registrar's office or compliance officer must verify the nominee's GPA on the Teamworks form with a signature. Forms shall not be complete until signatures are acquired.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. NCCAA Certified Athletic Trainer Policy

Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC) are required at each hosted NCCAA member's home event, NCCAA Regional Championship, and National Championship. For hosted contests in cross country, and golf, institutions may have a trainer able to respond within three to five minutes. The ATC must be certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (NATABOC), or an equivalent affiliation, and maintain a current license in the state of practice. Please reference the policy in the Sports Policies and Procedures section.

B. Code of Conduct

Conduct in competition policy found in Infractions and Penalties section IV.A. shall be followed by all NCCAA-only institutions during regular season and postseason competition. It shall be followed by all NCCAA institutions for Regional and National Championship competition. Any coach or student-athlete ejected from play shall be subject to penalties found in this policy. It is the responsibility of the offending institution to provide a report to the NCCAA Director of Membership and its Regional Coordinator within 48 hours of the incident. Please see the Infractions and Penalties section noted above for more details related to the Conduct in Competition Policy.

C. National Handbook Proposal Process

Should changes to a sport specific section or the Sports Policies and Procedures section of the NCCAA Handbook be desired, the following process shall be followed:

1. Coaching group may propose changes to their sport handbook.
2. Coaching group votes to present proposal(s) to the appropriate committee within the National Administrative Council (NAC), if needed, or directly to the Administration Committee, as determined with the Director of Membership.
3. The appropriate committee within NAC votes whether to advance it to the Administration Committee who then votes to accept or reject the proposal.
4. Proposals for change may also come from regions and subcommittees of the Administration Committee such as the National Administrative Council (Sports Information Committee, Competition Experience Committee, and Regional Experience Committee), Eligibility Committee, or Handbook Committee.
5. All proposals must come in written form and identify which section of the NCCAA Handbook is being addressed.
6. All proposals must have a vote of support.
7. All proposals must be submitted for consideration to the Administration Committee by May 1 for possible inclusion for the upcoming academic year. If the proposal requires a review of a committee within NAC, it must be submitted by March 15.

Appendix A
NAIA Baseball — Rule Modifications

NCCAA baseball shall follow NCAA Baseball Playing Rules with approved NAIA modifications. With the change in NCAA rules, the modifications listed below are the only current modifications to the NCAA Baseball Rules that shall be in effect for the NCCAA Baseball season. Any future modifications to the NCAA Rules must be passed by the NAIA Baseball Coaches Association (NAIA-BCA) and approved by the NAIA National Administrative Council (NAC).

A. NCAA Rule 5-5 – NAIA Re-Entry Rule Modification
Any of the starting players, except for the pitcher and the designated hitter, may withdraw from the game and re-enter once, provided such players occupy the same batting position whenever they re-enter the lineup. Starting pitchers and designated hitters who change positions later in the same game are NOT eligible to re-enter, because their original starting position was either pitcher or designated hitter. A defensive substitution cannot be made unless the team wanting to make the substitution is playing defense at the time.

B. NCAA Rule 5-5 – NAIA Courtesy Runner Rule Modification
Teams have the option to use a courtesy runner for the pitcher/designated hitter or catcher at any time. For speed-up purposes, it is recommended that the courtesy runner be used with two men out in all games. The courtesy runner, although never officially in the game, shall be credited with the following:
1. Run scored
2. Stolen base
3. Caught stealing

The courtesy runner rule does not apply to a pinch-hitter for the catcher unless the catcher has been re-entered. However, it is permissible to re-enter a catcher for his pinch-hitter and subsequently use the courtesy runner. A team may not use the same runner for the pitcher/designated hitter and catcher in the same inning. The courtesy runner may not be removed from a base to become a pinch hitter. A player removed from the game may not be used as a courtesy runner. Should the courtesy runner pinch hit, pinch run or enter the game at any position, he will no longer be eligible to be a courtesy runner.

