



**2016 Pac-12 BASEBALL
ADMINISTRATION HANDBOOK**

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Umpire Policies

Ball, Official

Rawlings is the official ball of the Pac-12 and must be used for all Conference and non-conference games hosted by Conference members.

Emergency Procedures

Home events management should have documented emergency procedures prepared, including evacuation plans for the facility, and plans for summoning medical assistance (ambulance), if needed. Visiting teams and officials should be apprised of these plans.

Game Changes/Cancellation Procedures and Policies

If a game time at your institution is changed or the game is cancelled, please call to notify the umpires, immediately. Cell phone numbers for all umpires are available at www.arbitersports.com. After notifying the umpires, please e-mail the following individuals at the Conference office: Jamie Alfieri (jalfieri@pac-12.org), Chris Grant (cgrant@pac-12.org) and Dave Yeast (dyeast22@pac-12.org).

Policies for payment of umpire fees and expenses in the event that games are cancelled because of weather (or other reasons) are outlined below. Note that the policy is different for non-conference games and Conference games.

The following is the policy for non-Conference single game or doubleheader:

If umpires have arrived at the site, they are paid full fees and expenses as listed on the website whether or not the game or any part of the game, is played.

If umpires are notified a minimum of four hours before the scheduled game time that the game has been canceled, and have not begun travel to the site, they receive no game fee or travel expense. Umpires who are driving to the site, are in transit four hours before the scheduled game time, and are called on their cell phone by the four-hour deadline will receive travel expenses (mileage at 0.55 per mile for miles actually driven).

Umpires who were to fly to the site would receive expenses as follows:

The established allowance for the ticket if the flight is taken;

If the flight is not taken, any portion of the actual cost of the ticket which is not refundable or usable with a change fee, up to the amount of the original airfare allowance. Umpires will be required to provide documentation to the Conference office about the original ticket value and change fees incurred when the ticket is used at a later date. Per diem at the discretion of the coordinator of umpires, depending on the circumstances.

Institutions are obligated to call each umpire and the observer (phone numbers listed on Pac-12 officiating assigning website) as well as the Conference office and advise as soon as it is decided the game is being canceled. The Conference office should be called AFTER the umpires are called. The four-hour time limit will be judged from the time the Conference office is contacted. When notified about a game cancellation, the Conference should be advised of any plans for rescheduling. The Conference office will notify the coordinator of umpires of the cancellation.

If the canceled game is rescheduled as part of a doubleheader the next day, and the same crew is assigned, any umpire at the site would receive only the game fees for the doubleheader actually played, plus appropriate expenses.

An umpire who is at the site and is scheduled to work a doubleheader, both games of which are rained out and not rescheduled for the next day, the umpire would receive expenses and be paid only one game fee.

A game rescheduled for later in the season is treated as a new game, with the usual fees and expenses applying, regardless of whether or not the same crew is assigned to work the game.

The following is the policy for Conference games, which are part of a three-game series:

Even if there is inclement weather the first day, umpires generally travel to the site the first day because every effort will be made to get the games played as part of doubleheaders on days two or three, with the competition possibly extending to a fourth day in accordance with Conference baseball regulations. The policy is different for Conference games to acknowledge the importance of these games and because of the need to be able to attract the best umpires. It also recognizes that because umpires are more likely to travel via air for Conference games, they should be compensated for lost time (at work, officiating elsewhere, or personal time).

Finally, because of the use of traveling umpires in baseball, a four-hour advance notice time limit is generally not practical. If umpires have arrived at or are en route to the site, they are to be paid full fees and expenses as listed on the web site whether or not the game(s) is played. Umpires who stay an extra day for a rain make-up contest will receive an additional game fee (and expenses as appropriate). Umpires who live locally and would drive to a Conference game will receive the game fee even if the game is not played. They would not receive per diem or mileage if they notified that the game has been postponed within the four-hour time limit.

Game Times

Game times are set by mutual agreement of the coaches. The game(s) played on the final day of the series shall be scheduled to begin no later than 1 p.m., unless otherwise specified by television.

Grounds Crew

Grounds crew members should be available on campus to come to the field on short notice, if needed because of inclement weather or other field problems.

Noisemakers

Artificial noisemakers (including but not limited to bangers, cheer sticks, and mini-megaphones) are not permitted at Pac-12 Conference contests in any sport. The banning of these devices was to improve the competitive environment for the visiting institution and encourage better fan behavior.

Observers

An observer will be assigned to various games during the 2016 season. A list of assigned observers is available online at <<http://www.arbitersports.com>>. A review of that list will help you anticipate who to expect for each game. You will be notified via e-mail to check The Arbiter site if there are changes to umpires or observers assigned to your games

Playing Rules

The NCAA Baseball Rules can be downloaded for free or ordered at <http://www.ncaapublications.com>.

Pregame Timing Sheet

The pregame timing sheet shall be provided to the umpires and opposing team for each day of competition.

