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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 2025-26 season.

If you received this letter via email, you have successfully registered for the NCAA central hub. If you are viewing this letter on refquest.com and have not registered yet, please click Register in the top right corner. Click [here](#) for more information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program.

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 2026 NCAA online Umpire Clinic's segments will include the 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.

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 jgosneybaseball@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the season.

Best wishes for a great season!

Jeff Gosney

NCAA National Coordinator of Baseball Umpires



Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered for NCAA postseason assignment, officials must complete the following criteria:

- Register on RQ+ (refquest.com)
- Consent to a background check
- Pass Rules Test
 - o 60 questions
 - o 85% score required to pass
 - o Two (2) attempts allowed
- Complete the NCAA online Umpire Clinic to its completion.
- View the Sports Wagering Educational Video in its entirety.

NCAA baseball leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items.

Important Dates

- Rules test open date – Friday, January 6, 2026
- Rules test close date – Monday, January 26, 2026
- Eligibility requirements deadline date – Monday, January 26, 2026

Welcome Packets

To reduce the cost of registration, an official may “opt out” of receiving hard copies of the 2025 & 2026 Baseball Rules Book. Digital versions of the rules book and CCA manual will be available under “Publications” on Home Plate.

General Liability, Professional Liability, and Accident/Medical Insurance

RQ+ has developed an insurance program for the benefit of officials in all sports at all collegiate levels. This insurance is intended to meet the known insurance requirements of certain governing bodies, conferences, and individual institutions.

The program provides the following limits of insurance for contests officiated from August 1, 2025 to August 1, 2026. All returning officials must register by July 31, 2025 or within two weeks of their sport's registration open date to keep continuous coverage.

- o *General Liability: \$6,000,000 per occurrence (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess Liability per occurrence)*
 - Program has total insured limits of \$34,000,000.
 - Coverage intended to protect an official against claims of damages or injury caused to a third party while officiating a contest. Coverage includes personal/advertising injury, damage to a third party's premises, abuse, and molestation.
 - Coverage extends to international contests if suit is brought in the US.



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- *Professional Liability: \$1,000,000*
 - Professional Liability claims are generally rooted in allegations of an act, error, or omission in executing an official's professional work that cause financial loss to a third party.

There are options to extend the GL and PL coverage to non-intercollegiate contests, such as High School and other sanctioned events, as well as to increase the Accident Indemnity.

- *Accident/Medical: \$15,000*
 - Pays for out-of-pocket expenses for injuries sustained by an official during an intercollegiate contest.
- *Weekly Accident Indemnity (Game Fee Replacement)*
 - This insurance is intended to cover instances where an injury or other medical event sustained from a covered accident, renders you totally disabled and unable to work intercollegiate contests you had been assigned. The coverage can pay fees for missed intercollegiate contests up to the \$500 weekly limit for up to 52 weeks.

Registration Fees

Division I: \$225

Division II: \$125

Division III: \$125

NJCAA: \$125