C. NCAA Rule 5-8.A – NAIA Seven-Inning Game Option
Teams may adopt a rule providing that a game(s) shall be seven innings. In such games, any of these rules applying to the ninth inning shall apply to the seventh inning. The nine-inning rule may be waived and shortened to seven innings prior to the game if both coaches agree to the waiver. If both coaches do not agree, the nine-inning rule shall be in effect. Teams playing multiple games versus different opponents on the same day may play seven inning games if coaches agree. This applies to regular season games only.

D. NCAA Rule 5-8.C – NAIA Regulation Game
A game shortened due to a time limit by a facility or tournament committee shall be a regulation game provided the conditions of Rule 5-8.B are met.

E. NCAA Rule Appendix F – Visible Action Clock
Use of a visible clock is recommended during all times of the game to enforce all timing rules equitably. A visible clock is not required.

Appendix B
Bat Testing

All bats used during Regional and National Invitational/Championship competition must appear on the NCAA Approved Bat List, pass the barrel ring test, and barrel compression testing. Bat testing is required for all NCCAA competition during regular and postseason play. Bat Testing Procedures consist of three parts:

1. Visual Inspection of the Bat
   a. Ensure that the bat model appears on the approved bat list.
   b. Ensure the bat does not have a predominantly white barrel.
   c. Ensure the bat does not have flat spots.
   d. Ensure the bat does not have an audible rattle.
   e. Ensure the bat does not have a cracked or loose knob or end caps and attachments. (By NCAA rule, attachments are not permitted on the end cap or knob of the baseball bat.)

2. Ring Test
   a. Place the bat end cap on the ground and place the bat ring over the knob letting it fall.
   b. If the ring passes over the bat from gravity alone (without force), the diameter passes.
   c. If the bat passes through the ring, it proceeds to barrel compression testing.
   d. If the ring does not pass over the bat, the bat is unacceptable for play and is surrendered for the duration of the game/series.

3. Barrel Compression Test Procedure
   a. Calibrate fixture: It is important to check the calibration of the bat testing fixture before testing occurs. To check the calibration of the device, insert the calibration cylinder (provided with the tester) just as you would a bat. Be sure to center the cylinder under the anvil. Turn the gauge until it reads "0 lbs." and pull the cam level. The compression should meet the tolerance engraved on the cylinder.
   b. Barrel Compression Testing: Each bat shall be tested approximately 6 inches from the end of the barrel. The bat shall then be rotated 90 degrees and tested again. Bats shall be tested a maximum of 3 times until it receives 2 passing results or 2 failing results, whichever comes first.
   c. If after tests the bat has two passing results, the bat shall be considered approved for competition. If the bat has one passing result and one failing result, the bat shall be removed from the machine and be visually inspected for cracks. If no cracks are found, the bat shall be tested a third time for a final result. If the bat has two failing results, the bat shall be considered unacceptable for play and is surrendered for the duration of the game/series.
   d. Identifying Approved Bats: Bats passing bat testing shall be identified as approved with a tamper proof sticker at the taper area of the bat. The taper area is the area at the bottom of the barrel, just above the handle. Bat stickers shall be supplied by the NCCAA.
   e. Bats shall be tested prior to the first contest and shall be identified as passing with the applicable tamper proof sticker.
   f. The tamper proof sticker shall be applied to the same location on the bat to identify the bat as compliant.
   g. Location and Time of Testing: The location for bat testing shall be determined by the host and shall be communicated to participating teams.
   h. Testing must be conducted by the host with a team representative present.
   i. Coaches or team designee shall bring all bats to the testing location.
   j. Testing should not be conducted in public view or near fans/media.
   k. Procedure for Failed Bats: Bats that fail any part of the bat testing protocol shall be surrendered to the host/site supervisor and be retained for the duration of the Regional or National Championship or when the team is eliminated.