Protested Games

After filing a protest in accordance with NCAA Baseball Rule 5-13 (listed below), the protesting coach shall advise his or her athletics administration of the protest. The administration in turn shall notify the Commissioner of the protest and circumstances involved. The protesting team must forward the protest to the Commissioner within 48 hours of the starting time of the game in which the protest occurred, or on the first working day following a weekend series.

NCAA Rule 5-13: Protested Game

SECTION 13. a. For regular-season contests, each conference should adopt a procedure for protesting a game when a coach claims that an umpire's decision is in violation of these rules. No protest ever shall be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire.

b. Any protest by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed. If the game ends (legal contest) in a protestable situation, the offended team has until all fielders have left fair territory to voice its protest intentions. All protests must be made to the umpire-in-chief. Decisions on a protest involving non-conference teams shall be resolved by the secretary-rules editor of the rules committee.

c. When a coach claims that an umpire's decision violates NCAA rules, the umpire-in-chief must: (1) allow the coach the right to file a protest; (2) announce to each coach, to the official scorer and to the public-address announcer that the game is being played under protest; and (3) note and record the game situation at the time of the protest.

d. No replay of any part of a game will be allowed even if the protest is proven to be legitimate, if the play in question did not directly affect the outcome of the game.

e. If the protest is proven to be legitimate and could have had a bearing upon the game, then it is upheld and play resumes from the point of the protest. Note: For non-league games, it is the responsibility of the two competing teams to arrange for the completion of the game or declare such game "no contest."

f. Once ejected, a head coach may not protest a game situation. If a protest is to be lodged, it must be done by the designated head coach.

Rescheduling Policy

Teams are no longer required to stay until Monday to complete a Conference series if two games in the series have been completed. The entire rescheduling policy can be found in Appendix A, Pac-12 Regulations and Appendix B, Rain Out & Cancellation Policy.

Schedule Change Notifications

Coaches and/or events managers are asked to review the online schedule and notify the Conference office ([Jamie Alfieri and Chris Grant](#)) via e-mail if there are any changes or omissions. The assignments were made from schedules provided by the institutions but changes are common and sometimes notification is incomplete. Institutional review will assist in making sure that umpires are assigned correctly.

Sportsmanship

The Pac-12 Conference is committed to conducting its competition in ways that maximize good sportsmanship among participants and spectators. Institutions, particularly their events management staff, play a vital role in creating an atmosphere free of unpleasant incidents. In addition, events management is expected to deal with, and eject if necessary, spectators who engage in unsportsmanlike behavior. The Pac-12 Sportsmanship Policy (CER 5) is outlined on page 13. You should review this information to prepare your event management crew.

The Pac-12 requires reading of an announcement regarding spectator conduct before the beginning of each game. Please be sure your public address announcer has this information.

Tickets for Professional Scouts

Conference regulations (AR 1-2-g) stipulate that professional baseball scouts may not be provided with complimentary admission. Scouts may purchase tickets only for the general seating area.

Tickets for Umpire, Observer Guests

Per Pac-12 AR 6-b, assigned game officials and observers shall be provided with two complimentary admissions via a gate pass list for Pac-12 home contests to which they are assigned. The names of the guests of the officials shall not be required in advance of the contest. Any guest beyond the two allowable shall be charged admission at the regular price. Officials and observers are not permitted to bring guests to games they are not assigned to work.

Umpire Accommodations

Game officials shall be provided with parking permits and instructions/directions before each contest. While many officials know their way to the competition sites at each institution, not all do. Please be as specific as possible in your directions.

Make sure events management personnel are on hand to greet the officials when they arrive and escort them to their locker room.

Umpire locker rooms should be locked during the game with a key to be maintained by the umpires during the game. No staff members should have access to the locker room area.

Beverages should be provided to the umpires in the locker room before the game. During the game, the host trainer should provide water to the officials between innings as needed. One sandwich, or its equivalent, and beverages should be provided in the umpire locker room after the game. It would be appreciated if the officials were provided with water (bottled water or an igloo with cold water and cups) in their locker room, as well as soft drinks.

Umpire Evaluations

Head coaches must complete an online evaluation of game officials following every game played at home (non-conference as well as Conference) and all Conference games (home and away).

Umpire Payments

The Pac-12 Conference works with [ArbiterPay](#) to pay umpires through a centralized system, so there is no need for you to provide checks to umpires at games. Umpires will be paid twice a month. Each institution's business office has access to regular reports that indicate the fees and expenses that will be charged back to your institution through the Conference's year-end distribution.

Umpire Security

Host institutions should provide an escort for officials to and from the locker room and the field if the officials have to walk through areas where they are accessible to fans.

If the locker room is at a remote site from the field, the host should provide transportation to and from the field (in a golf cart or similar). Hosts should confirm the time umpires should arrive with the crew chief. In addition, the golf cart should be standing by at the end of the game to transport the officials as soon as possible after the conclusion of the contest.

