

GARDEN STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE | BASEBALL CODE**SECTION A Regular Season Structure and Procedures**

1. NJCAA Eligibility rules will govern all college and individual participants, except where superseded by Region XIX rules. In all cases, determination of eligibility will be under the jurisdiction of the Region XIX Director of Eligibility/Standards and Ethics Chairperson.
2. Region XIX will follow the rules of the NCAA/NJCAA unless otherwise indicated. This includes following the NCAA tie game rule as stipulated in the NCAA rulebook for regular season games.
3. Scheduling
 - a. All teams must schedule all other teams in their division twice.
 - b. For Div II, these two games must be as part of two seven inning games scheduled as a double header.
 - c. Regular season doubleheaders shall consist of two seven inning games for Div II and III.
 - d. The NCAA mercy rule will be in effect for nine inning games. There will be no mercy rule for any seven (7) inning games.
 - e. A seven (7) inning contracted double header game which is postponed will be made up as a single seven (7) inning game.
 - f. Any non-divisional game may be 7 innings and must be completed.
 - g. Any College fielding a club team must follow all NJCAA, NCAA, and Region XIX regulations specifically including (but not limited to) that you must file the NJCAA Club Team form, pay region dues, report game results to your respective service bureau, adhere to uniform rules as per the sport operating code, follow ejection policies for coaches and players, as well as reporting of these ejections, follow the home game supervision requirements, and use game umpires under contracted officiating agreements with Region XIX.
4. Rules
 1. NCAA & Region XIX Rules shall apply for all conference games unless otherwise stated.
5. When a visiting school arrives late (after 30 minutes prior to contracted start time) to an away contest, and notifies the appropriate hosting administrator, the team will receive a 25 minute period of time once the team, in its entirety, enters the building/playing site and meets with the on-site administrator. (as per Winter 2011 meeting.)

SECTION B Officials

1. Umpires will be assigned by the CBUAO.
2. Two umpires should be assigned to all GSAC games.

SECTION C Reporting of Scores

1. Game results and statistics must be entered into the NJCAA website.
2. All service bureau reports must be emailed/called/faxed in by the appropriate deadline set forth by the Service Bureau Director. If the reports are not received by the deadline your team will be fined \$50. Such fine(s) must be paid in full five (5) days prior to the seeding meeting for the tournament. Colleges not reporting to their respective service bureau director by the due time because of emergency closures will have 24 hours (next working day) from the due time and date to submit their report. If it is known that the institution will be closed at the reporting time - the report

should be sent prior to the closing and before the due time. If at this time no report is received by the service bureau director, a fine of \$50 will be assessed (invoice sent by the service bureau director w/ copy to the respective region director, men's or women's and payment sent to respective region director). If no payment is received by respective region director five (5) days prior to the seeding meeting the offending college(s) will be reported to the Standards and Ethics committee.

SECTION D GSAC Conference Championship

1. A plaque will be given to the team with the best won/loss record during the regular season in double round robin play against member colleges.
2. In case of ties, a champion will be determined using the Region XIX tie break formula up to, but NOT including a coin flip.

SECTION E Regular Season Awards / All-Conference Teams

1. Certificates will be awarded for all award recipients.
2. An All-GSAC Team will be selected by balloting of all the GSAC coaches in their respective divisions.
3. The Region XIX nominating and voting procedures will be used in All-GSAC team selection. Non-GSAC players will be removed from the voting tally to determine the final selection.

SECTION F Coach of the Year

1. The Coach of the team winning the GSAC championship shall be designated Coach of the Year and receive the appropriate award. The Assistant Coaches of the winning team will be named GSAC Coaching Staff of the Year.
2. A certificate will be awarded to the Coach of the Year.

SECTION G Code of Conduct

1. All members of teams including players, coaches, trainers, scorekeepers, and spectators will follow the Code of Conduct enforced by the National Junior College Athletic Association throughout all games.

SECTION H NJCAA / Region XIX/GSAC Ejection Policy

1. If a coach is ejected from a GSAC contest and there is no college approved representative designated by the Athletic Director present, then the game is terminated and forfeited at that point. Also the coach must sit the next scheduled contest. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season the ejection will carry into the following year.
2. An athlete ejected from any GSAC contest for any reason must sit the next game. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season and/or playoff game the suspension will carry into the following season of eligibility used in this sport.
3. Any player ejected for fighting or violent act, will sit the next two (2) contests. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season and/or playoff game the suspension will carry into the following season of eligibility used in this sport. A second ejection for fighting in a season will result in that player suspended from competition in that sport for the remainder of the season. Reminder: NJCAA and NCAA rules may allow for more severe penalties. The GSAC will impose the most severe penalty allowable.
4. In the event of any ejection, an ejection report must be filed with the Region Director. The AD's of both colleges should file the appropriate NJCAA ejection form to the Region Director.

4. Personnel and athletes suspended under the NJCAA rules shall not be allowed in the facility/gym/field complex before or during the contest and may not coach or participate before the game, during play or at halftime. Suspended coaches may travel with the team, but only to drive a van, they are not allowed in the venue. Suspended athletes may not travel with the team while serving a suspension. Players and coaches will be ejected for the following:
5.
 - Vulgar language
 - Tobacco products/smoking
 - Dress code violations

SECTION I Health and Safety

1. In regard to an open wound, under circumstances when constant or profuse bleeding occurs, the participant shall be immediately removed from that contest by the coach or official and cannot return until the bleeding has stopped.
2. The use of all tobacco products by any coach, player, official, or other individual involved in the conducting of any NJCAA sanctioned or sponsored regular season or post season play is prohibited within the confines of the playing area. Any individual not in compliance shall be disqualified from further participation in that contest.

SECTION J GSAC Member Breakdown

Division II (6)

Burlington
Mercer
Morris
Raritan Valley
Salem
Sussex

Division III (9)

Atlantic Cape
Bergen
Brookdale
Camden
Cumberland
Gloucester
Middlesex
Ocean
Union