Appendix C
NCCAA Power Ratings

I. FORMULA

(Results Pts + Location Pts) x (Opp. Affiliation + Opp. Win % + Ranked Opp.) = Individual Game Power Points

1. Results						
	Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Football	Soccer	Volleyball	
a. if win by	6+ runs	15+ points	14+ points	3+ goals	in 3 sets	3 points
b. if win by	-	11-14 points		-	-	2.75 points
c. if win by	3-5 runs	8-10 points	7-13 points	2 goals	in 4 sets	2.5 points
d. if win by	-	4-7 points		-	-	2.25 points
e. if win by	1-2 runs	1-3 points	1-6 points	1 goal	in 5 sets	2 points
f. if a tie	-	-	-	-	-	1.75 points
g. if a loss by	1-2 runs	1-3 points	1-6 points	1 goal	in 5 sets	1.5 points
h. if a loss by	-	4-7 points		-	-	1.25 points
i. if a loss by	3-5 runs	8-10 points	7-13 points	2 goals	in 4 sets	1 point
j. if a loss by	-	11-14 points		-	-	0.75 points
k. if a loss by	6+ runs	15+ points	14+ points	3+ goals	in 3 sets	0.5 points

2. Location					
a. if away	0.25 points	b. if neutral	0.125 points	c. if home	0 points

3. Opponent's Affiliation (multiplier)	
a. NCAA I	x 2.9
b. NCAA II / U Sports	x 2.5
c. NAIA	x 2.2
d. NCAA III / NCCAA I / CCAA	x 1.8
e. NCCAA II	x 1.5
f. Other Countable Opponents^	x 1.0

4. Opponent's Winning %*	
a. .1.000 %	Add 1.00
b. .800 - .999 %	Add 0.80
c. .600 - .799 %	Add 0.60
d. .400 - .599 %	Add 0.40
e. .200 - .399 %	Add 0.20
f. .000 - .199 %	Add 0.00

5. Ranked Opponent*
National rankings of affiliations in lines a. - e.
Add 0.20

II. POWER POINTS

A. The sum of the criteria of Nos. 1-2, multiplied by the sum of Nos. 3-5 determines power points for a game. The maximum points for a contest is 13.325 (win on the road against 1.000 NCAA I Top 25 team). The minimum points for a game is 0.5 (loss at home against .199 or lower other countable opponent).

B. The power rating is determined by adding the power points for the regular season and dividing them by the number of games (to the third decimal place). Postseason contests shall not be included.

III. FORFEITS

Forfeits awarded for completed contests shall count toward power ratings (with the results points multiplier being calculated as a 1-0 result for all sports regardless of the official forfeit scoreline for that sport) and the minimum number of games requirement for inclusion in power ratings (e.g., ineligible player, conduct issues, etc.). Forfeits awarded for games not played shall not count toward power ratings or the minimum number of games requirement for inclusion in power ratings (e.g., teams not showing up, not honoring contracts, etc.).

IV. REPORTING

The National Office shall calculate each school's power rating. Each institution and region is responsible for reviewing the release to ensure their rating's accuracy. See sport handbooks for reporting dates and how power ratings are used within each sport. Power ratings shall be released by Wednesday evening per each sport's reporting dates. See region handbooks for how ratings are used within the region. Visit www.thenccaa.org/handbook.

*Opponent's winning percentage and national ranking shall be through the Sunday before the reporting date. When a report is released, winning percentages and rankings for that report shall not be updated for future reports. National rankings only include teams within the rankings. Teams who receive votes are not considered ranked.

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^Other countable opponents must be an NCCAA countable game per definition in Frequency of Contest section of the NCCAA handbook. Uni-Division sports, such as Softball, follow Division I countable opponents rules.

A final power rating shall only be given to teams who meet the minimum number of games requirement for the specific sport. Each sport has a progression of min. number of games (listed below) to be included in each rating that is released. (R1=Report 1, etc.)
Baseball - R1=10, R2=13, R3=16; Basketball - R1=12, R2=15, R3=18; Soccer - R1=8, R2=10; Softball - R1=10, R2=13, R3=16; Volleyball (M) – R1=7, R2=8, R3=9; Volleyball (W) – R1=10, R2=13, R3=15.

