

## Operating Regulation 10–Baseball

**10.1 Participating Institutions.** The following institutions participate in Horizon League Baseball competition:

UIC	Milwaukee	Youngstown State
Wright State	Oakland	Northern Kentucky

**10.2 Scholarship Funding Guidelines.** Baseball shall be subject to the scholarship funding requirements and recommendations of **Operating Regulation 5.5**.

**10.3 Governance.** Horizon League baseball competition (regular-season and League Championship) shall be governed by the Commissioner, subject to approval by the Horizon League Council. The Horizon League Baseball Head Coach Peer Group, which is comprised of the head coach from each institution, serves in an advisory capacity to the Horizon League Competition Cabinet and Council. The Baseball Head Coach Peer Group chair (a designated head coach) and the administrative liaison (a non-voting member of the Peer Group) are charged with directing the Peer Group’s business. The Horizon League championship shall be administered by the Horizon League staff. The responsibilities of the League office staff and host institution are outlined in **Operating Regulation 6**.

### 10.4 Scheduling.

**10.4.1 Horizon League Minimum Number of Contests.** Each participating institution shall conduct a minimum 50-game schedule within the traditional playing season.

**10.4.2 Division I Requirement.** Institutions are permitted to schedule no more than 4 (four) non-Division I games.

**10.4.3 League Competition.** Each participating institution shall complete one regular-season 3-game series and one regular-season doubleheader against every other participating institution in accordance with an established double round-robin League format.

**10.4.3.1 Format.** The in-season League scheduling format shall be established by the Horizon League Competition Cabinet based upon recommendations from the Horizon League Baseball Head Coach Peer Group. The in-season League schedule shall subsequently be approved by the Council.

**10.4.3.2 Parameters.** The following scheduling parameters shall be applied to Horizon League baseball scheduling. League contests shall be scheduled and played according to the approved format. The home team as designated on the approved schedule shall remain the home team for each game of the three-game Horizon League regular-season series.

- (a) League three (3)-game series are to be scheduled on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (see schedule below).
- (b) League doubleheaders are to be scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- (c) Series scheduled for Easter weekend and the final week of the regular season will be played on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- (d) Three-Game Series
  - Friday            1 game            9 innings

Saturday 1 game 9 innings  
 Sunday 1 game 9 innings (Single games on Sunday will be scheduled no later than 12 p.m. or 1p.m. local time based on the distance between the respective League opponents. In the events of inclement weather delaying the start of the game, an associated inclement weather start time will go into effect with no game starting after this time limit.) (See the chart below).

(e) Doubleheaders

Each team will play two 9-inning games (doubleheaders) on designated dates.

**BASEBALL MILEAGE CHART**

	UIC	UWM	NKU	OAK	VU	WSU	YSU
UIC		93	302	297	56	309	403
UWM	93		404	388	147	401	494
NKU	302	404		298	271	70	286
OAK	297	388	298		253	250	257
WSU	309	401	70	250	277		237
YSU	403	494	286	257	366	237	

**MILEAGE KEY**

450 miles or more	
350 miles – 449 miles	
250 miles – 349 miles	
150 miles – 249 miles	
149 miles or less	

**START TIMES BY MILEAGE – SCHEDULED/INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**SINGLE GAME SCHEDULED ON SUNDAY**

DISTANCE BETWEEN OPPONENTS	LATEST SUNDAY START TIME LISTED ON SCHEDULE	LATEST SUNDAY START TIME W/ INCLEMENT WEATHER DELAY
450 miles or more	NOON	1PM
350 miles – 449 miles	NOON	2 PM
250 miles – 349 miles	1 PM	3 PM
150 miles – 249 miles	1 PM	4 PM
149 miles or less	1 PM	5 PM