Video

The language below is Rule 5-2-f from the NCAA rules book about the use of video during contests.

f. Non-uniformed team personnel may sit in the stands for the purpose of charting pitches or videotaping a contest. Games and individuals shall not be videotaped from the team's dugout. Any scouting information shall not be transmitted to the playing field or to team personnel. A team may film or videotape its own game but not games involving other teams.

The use of **manned** video cameras is restricted to the area behind home plate — defined as that area from the outfield cutout behind first base to the outfield cutout behind third base. Filming from beyond this area toward the outfield or any point beyond the outfield fence or wall is not permitted — with the exception of television cameras for the broadcast of a game, including Internet broadcasts and **video boards**. Monitors for viewing live or taped video during a game are prohibited from the dugout or bench area, and all adjacent areas (i.e., athletic training rooms, locker rooms, etc.).

A.R. 1—Video and communication equipment used to transmit information between coaches, coaches and players, scouts or other team personnel shall not be allowed for intercollegiate competition. **Video for scouting, training or teaching purposes may be recorded from any unmanned sources may be transmitted for scouting, training or coaching purposes during the contest.**

A.R. 2—The use of telephones, cellular phones, walkie-talkies, etc., is permitted for two-way communication between a team's dugout or bench and bullpen.

PENALTY for f—The umpire first should warn the violator(s). If the violator(s) does not immediately comply with the rule, the individual(s) shall be removed from the stands.

Website for Umpire, Observer Assignments

The Pac-12 Conference uses The Arbiter online system for assignment of umpires and observers and completion of required evaluation form. The URL is www.arbitersports.com

Contact [Jamie Alfieri](#) or [Chris Grant](#) at the Conference office if you are a new user to the system. A welcome message will be sent to you by the staff to start an account with The Arbiter.

Please note that you will not be receiving lists of the officials assigned to your games. You must log on to The Arbiter and retrieve the information. Please contact [Jamie Alfieri](#) at the Pac-12 office if you have any problems.

Pac-12 Conference Sportsmanship Policy (Pac-12 CER 5)

Statement

The Constitution of the Pac-12 Conference cites as a purpose of the Conference that its members shall participate in its athletics program on the basis of mutual trust and confidence and based upon high standards, scholarship, and sportsmanship. It adds that the members value quality competitive opportunities for student-athletes, compliance with the rules of fair play, and sportsmanship.

Understanding that realization of those goals requires that opponents respect each other and admire earnest effort made fairly in pursuit of victory, the Conference shall require adherence to the standards it has adopted or which are set forth in the respective playing rules. It will require ethical conduct worthy of the educational stature and the standards of its member institutions.

While victory shall be the expected goal of every competitor, defeat is not a disgrace, and the prospect of defeat is never an excuse for unethical behavior or a lack of sportsmanship.

Adherence to these principles will maximize the benefits and enjoyment of intercollegiate competition for all — participants, coaches, and spectators.

Role of Chief Executive Officers

The chief executive officers have directed that all representatives of the Conference's member institutions shall exhibit ethical behavior at each Conference competition and conduct themselves in accordance with the rules of the NCAA and the Conference and the playing rules of the respective sports. They have directed that each member shall create a healthy environment for competition, free of a hostile atmosphere for opponents. This responsibility is to be shared by administrators, coaches, and student-athletes, plus others involved in intercollegiate athletics in the Conference.

They have directed the Commissioner, coordinators of officiating, and game officials to apply the playing rules tightly and assess appropriate penalties — not merely issue warnings — when violations occur.

Role of Athletics Administrators

Athletics administrators, led by the director of athletics, must communicate the expectation of good sportsmanship to all representatives of the institution active in intercollegiate athletics. It is particularly imperative that this message is impressed on each coach, along with the intention that the coach will require compliance with the Sportsmanship Statement by each member of the team. The director must ensure that opponents are treated with fairness and respect. All aspects of game management must be controlled to assure such treatment, including crowd behavior.

Role of Coaches

The coach's behavior influences that of the student-athletes and, frequently, the fans. The coach has a responsibility to educate student-athletes concerning their obligations to the coach, the institution, intercollegiate athletics, and themselves. Respect for an opponent can most effectively be conveyed to the student-athletes by the manner in which the coach speaks of and acts toward the opponent.

Role of Student-Athletes

Student-athletes must honor the responsibilities, which accompany the privilege of representing a Pac-12 institution by adhering to Conference and playing rules, and the Sportsmanship Statement. Student-athletes are expected to treat opponents with respect. They must be aware significant penalties will be applied for fighting, taunting an opponent, or other unethical conduct.

Role of Public Address Announcer

Each public address announcer should provide an impartial and evenhanded report of the event. Partisanship in this area inflames emotions and can promote poor sportsmanship by participants and spectators.

Role of Spirit Groups and Bands

Like the student-athletes, members of spirit groups and bands are highly visible representatives of Pac-12 institutions. They can influence the behavior of others. Each spirit group should welcome its counterpart group, and demonstrate respect for its members. Likewise, it should convey respect for each opponent student-athlete and team.