Note: These Power Ratings are designed to measure past performance, not necessarily to predict future outcomes.

Appendix D
NCCAA Division II Baseball All-American Selection Process

I. PURPOSE

To recognize outstanding performance in Christian intercollegiate baseball participation, to publicize and promote Christian student-athletes, to promote the presence and prominence of Christian character in intercollegiate athletics, to publicize and promote the participating colleges within the NCCAA, to publicize and promote the NCCAA, its presence, its purpose, and its program.

II. GUIDELINES

A. All-Regional Teams shall be selected and submitted to the National Chair. The regional team shall be listed both in rank order from most points to least as well as rank order by position (e.g., the top one catcher, top four infielders, top three outfielders, top one utility, and top three pitchers). All ties must be broken.

B. The player must be a member of the baseball team at a participating NCCAA institution that is in good standing and should be worthy of consideration for the honor of All-American.

C. An All-American nominee must be one of the top 12 players from the regional team he represents.

D. Each Regional Baseball Chair may submit up to twelve nominations from his/her region for consideration for All-American status.

E. There shall be an NCCAA representative (National Office personnel or Administration Committee member) in the room or on the call for the voting to oversee that the process is followed.

F. Copies of the voting procedure shall be provided to each voting member of the committee at least a week before the vote.

G. The NCCAA Shall recognize:
   1. An NCCAA All-American First Team. A twelve-member team shall be comprised of one catcher, four infielders, three outfielders, one utility, and three pitchers.
   2. An NCCAA All-American Second Team. A twelve-member team shall be comprised of one catcher, four infielders, three outfielders, one utility, and three pitchers.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Coaches must submit nominations and other specified materials to their Regional Baseball Chair no later than the Friday of the week prior to the Regional Completion Deadline.

B. Regional Baseball Chairs must submit their nominations to the National Baseball Chair no later than the Wednesday prior to the Regional Completion Deadline. These selections shall be in rank order as determined by the regional coaches' selection. Each Regional Chair is in charge of approving the rank order. Once regional All-American nominations are submitted to the All-American Committee, the rank order may not be changed.

C. The National Baseball Committee shall meet at the National Championship and select the 24 All-Americans.

D. All members of the All-American committee shall complete the statistical spreadsheet of all nominees and shall have that information available to all committee members prior to the selection meeting.

E. An order of nomination shall be determined by the National Chair (e.g., North first, South second, etc.). The process shall begin with each regional representative nominating the top catchers (no limit on nominations) from his/her region. Regional representatives are responsible for doing any necessary research of individuals on the All-Regional Team and be fully prepared to promote each individual. Players must be nominated in the rank order from the selection of the regional team.

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F. Then the regional representatives shall each vote for their top four players in each position (catcher, infielder, outfielder, utility, pitcher). For catcher and utility, it may be necessary to vote for their top three or two players, pending total nominations. Voting by the regional representative must be in the rank order of the region. Voting can occur by either sharing their vote verbally to the National Chair who records it, or an electronic method can be determined to have vote emailed or texted to the National Chair.

G. The National Chair shall tabulate the vote and share with the voting members the total points for each nominated player. Points are allocated to players from highest to lowest (e.g., four players nominated for a position, top player receives four points, second three, third two, etc.). The top number of players to fill the number of slots designated for First Team shall earn First Team honors.

H. In the event of a tie in any position, there shall be an additional vote to break the tie. If a tie remains after additional voting, further analysis and discussion shall occur and another vote shall be conducted. If a tie remains after this additional voting, the tie shall be broken by the National Sport Chair, unless involving his/her student-athletes, in which case the National Vice-Chair shall break the tie.

