



## Welcome to Home Plate!

Fall signals another season of NCAA Baseball is right around the corner. I know that we are all anticipating the beginning of the season. The Home Plate central hub provides a common national platform where we can gather for mutual growth and improvement as we strive to improve the great game of college baseball. Below you will find eligibility requirements and important dates for the 2023-24 season.

Registration for Home Plate opened on August 29, 2023. Please go to [refquest.com](https://refquest.com) to register. Information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program, which can be completed during registration, is [here](#).

Please visit the Home Plate central hub frequently to stay current on the latest Baseball officiating news and information. On the central hub, you'll be able to read the latest rules interpretations from the secretary-rules editor and bulletins from the national coordinator, complete your requirements to be considered for a postseason assignment, and review videos of recurring plays and how they are to be officiated.

The 2024 NCAA online Umpire Clinic's segments will include NCAA Rules and Officiating interpretations and Video; in addition: PowerPoint presentations – as well as Mechanics, Points of Emphasis, Professional Standards, Quizzes, Getting the Call Right, Handling Situations, Umpire Discussions and Eligibility Requirements.

**Welcome Packets** will include the **2023 & 2024 Baseball Rules Book**, and a **2024 CCA Baseball Umpires Officials Manual**. Both books will be shipped UPS with the tracking information emailed to you at the email address you provide during registration. Additionally, we will again provide digital versions of both books for NCAA registered baseball officials through the Home Plate site.

I am very pleased you have chosen to register with the NCAA. Thank you for being a critical part of the NCAA Baseball Umpire Program. If you have ideas or suggestions for improvement, please email me at [georgedrouches@gmail.com](mailto:georgedrouches@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing you throughout the season.

Best wishes for a great season!

*George M. Drouches*

**NCAA National Coordinator of Umpires**



### **Eligibility Requirements**

In order to be eligible to work an NCAA championship, you must complete the following criteria:

- Register on RQ+ ([refquest.com](http://refquest.com))
- Consent to a background check
- Pass Rules Test
  - 60 questions
  - 85% score required to pass
  - Two (2) attempts allowed
- Complete the NCAA online Umpire Clinic to its completion.

Note: NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items.

### **Important Dates**

- Rules test open date – Friday, January 5, 2024
- Rules test close date – Friday, January 26, 2024
- Eligibility requirements deadline date – Friday, January 26, 2024

### **General Liability, Professional Liability, and Accident/Medical Insurance**

All registered officials will receive general liability, professional liability, and accident/medical insurance coverage as a part of registration. Significant depth has been added to the coverage, which includes:

- \$6,000,000 per incident (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess)
  - *Includes personal and advertising injury, bodily injury and property damage, damage to premises, abuse and molestation (domestic and international)*
- \$1,000,000 per occurrence for Professional Liability coverage
  - *Includes errors and omissions, coordinators/supervisors, game graders, evaluators (domestic and international)*
- \$15,000 Accident/Medical per occurrence
  - *Includes accidental death and dismemberment, excess accident/medical beyond existing coverage*
- Option to expand coverage GL/PL coverage for all non-intercollegiate events
  - Ability to extend coverage for officiating high school and other sanctioned contests

Additional details on the insurance coverage will be available on the central hub.

**Registration Fees**

Division I: \$200

Division II and Division III: \$125\*

\*The \$125 registration fee for Division II and Division III officials will remain the same through 2024-25.