Role of Officials

Although each game official has a demanding and difficult job to officiate the contest, he/she also will be directed to apply without hesitation or reservation the rules governing conduct and sportsmanship during each Conference competition. When doing so as directed, the official will have the support of the Conference, each member institution, and its administrators and coaches.

Sportsmanship Public Address Announcements

Conference policy mandates that the following public address announcement be read before all contests:

“The Pac-12 Conference has assigned a high priority to assuring Pac-12 athletics events are conducted in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. Please join (home institution) in making this event an enjoyable experience for our visitors and all spectators.”

Should game management make the determination that a problem regarding crowd behavior may be developing, it is recommended that a more strongly-worded public address announcement be read:

“The safety of the student-athletes and the spectators is our top priority. Spectators are reminded that anyone engaged in unsafe or inappropriate conduct is subject to immediate ejection from the premises.”

Rules for Scoreboards, Video and Audio

NCAA Rules, Appendix B

The following regulations apply to all NCAA Baseball games, regardless of stadium or venue:

A. Scoreboards and video.

1. Scoreboards (and monitors) must not be used to “show up” an umpire or visiting team members, incite the crowd, or distract a player. The following situations may not be shown:
 - a. No replay may be showed during a dispute with an umpire.
 - b. Replays showing balls or strikes (Exception: In-stadium replays of swinging third strikes are allowed, if shown immediately and before the next batter for either team);
 - c. Brush-back pitches;
 - d. Fights or disputes between or among uniformed personnel on the field;
 - e. Any episode or event that would embarrass or denigrate an umpire, visiting team member, visiting team official, or official scorer;
 - f. The likeness of an umpire or an umpire’s name used in any way to embarrass an umpire; &
 - g. Fans or other unauthorized persons running onto the field. Exciting plays such as spectacular catches or players circling the bases after home runs may be shown more than once.
2. Replays may not delay the game. The next batter is expected to immediately step into the batter’s box.
3. Any instance in which an umpire has made a judgment call may be replayed only one time at regular speed and must be replayed before the next batter (for either team) entering the dirt area around home plate.
4. No live game action may be displayed. Close-ups of the batter in the on-deck circle are permitted, but once a player enters the dirt circle, all live action must stop. A still shot, statistics or other nonmoving pictures must remain on the screen until the batter finishes the plate appearance.
5. Arguments or disputes between umpires and players or coaches may not be shown.
6. Live shots of fans are permitted during dead-ball periods, but good judgment must be used. Unacceptable behavior should never be shown.

B. Audio and LED or LED/Matrix boards.

All music, chants or crowd-cuing messages must stop when the batter enters the dirt circle. Use of LED or LED/Matrix boards should stop when the batter steps into the batter's box. Music, noise and cheers, and use of LED or LED/Matrix boards, may be used during the following times:

1. Before the start of the game;
2. Between innings;
3. During pitching changes;
4. As the batter is heading toward the batter's box; and
5. After the game.

LED or LED/Matrix boards may be operated during a lengthy stoppage in play, but their operation must cease when the umpire calls "Play." Teams are to exhibit good judgment when using messages that encourage fans to cheer or make noise. Audio (music, organists, etc.) may not be played in a manner that may incite spectators to react in a negative fashion to umpires' decisions or to visiting players. It is the home team's responsibility to monitor its video and audio operations and abide by all guidelines and policies, including between-inning entertainment. Should any of the policies in this section be violated by a team, umpires have the authority to stop the game to have the matter corrected. Umpires are to inform their conference office concerning any violation of these guidelines.

C. Announcing the next batter and substitutions.

The public address announcer will announce the first batter of the inning immediately after the catcher throws the ball down to second base and announce any following batter no later than when the ball reaches the third baseman or any infielder on a ball being thrown in from the outfield.

The public address announcers may not announce a pinch hitter or new pitcher until signaled in from the umpire. Umpires are to be alert for lead-off pinch hitters in the on-deck circle in order to confirm the substitution and have such batter announced on time.

Appendix A: Pac-12 Regulations

CHAPTER 1—BASEBALL REGULATIONS

1. Playing Season Policies.

a. Championship Determination.

The team with the highest won-lost percentage for all Conference games shall be the Conference champion and shall represent the Conference in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. This shall apply even in the event one or more teams do not play the full Conference schedule. If that percentage is shared by more than one team, a co-championship shall exist. (12/85, 8/89, 8/90, 6/91, 6/94, 6/95, 8/98, 9/98, 10/12)

(1) Championship Ties.