I. The Player of the Year shall be voted on after the conclusion of the First Team All-American selections. The top vote getter from each position (catcher, infielder, outfielder, utility, pitcher) shall be reviewed again, and then another vote shall be taken to determine the Player of the Year. Region rank must still be followed. If there is more than one player from the same region in this vote, the lower ranked player(s) shall be eliminated from the vote.

J. The All-American Second Team selection shall proceed in the same manner as the First Team.

K. There are no honorable mention teams in the NCCAA.

L. Once the team is selected, it is reviewed by the sport leadership and the National Office before being announced on the NCCAA website.

IV. PUBLICITY

A. The All-American Team selections shall be published on the NCCAA website.

B. The Regional Sport Chairs shall publicize the honors within their respective region.

V. AWARDS

Awards are presented to each All-American First Team member.

Appendix E
Hank Burbridge Award
Due April 15

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this award is to honor the NCCAA's Outstanding Christian Baseball Player of the Year with potential in Christian service through baseball.

II. AWARD

The recipient shall receive an award bearing the title, date, and name of the player receiving this award. Hank Burbridge was the long-time baseball coach at Spring Arbor University and mentor/leader in NCCAA as well as NAIA baseball.

III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Recipients of this award must:
   a. Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the field, including Christian service activities.
   b. Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete.
   c. Be a junior, senior, or graduate student academically and a varsity team member.
   d. Demonstrate leadership ability.
   e. Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale.
2. The recipient of the Hank Burbridge award shall subsequently be a nominee for the year-end NCCAA GP4L Student-Athlete Character Award. It is encouraged that one letter of recommendation from an Athletic Director, opponent coach, or member of the institution faculty or staff be included with the nomination.

IV. NOMINATIONS

Coaches of their respective institutions may nominate only one player per year for this award. Completed nomination forms and current DAN Statistics are to be sent no later than April 15 to the National Office. The National Office shall send copies to the committee. The committee members shall then make their recommendations with the final announcement to be made at the Baseball National Championship Banquet.

V. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee shall be comprised of the National Chair, National Vice-Chair, the Regional Sport Chairs, and the namesake of the award (if they so choose).

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Hank Burbridge Award Nomination Form
Game Plan 4 LIFE Award Series

Student-Athlete's Name First _____ Last _____

Student-Athlete's Hometown and State _____ Year: ___JR ___SR ___G

Institution _____ Position_____ Coach _____

Christian Character
Describe student-athlete's faith story and character on/off the field.

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Christian Service
List student-athlete's specific activities in Christian service and outreach.

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Current Season Hitting Stats (Season Team Record: W_____ L_____)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
AVG	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	R	RBI	SLG	BB	SO	SB-ATT

Current Season Pitching Stats (If pitcher)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
ERA	W	L	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO

Career Hitting Stats (Career Team Record: W_____ L_____)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
AVG	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	R	RBI	SLG	BB	SO	SB-ATT

Career Pitching Stats (If pitcher)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
ERA	W	L	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO

Other Stats Notes (Top 10 national statistical rankings, defensive effectiveness, etc.)

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Hank Burbridge Award Nomination Form
Game Plan 4 LIFE Award Series

Athletic Honors Received (Individual and/or Team)
List athletic awards/honors from the institution, conference, regional, and national level).

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Academic Honors Received (Major _____ GPA _____)
List academic honors.

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Leadership
Describe student-athlete's leadership characteristics and qualities.

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Additional Comments
Share any other information on why student-athlete is deserving of this award.

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_____

Required with Nomination Form

- High resolution headshot AND action photo of student-athlete
- Current season schedule with results.

Nominee Eligibility Requirements

- Be a junior, senior, or graduate student academically and a varsity team member
- Have a clear Christian testimony both on and off the field, including Christian service activities
- Demonstrate leadership ability
- Cumulative GPA must be 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale
- Be an excellent/highly skilled student-athlete

I attest that the nominee meets the eligibility requirements and nomination data is accurate.

_____ _____
Nominator Signature (Coach, SID, or AD) Date

Due by April 15 to jcampbell@thenccaa.org.

SAMPLE