

ARTICLE 18: MEN'S BASEBALL

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18.1 Traditional Season

The traditional season for baseball shall be in the spring term.

A member institution shall limit its total regular season playing schedule against outside competition in baseball in any one year to a maximum of 40 contests except for those contests excluded under Rule 11.4 or NCAA Division III Regulations.

18.2 Non-Traditional Season

The non-traditional season for baseball shall be in the fall term. Teams are permitted five weeks of practice and three play dates on which games may be scheduled.

Non-traditional season games shall not count toward the schools maximum game limit for the traditional season.

18.3 Start Times

The following are the suggested start times for PSUAC regular season contests:

Saturdays:	Noon or 1:00 p.m. (crossovers)
Sundays:	Noon
Weekdays:	2 p.m.

NOTE: Start times may be changed upon agreement of the athletic directors of both schools. Scheduled changes should be reported to the chair of the Baseball Committee.

18.4 Conference Structure

All schools offering baseball as a varsity sport shall play in a single division.

18.5 Conference Rules and Scoring

Unless otherwise noted, play shall be governed by the current NCAA Baseball Rules Book.

18.5.1 Re-entry Rule

Starters removed from the game may re-enter once, provided they occupy the same position in the batting order upon re-entering. If a line-up is submitted using a 10th player is subsequently reduced to 9 players, it shall remain at that number for the rest of the contest.

18.5.2 Conference Games

1. All conference games shall be scheduled as 7-inning doubleheaders.

2. The team listed as the home team on the schedule shall bat last in both games, regardless of the location of the games..

18.5.3 Approved Baseballs and Equipment

The home team shall provide three new NCAA-Approved Rawlings R100 game balls for each game. Equipment shall conform to NCAA standards.

18.5.4 Run-Differential Rule

1. If at the conclusion of five innings of play (4½ should the home team be ahead) one of the teams has a lead over its opponent of 10 or more runs, the game shall be ended.

18.5.5 Cancellation Policy

1. Crossovers

- a. If a *crossover series* is cancelled, it will automatically be rescheduled the Monday and Tuesday after the last conference weekend (4-26-10 and 4-27-10)
- b. All *non-crossover games* must be rescheduled the next available date within 24 hours. If not rescheduled, must be reported to chair of the committee (Jim Chester- jjc32@psu.edu). Chair will consult with commissioner for final reschedule date.

18.6 Game Officials

1. Umpires shall be certified to officiate at the collegiate level and assigned by a central assigner.

18.7 Tie Breaking Procedure

18.7.1 Two or More Teams Tied for Positions 1-2-3-4

When two teams are tied for positions 1-2-3-4 in the conference tournament the tie breaking procedure shall be as follows and shall continue until the tie is broken:

1. The team with the best record in head to head competition shall receive the higher seed.
2. The team with the best winning percentage against higher seeded teams shall receive the higher seed.
3. The team that has allowed the fewest runs in conference play shall receive the higher seed.
 - a. NOTE: If the teams have not played an equal amount of games, the number of run allowed against common opponents shall determine the tie breaker.
4. The winner of a single 9-inning game at a neutral site shall receive the higher seed.

18.7.2 Three or More Teams Tied for Positions 1-2-3-4

If three or more teams are tied for positions 1-2-3-4, the tie breaking procedure shall be as follows and shall continue until the tie is broken:

1. If the teams have all have played each other during the Conference season, the best winning percentage in these head-to-head games shall determine the highest seed.
2. The team with the best winning percentage against teams ending the season (tied or not) in positions 1-2-3-4 in the final conference standings shall receive the higher seed.

3. The team with the best winning percentage against teams ending the season (tied or not) in positions 1-2-3-4-5-6 in the final conference standings shall receive the higher seed.
4. The team that has allowed the fewest runs in Conference play shall receive the higher seed.
 - a. NOTE: If the teams have not played an equal amount of games, the number of runs allowed against common opponents shall determine the tie breaker.
5. The winner of a 9-inning game to be played at the site of the conference tournament. (A coin flip shall determine the home team)
 - a. The Baseball Committee may opt to hold this contest at another site if it deems to be in the best interests of the conference.
6. The team winning a coin flip conducted by video conference with the Commissioner and the athletic directors of both campuses shall receive the higher seed.
7. *If after the three-way tie is broken, two teams remain tied for a lower seed, the tie shall be broken using 18.7.1.*

18.8 PSUAC Championship Tournament

18.8.1 Qualifying for the Tournament

The top four teams shall qualify for the PSUAC Baseball Championship Tournament.

18.8.2 Tournament Format

The tournament shall be double elimination.

18.8.3 No 10 Run Rule (18.5.4)

18.8.4 Tournament Awards

Tournament MVP
All Tournament Team
4 Infielders
1 Utility Player
3 Outfielders
1 Catcher
1 Pitcher

18.9 All-Conference Awards

18.9.1 Individual Awards

Coach of the Year
Player of the Year
Pitcher of the Year
Newcomer of the Year

18.9.2 All-Conference Awards

12 1st Team All-Conference Players
10 2nd Team All-Conference Players

1 Honorable Mention Player Per. Team