In the event of a percentage tie for the Conference championship, the following procedure shall be used to determine the Conference's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. (2/99)

(a) The regular-season Conference record of each of the tied teams against the other team(s) with which it is tied shall be determined. The team with the best record in this competition shall participate as the Conference's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship. If a team is eliminated as a result of this procedure, this procedure shall be reapplied to the remaining tied teams. (2/99, 10/02)

(b) If a tie still exists, the tied teams' record in regular-season Conference play against the next highest placed team(s) in the Conference standings shall be determined, including any team(s) already eliminated through the tie-breaking procedure. This procedure shall continue through an evaluation of competitive records of the tied teams against all teams in the Conference in the order of their placement in the standings until the tie is broken. In the event of a tie among two or more teams lower in the standings when comparing records, each team's combined record against the two or more tied teams shall be determined. If a tied team is eliminated as a result of this procedure and a tie still exists, the tie-breaking procedure shall revert to step (a) above. (2/99, 10/02)

(c) If a tie still exists, then the Conference's automatic qualifier for the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship shall be determined by a coin flip conducted by the Commissioner. (2/99)

b. Conference Schedule.

The Conference schedule shall occur at the end of the regular season. Each team shall schedule one three-game series against each other team in the Conference. Only these games shall count in the Conference standings. (8/98, 10/10)

All games shall be scheduled for nine innings. Single games shall be scheduled on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, except that no Conference games shall be scheduled on Easter Sunday. Any three-game series occurring during Easter Weekend shall be scheduled as single games on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The final series of the season may be moved to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and other changes to the schedule may be made if they are mutually agreed upon by the two participating institutions. (1/87, 8/98, 12/13)

A series may be scheduled to begin on the Friday that final examinations end provided the institution completing those final examinations is scheduled to play at home. Otherwise, no games shall be scheduled during final examinations week or other periods of conflict with academic schedules, and play shall start whenever necessary to accommodate this provision. Conference games shall take priority over non-Conference games. Mutual agreement by institutions to create open weekends for non-Conference play shall occur only after the Conference schedule has been created. (5/82, 11/84, 6/92, 12/92, 6/95, 12/96, 8/98, 10/10, 10/11)

(1) Rescheduling Policies.**(a) Extension of Series.**

A Conference series may only be extended by one day if two official games are not completed during the scheduled three-day series. (8/98, 12/14)

(b) Priority of Contests.

Extension of a regularly scheduled Conference series to a fourth day shall take priority over a postponed or halted game which must be rescheduled using the policies outlined in sections (c) and (d) below. (2/99)

(c) Postponed Game.

If a scheduled game never begins due to inclement weather, darkness, light failure, curfew or other reasons, it shall be considered a postponed game. Inclement weather shall include a temperature that has dropped below 32 degrees Fahrenheit (or wind chill of 25 degrees Fahrenheit). The home team shall make Internet resources indicating the local temperature available to the umpires to use as a reference regarding weather conditions. If a game is postponed during a series between traditional rivals, the contest shall be rescheduled on a date mutually agreed upon by the competing institutions. A postponed game may be rescheduled as a single game if significant additional travel costs are not incurred by the visiting team and no additional class time is missed by either of the competing teams. If the postponed game cannot be rescheduled under these parameters, the following policies shall be applied: (12/92, 12/93, 8/98, 2/00, 10/12)

- i. If the game on the first day of a three-day series is postponed, it shall be rescheduled as one of two games for the second day. If a game is postponed on the second day of a series, it shall be rescheduled as one of two games for the third day. Postponed games which are rescheduled as a doubleheader may have a separate admission charge for each game.
- ii. If at the conclusion of the third day, a game(s) remains to be played, the series shall be extended to a fourth day. The visiting team shall not be required to remain in the area of the game site if the competing institutions mutually agree that weather conditions are such that the field will be unplayable beyond the third day. (4/90, 4/91, 6/96, 8/98)
- iii. If a game(s) scheduled between Team A (visitor) and Team B (home) is postponed and cannot be rescheduled under paragraphs i, and ii above, and Team A is traveling to the area of Team B to play a series against Team B's traditional rival (Team C), a maximum of one game between Teams A and B shall be played at Team B's site on the day following the regularly scheduled series between Teams A and C. The roster for Team A for the postponed game against Team B shall be identical to the traveling roster for the series against Team C. The roster for Team B for the postponed game against Team A shall be identical to the roster for the Conference series immediately preceding the rescheduled postponed game. An exception to this rule shall be if either team is in final examinations week or if one of the teams is playing a three-game Conference series while the other is not, in which case the postponed game shall not be played at that time and site. (2/99, 3/12)
- iv. If a postponed game cannot be rescheduled using the provisions of i, ii, and iii above, the Commissioner, in consultation with the directors of athletics or designated administrative representatives (non-coaches) of the involved institutions, will determine the date and site for the game. (1/87, 4/91, 8/98, 2/99)

(d) Halted Game.

i. If a game is stopped due to inclement weather, darkness, light failure, or curfew before nine innings are completed and if one team leads by 12 or more runs after at least seven full innings of play (or if the home team leads by 12 or more runs after six and one-half innings), it shall be ruled a completed game and shall not be resumed. (11/81, 8/98)

ii. If a game is stopped due to inclement weather, darkness, light failure, or curfew before nine innings are completed and if neither team leads by 12 or more runs after at least seven full innings of play (or if the home team does not lead by 12 or more runs after six and one-half innings), it shall be ruled a halted game. Games which are tied when play is halted shall be considered halted games. (11/81, 8/98)

