



From the NJCAA National Office

1631 Mesa Ave Suite B
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Tel: 719.590.9788
www.njcaa.org

Please note for the 2012 season that NJCAA contests are to be following the 2011-2012 NCAA Baseball Playing Rules, including **Rule 9-2c: Pace of Play** and **Rule 9-2i: Procedure between innings** (*More clarification on these rules can be found in Appendix F of the 2011-2012 NCAA Baseball Rulebook*). Both of these rules were temporarily suspended in 2011 to allow NJCAA colleges the necessary time to adjust. Thus, for 2012 these two rules are to be enforced by umpires working NJCAA contests.

Also as a reminder, that when it comes to ejections member colleges and region directors are to enforce the more stringent penalty listed in the NCAA baseball rule book and the NJCAA Sportsmanship Policy found on page 185 of the 2011-12 NJCAA Handbook & Casebook.

Please be advised that there are many instances where the two rule books require different penalties. In these types of cases you must apply the more stringent rule in every specific instance.

Below are a few examples in which one set of rules will apply a more stringent penalty.

1. The NJCAA Sportsmanship Policy calls for a one game suspension for a non-violent ejection. However, a pitcher that has been removed from the game and is then ejected for non-violent unsportsmanlike behavior receives a *four-game suspension*. (See A.R. 2, Section 25 of NCAA Baseball Rulebook) In this situation, the NCAA Baseball Rules should be followed and enforced.

2. The NJCAA Sportsmanship Policy calls for a two-game suspension for a violent ejection when it is the coach's or student-athlete's first offense. However, NCAA Baseball Rules & Interpretations calls for a *three game suspension* for players or coaches involved in fighting (first-offense). In this situation, the NCAA Baseball Rules should be followed. However, if the same player or coach is again ejected from a contest due to fighting the NCAA rules calls for a five-game suspension compared to the NJCAA Sportsmanship Policy which calls for a *suspension for the ENTIRE SEASON*. In this situation, the NJCAA Sportsmanship Policy must be followed.

Please be advised that ALL ejections must be reported to the appropriate NJCAA Region Director within the time frame designated by the NJCAA Sportsmanship Policy. If this is not done, it will result in the doubling of the suspension of the offending student-athlete or coach and may result in forfeiture of contests.