



ABCCL Commissioner Coach Mike Sheppard

2018 ABCCL Player Guidelines

ABCCL coaches will maintain contact with and provide player reports to college coaches.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Prospective players read carefully, so that no misunderstandings occur.

Attendance

- 1. Players are responsible for being available and present for all of the team's games.**

Appearance

1. Uniforms, shoes and equipment must be clean and in good repair at all times. Caps should fit and be in good condition.
2. All players shall wear laundered uniforms and socks of uniform color and the appropriate protective equipment.
3. Helmets and catcher's gear should fit properly and be clean and in good repair. Catchers must wear helmets.
4. No beards are allowed. Neatly kept facial hair is 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 (including ABCCL patch on right sleeve) when on the field. Dressing should take place prior to arrival, or in the facilities provided.

Behavior

1. Use of all tobacco products (including chewing tobacco and snuff) by student-athletes and game personnel is prohibited on the field, on the bench, in the dugout or in the bullpen during practices and game competition. Violating student-athletes and game personnel will be ejected from games.
2. Use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and/or any substances banned by the NCAA at a field of play are prohibited. Likewise, use of alcohol, tobacco products or banned substances in any housing arranged for or provided by the League, whether private host family houses or university dormitory, is prohibited. This prohibition will be strictly enforced from the day of the player's arrival at their summer residence, and ends upon the completion of the championship game or the last date at the summer residence (which ever is later). Violation will result in immediate expulsion from the League and termination of the housing Contract.
3. Throwing equipment, offensive language, arguments and fighting are prohibited (see Unsportsmanlike Conduct). Players or team coaches and managers who disobey League rules may be ejected from games and face possible suspension from League play.
4. Players ejected from games:
 - First ejection--suspension for next game;
 - Second ejection--suspension for next three games;
 - Third ejection-indefinite suspension including notification of college coach; reinstatement only after full investigation by League president;
 - Penalty for ejected pitchers determined by League Executive Committee.

NCAA rules will be in force with the following modifications. These modifications are designed to support the League's mission and enhance our ability to provide maximum exposure, instruction and developmental opportunity:

1. ***A designated hitter (DH)*** will be allowed (not mandatory) for any position player.
2. ***An extra hitter (EH)*** will be allowed (not mandatory). This "10th player" may be entered in the starting line up in any batting position (1 through 10). A substitute for the EH may be entered but must bat in the same position in the order as the player he is replacing.
3. ***Free defensive substitution*** will be allowed at any time. If a defensive substitute assumes a place in the batting order, the player who is batted for cannot return to the line up. He may however, return to a defensive position.

Intent to Injure Rule: The throwing of bean balls, deliberate spiking, intentional collisions and other similar actions are strictly prohibited. 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. In addition to immediate ejection from the game, such action may result in suspension or expulsion from the ABCCL.

Dugout Rule: Only the following persons are allowed in the dugout once a game has started: active players, disabled players, coaching staff and managers, scorer and batboys who have signed the ABCCL Waiver and Release form. Only Official team personnel in uniform may participate in pre-game workouts.

Slide Rule: Avoidable stand-up collisions are barred. If a collision occurs 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.

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