(i) If a game is halted during a series between traditional rivals, it shall be resumed on a date mutually agreed upon by the competing institutions. (12/93, 8/98)

(ii) If a game is halted during a series between teams that are not traditional rivals, it shall be resumed the following day prior to any scheduled contest unless the game was halted on the fourth day of the series. If the game was halted on the third day of the series it shall be ruled a completed game if the specifications in Rule 5-8 of the NCAA Baseball Playing Rules are met. (6/93, 12/93, 6/94, 8/98, 2/99, 10/12, 12/13)

(iii) If a halted game cannot be rescheduled using the provisions outlined in (i) and (ii) above and has no bearing upon the Conference championship, it shall be "no contest" and not made up. If the contest does have a bearing on the Conference championship, the Commissioner, in consultation with the directors of athletics or designated administrative representatives (non-coaches) of the involved institutions, will determine the date and site for the game. (2/99)

2. Game Policies.**a. Competition Site.**

All Conference games are to be played on the field of the scheduled home team, except by mutual agreement of the athletics administration of the competing teams. (11/81, 8/98)

b. Playing Rules.

Games shall be conducted under the NCAA Baseball Playing Rules, except as modified below. (6/92, 8/98)

(1) Bench Jockeying.

No comments of any kind may be directed at the opposing team. The Conference office shall notify the umpires that this rule is to be strongly enforced. (6/91, 8/98)

(2) Doubleheaders.

Each game of a Conference doubleheader shall be scheduled for nine innings. The length of time between games of a split doubleheader shall be limited to a minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of 60 minutes to be determined at the discretion of the home team. (11/84, 12/92, 8/98)

(3) Game Ball.

Baseballs used for Conference play shall meet the specifications established by the NCAA Baseball Committee. The official ball used for all Conference contests shall be manufactured by Rawlings. (11/88, 8/98, 4/01)

(4) Official Scorer.

The official scorer shall be designated by the home team and shall be seated in the press box. The official scorer is responsible for providing the visiting team a copy of the official box score. (5/70, 4/85, 6/92, 12/92, 8/98)

(5) Pitch Clock.

The third base umpire shall track time between pitches. (10/10)

(6) Protests.

If a protest is filed in accordance with the NCAA Baseball Rules, the plate umpire shall notify the Conference Umpire Coordinator immediately following a protested game. In consultation with the Commissioner, a course of action will be determined using the NCAA Baseball Rules Book, the rules of organized baseball, precedents from baseball and other sports decisions, and Conference policies. (4/67, 5/69, 6/92, 8/98, 10/12)

(7) Time Limit.

If the visiting team is traveling by commercial air, a time limit (minimum four hours) from the scheduled start time shall be established, with no new inning beginning after the time limit. If a regulation game (per NCAA rules) has been played when the time limit is reached and one team holds a lead, it shall be declared an "official game". If a tie exists when the time limit is reached, the visiting team may leave the competition site, and the game will end in a tie. (10/03, 10/04, 10/05, 10/12, 12/13, 12/14)

c. Pre-Game Protocol.

The home team shall make its batting cages available exclusively to the visiting team during the visiting team's allocated 40-minute batting-practice time and shall provide batting-cage balls. There shall be a minimum of ten minutes for the visiting team to warm-up between the allocated time in the batting cages and the time designated for the visiting team's infield/outfield warm-up. The visiting team's infield/outfield time shall begin no later than 25 minutes before the scheduled start time. (10/08, 10/11)

d. Scouting Reports.

A Conference baseball coach shall not send film or videotape or give a written or verbal scouting report on a Conference member to any institution outside the Conference. (8/98)

e. Sportsmanship Advisory.

Prior to the first game of each Conference series, the umpire-in-chief shall present the coaches and captains of the competing teams with the following sportsmanship advisory: (11/96, 8/98)

The members of the Conference value quality competition for their student-athletes, fair play, and good sportsmanship. Accordingly, during this series players may not engage in verbal abuse of opponents or other acts of poor sportsmanship. The Conference has directed that any such conduct is to result in the immediate ejection of an offending player from the game in which it occurs. The Conference will review any such incident to determine whether additional penalties are warranted. (11/96, 8/98)

f. Squad and Bench Limits.

For games that do not involve traditional rivals, each team shall designate 27 student-athletes who may compete in a given Conference series. The visiting team's travel squad shall consist of these 27 student-athletes. These 27 student-athletes shall be included in the limit of 35 individuals who may be in the visiting team dugout or other visiting team area during a game. The home team may have an unlimited number

of student-athletes and other team personnel in the home team dugout or other home team area during a game, but only the 27 student-athletes designated to compete may participate in the series. (12/76, 11/79, 5/82, 5/83, 4/85, 6/92, 12/95, 6/96, 8/98, 6/01, 10/03, 10/05, 6/07, 10/07, 6/09, 10/09, 10/10)

For games that involve traditional rivals, there shall be no student-athlete squad limit for either team. Each team may have an unlimited number of student-athletes who may play and other team personnel in its dugout or other team area during a game. (12/76, 11/79, 5/82, 5/83, 4/85, 6/92, 12/95, 6/96, 8/98, 6/01, 10/03, 10/05, 6/07, 10/07, 10/10)

(1) Lineup Cards.

