

NCAA Key Rule Differences

as compared to NFHS Rules

For use at Millbrook Prep & Trinity-Pawling

Legal Equipment:

- ◆ Bats: non-wood bats must have NCAA certification mark
 - If illegal bat is used and detected in time: batter out and all runners return to TOP base. Otherwise illegal bats are just removed from game.
- ◆ Catcher: may wear a skull cap and mask
- ◆ Base coaches must wear a helmet

Jewelry: is legal, if not distracting

Bench and Field Conduct:

- ◆ No Team Warnings
- ◆ No Restrictions to dugout

Substitutions & DH:

- ◆ Our private schools prefer to keep line-ups book to book
- ◆ Players once removed from the game, have no re-entry
- ◆ Designated Hitter (DH) is allowed
 - If used, must be declared in starting lineup
 - The DH bats for the pitcher
- ◆ They must always have (at least) 9 players

Conferences – defensive

- ◆ Allowed 3 charged conferences with no penalty
- ◆ But, only 1 charged conference per inning per pitcher allowed
- ◆ After 3, must change pitcher on each conference
- ◆ In extra innings: 1 charged conference plus unused conferences from prior innings
- ◆ If the pitcher is changed, it is **not** a charged conference

Conferences – offense

- ◆ Allowed 3 conferences per game
- ◆ But, only 1 conference per inning allowed
- ◆ In extra innings: 1 extra conference plus unused conferences from prior innings
- ◆ If conference done at same time as defense conference, it does not count

Warm-up pitches:

- ◆ 8 for new pitcher, or 1 minute. 5 for returning pitcher, or 1 minute
- ◆ Same as NFHS rules

Catch and Carry:

- ◆ a fielder makes the catch and carries the ball into dead ball territory / one foot goes into DBT. He may also throw from DBT. **But, if he falls to the ground while in dead-ball territory:** the ball is immediately dead and all runners are awarded 1 base from time when fielder fell.
- ◆ NCAA used to allow 'catch and carry'. **And at Trinity-Pawling and Millbrook Prep schools, they still use the 'catch and carry' rule.**

Balks:

- ◆ Delayed dead ball

Half Swing Appeals: you must ask your partner

Intentional Walks: defense must pitch to the batter

Obstruction:

- ◆ Use the pro rules: immediate dead ball if obstructed runner is being played on; delayed dead ball otherwise
- ◆ Fake Tags are legal

Runners:

- ◆ Force Play Slide Rule used. Runner must slide in straight line directly into base, but runner may slide past base and contact fielder and/or alter the play.
- ◆ Jumping, hurdling, diving are legal

Appeals:

- ◆ Ball must be live. No dead ball appeals