



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Directors of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators and Head Softball Coaches.

FROM: Edith Gallagher, chair
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SUBJECT: Preseason Softball Reminders for the 2018 Season.

As a new playing season is rapidly approaching, we would like to remind you of a few important items for the 2018 season. The 2018 season will be the first year using the 2018 and 2019 NCAA Softball Rules Book, which can be downloaded as a PDF [here](#). A hard copy of the rules book will be sent to each institution and conference in early November.

1. 2018 Field Requirements.
 - a. The field side of the dugout shall be protected by netting or fencing not less than 6 feet from the floor of the dugout except for the designated entrances and exits to the field. This requirement is for **institutional and municipal fields**.
 - b. Foul poles on **institutional fields** shall be a minimum of 10 feet high (or the recommended height of 20 feet) and be either white or fluorescent orange.
 - c. The runner's lane is a required line to be drawn on the field.
2. Media Format. All televised games must use the media format outlined in Rules 6.7 and 6.12. For non-televised games, conferences, teams or tournaments may mutually agree to use this media format during the regular season.
3. Case Book. The NCAA Softball Rules Committee has created the 2018 Softball Case Book that contains approved rulings to use as a supplement to the official rules book. The case book includes clear, realistic game-like situations that allow the reader to better comprehend the application and adjudication of the official written rules. The online-only case book will be available on the [NCAA Softball Home Plate](#) under the Rules Book tab by mid-November.
4. Registration on the NCAA Softball Home Plate. Head coaches are once again encouraged to register on the [NCAA Softball Home Plate](#). Registration will open on December 1 and continues to be free for head coaches. If you registered last year, you will

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need to re-register this year to continue having access to all the important information, updates and videos on the site.

If you have any questions now or during the season, please contact Vickie Van Kleeck at ncaasbsre@gmail.com or 540-819-4655.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and good luck this season.

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