Standardized lineup cards which include space for the 27-man rosters shall be used in Conference games, with the lineup card to be provided to the umpire-in-chief and opposing coach each day of the series. (5/83, 12/95, 8/98, 10/10)

(2) Other Personnel.

Team personnel not included in the bench limit must leave the field of play, including dugouts, bullpens, and batting cages, at least five minutes prior to the game(s). (8/98, 10/07)

g. Starting Time.

Non-televised game times shall be set by the home team. The game(s) played on the final day of the series shall be scheduled to begin no later than 1:00 p.m. (6/91, 9/97, 8/98, 12/13)

h. Tickets for Professional Scouts.

Scouts for professional baseball teams may not be provided complimentary admission to games. They may purchase tickets only for the general seating area. (6/92, 8/98)

i. Umpire Policies.

See AR 6 and AR 6-14.

3. Awards.

The Conference baseball coaches shall select recipients for all Conference awards. Coaches shall not be allowed to vote for themselves or for their own players for any of the awards. (6/92, 8/98)

a. All-Conference Team.

The all-Conference team shall consist of 32 players (three starting pitchers, three infielders, three outfielders, two relief pitchers, one catcher, one first baseman, a designated hitter, and 18 others at any position) and each shall be provided an award from the Conference. Players who are nominated for the all-Conference team and receive at least one vote shall be accorded honorable mention in a Conference media release. (6/92, 8/98, 2/99, 10/05, 6/07, 10/10, 12/13)

b. All-Defensive Team.

The all-defensive team shall consist of nine players (one pitcher, one catcher, one first baseman, one second baseman, one third baseman, one shortstop, and three outfielders). The defensive player of the year is automatically on the all-defensive team representing his position. Each shall be provided a certificate from the Conference. (6/12, 12/14)

c. Individual Awards.

Individual awards from the Conference office shall be provided to the Coach of the Year, the Player of the Year, the Pitcher of the Year, the Freshman of the Year, the Defensive Player of the Year, and the batting champion in the Conference. The Player of the Year and the Pitcher of the Year need not be members of the all-Conference Team. Balloting conducted for individual awards shall use a weighted voting method. (6/92, 12/93, 5/97, 9/97, 8/98, 2/99, 10/00, 10/05, 6/11)

d. Individual Batting Championship.

In order to qualify for the Conference batting championship, an individual must participate in 75 percent of his team's games and have a minimum of 2.5 at bats per game played by his team. (12/95, 8/98)

4. Meetings of Coaches.

There shall be an annual fall meeting of the head baseball coaches with the date and site to be established by the Conference office. The attendance of each head coach is mandatory. (5/72, 6/91, 6/92, 8/98, 10/07)

Appendix B: TV Rain Delay & Game Cancellation Policy



Rain Delay Policy for Televised Softball & Baseball Games/ Policy for Game Times on Get-Away Day

1. Rescheduling Priorities

When reviewing a rescheduling situation, the Conference shall use the following parameters in priority order:

- No missed flight for the visiting team
- Providing a game for scheduled broadcast
- Completing the scheduled game/series

2. Minimum Game Time Windows/Time Limit

Baseball: Teams must stay at the game site a minimum of four hours from the scheduled game time. The time limit, if applicable, will be four hours from the scheduled game time.

Softball: Teams must stay at the game site a minimum of three-and-a-half hours from the scheduled game time. The time limit, if applicable, will be three-and-a-half hours from the scheduled game time.

If there is a delay, teams must stay at the game site as late as travel plans allow, but not less than the minimum games times. On the final day of the series, the time limit should be established by the coaches at the pre-game meeting with the umpires.

When the time limit is reached: any inning in progress shall be completed. No new inning will begin.

3. Communications Model

Informing Pac-12 Networks of any contemplated or necessary changes to a scheduled game due to weather (or other factors) is imperative. Especially when possible changes are being discussed, as much advance notice as possible is desired, to see if possible changes can be accommodated on Pac-12 Networks.

The host event manager is responsible for communication with all involved parties. This includes Pac-12 Networks staff (on-site producer, if any, AND Networks staff in San Francisco), Pac-12 staff liaison, coaches, and game officials. This communication will take place in person with on-site TV personnel, coaches, and game officials, and via e-mail with specified Pac-12 Networks personnel and Pac-12 staff.

Pac-12 Networks will provide an e-mail list for each event which will include those individuals who must be notified at each site.

4. Team Travel

Prior to the season, the Conference sport liaison will be provided with the travel plans for the visiting team on the get-away day (return to campus) for all Conference series. Information to be included is whether team is traveling by air or bus, and if by air, flight information (airport, airline, departure time).

If traveling by bus, departure time will be no later than the time which would allow the team to reach campus by midnight.

If flying, the flight should be scheduled at least two hours after the time limit, to allow for completion of the inning in progress and time to get to the airport.

If flying, baseball and softball teams should schedule the last available flight of the day for their return to campus. This will provide the greatest opportunity to get games completed in the event of weather delays.

5. Rescheduling Games in Anticipation of Inclement Weather

Games which are scheduled to be broadcast on Pac-12 Networks may not be rescheduled to an earlier time (or to a doubleheader on a previous day) in anticipation of inclement weather the next day, even if mutually agreed by the coaches.

In rare instances, Pac-12 Networks may be able to accommodate an earlier game time, but this change is subject to prior approval by Pac-12 Networks.

6. Setting Game Times for Rescheduled Games

The final decision about game time for rescheduled games will be made by host events management, in consultation with the umpires, coaches, and Pac-12 Networks. Pac-12 Networks can express a preference for a start time, based on its programming needs. This request should be accommodated if possible.

7. Make-Up Games on Second or Third Day of Series

Any make up games played on the second or third day of the series shall be played prior to the regularly-scheduled game. This includes continuation of a halted game from the previous day. The game time shall be set so that the makeup game is complete and teams are ready to begin the originally scheduled Pac-12 Networks game at the scheduled time (assuming average game times). In softball, this means the make-up game should start at least two-and-one-half hours prior to the scheduled Pac-12 Networks game; in baseball, this means at least three hours prior to the scheduled Pac-12 Networks game.

It is possible that Pac-12 Networks will be able to broadcast the make-up game; this should be established as soon as it is known that one of the first two games of the series will be rained out or suspended. The make-up game shall be played to completion, even if it runs past the scheduled start time of the originally scheduled game. The second game will start after an agreed-upon break between the two games (not to exceed 30 minutes).

8. Delayed Start of Games

To limit the discussion on how long the visiting team must stay at the site on get-away day if there is a rain delay, the following policies shall apply:

Softball: If warm-ups have not begun within one-and one-half hours of the scheduled game time, the host institution shall declare a rain-out. The visiting team can leave at that time. This time frame may permit a game of less than regulation to be completed and be a legal game by rule (5 innings) while still adhering to the three-and-one-half hour time limit.

Teams will be allowed one-half hour of warm-up on the playing field prior to the start of a delayed game.

Baseball: Conference policy in baseball requires the visiting team to stay until Monday to make up a game if the game has not started on Sunday. Thus, teams should stay at the field in order to begin the game when possible, or until the game is called due to weather, field conditions, or darkness, even if this results in a change to air travel. (The time limit does not apply if the game has not started).

For a single baseball game involving Conference opponents and scheduled for Pac-12 Networks, if warm-ups have not begun within one hour of the scheduled game time, the host institution may declare a rain-out.

9. Suspended Games

Once the game begins, the umpires shall determine whether or not the game continues during inclement weather. The umpires shall consult with host events management and review weather data to determine if and when it will resume. Host events management is responsible for communicating to Pac-12 Networks via email when the game is expected to resume (including agreement by the coaches and umpires on how much warm-up time will be permitted, and a specific time the first pitch is anticipated).

In softball, a suspended game which cannot be restarted due to weather or other conditions, and which is legal by rule (five complete innings) will be ruled a complete game and will not be resumed. This applies to any game of the series.

In baseball, on the first or second day of the series, a suspended game will be considered halted and resumed the next available day, unless seven innings have been completed and one team leads by 12 or more runs. On the third day of the series, if seven innings have been completed (regardless of score) it shall be considered a complete game by rule.

Halted baseball games not legal by rule on the first or second day of the series will be played to completion the next available day, conditions permitting. If not legal by rule, and unable to be resumed, the contest is declared "no game."

Suspended games will not be resumed past the time limit on the third day of the series in either baseball or softball.

If in a rain delay, and the inning in progress cannot be completed due to the time limit occurring during the rain delay, the contest is declared a “called game” and per the NCAA Playing Rules, it reverts back to the last complete inning (minimum of five in softball and seven in baseball) in order to be declared a complete game (with the stated exceptions if the home team is batting and is ahead).

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Appendix C: Pregame Protocol for TV Games

**Pac-12 Networks
Baseball Pre-Game Protocol**

Time to First Pitch	Actual Time	Activity
2:05:00	9:50 a.m.	Home Team Hits
1:25:00	10:35 a.m.	Visiting Team Hits
45:00	11:20 a.m.	Home Team Infield
35:00	11:30 a.m.	Visiting Team Infield
25:00	11:40 a.m.	Field Prep
12:00	11:53 a.m.	National anthem
9:00	11:56 a.m.	Umpire Meeting
6:00	11:59 a.m.	Team introductions
0:00	12:05 p.m.	First Pitch

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