**START TIMES BY OPPONENTS – SINGLE GAME SCHEDULED ON SUNDAY**

**LATEST SCHEDULED TIME/INCLEMENT WEATHER START TIME**

	UIC	UWM	NKU	OAK	WSU	YSU
UIC		1/5	1/3	1/3	1/3	NOON/2
UWM	1/5		NOON/2	NOON/2	NOON/2	NOON/1
NKU	1/3	NOON/2		1/3	1/5	1/3
OAK	1/3	NOON/2	1/3		1/3	1/3
WSU	1/3	NOON/2	1/5	1/3		1/4
YSU	NOON/2	NOON/1	1/3	1/3	1/4	

**10.4.3.3 Rescheduling Protocol After Competition Season Begins.** If a scheduling conflict occurs between two institutions regarding a League contest, the involved institutions shall work to resolve the conflict. If the involved institutions are unable to resolve the scheduling conflict, upon request to the League office by both of the involved institutions, the Commissioner or his/her designee shall render a final decision that resolves the conflict in a reasonable amount of time.

**10.4.3.4 Completion Requirement.** Institutions must complete their regular-season schedule by the Saturday preceding the League Championship unless extenuating circumstances exist.

**10.4.4. Rescheduling Procedures/Protocols Prior to Competition Season.** The following guidelines will be used for rescheduling League competition:

**10.4.4.1.** Any rescheduling proposals must address issues regarding missed class time, competitive advantage and financial impact.

**10.4.4.2.** With any rescheduling proposals, the administrators of both schools must agree.

**10.4.4.3.** Any changes to an approved schedule and agreed upon by both athletic directors or designee must be communicated by the home institution to the sport administrator (if applicable) and the Horizon League communication office who will forward the changes to the League's streaming partners.

**10.4.4.4.** Game time changes are under the jurisdiction of the host institution, but such changes must take into consideration the travel time for the visiting team following the completion of the scheduled competition.

**10.4.4.5.** The Competition Cabinet has final approval for any proposed date changes not related to weather conditions.

**10.4.4.6.** Baseball deadline for scheduling changes: September 30 prior to the competition season.

**10.4.5. Alternate Site or Flipping Sites.** If the home team's facility is deemed unplayable due to circumstances beyond their control, the home team can use an alternate facility that meets NCAA regulations to be used for competition. The institutions' athletics directors or their designees must agree to the change prior to teams leaving campus. If a scheduled home team cannot host a League series and the visiting team's field is playable, the series shall be played at the visiting team's facility. The originally scheduled visitor will pay the traveling team's expenses, up to \$10,000. The originally scheduled home team will retain home team status and will pay the umpire fees. The institutions' athletics directors or their designees must agree to the change prior to teams leaving campus.

## **10.5 In-season Inclement Weather Provisions.**

**10.5.1 Rescheduled Games.** A maximum of three days are allowed to complete each three-game series. Any part of a canceled League doubleheader series may be rescheduled within the scheduled weekend timeframe.

**10.5.2 Rescheduling Policy.** Directors of Athletics (or designees) at both institutions shall make the decision on game cancellations. Coaches, the League office and the baseball assigner/crew chief shall be notified immediately by the host school when a game is canceled. Dates for rescheduled doubleheader series must be mutually agreed

upon by both institutions' designees. It will not be permissible to make up games on Mondays.

**10.5.3 Determination of Field Conditions.** Every effort should be made to play a game at its regularly scheduled time. The host institution is responsible for monitoring weather and field conditions and making a final determination on the status of a game. The visiting team should be on-site and available to play unless notified to the contrary. The host institution is responsible for notifying all appropriate parties (teams, umpires, and the Horizon League Office) when rescheduling is necessary.

**10.5.3.1 Rain Outs for Three-Game Series**

- (a) Friday game rained out- Play two games Saturday and one Sunday.
- (b) Friday game played, Saturday game rained out - Play two games Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. local time.
- (c) Friday and Saturday games played, Sunday rained out - The game is lost and no makeup game will be scheduled.

**10.5.3.2 Rain Outs for Doubleheaders**

- (a) Any part of a canceled League doubleheader series may be rescheduled within the scheduled weekend timeframe.
- (b) Dates for rescheduled doubleheader series must be mutually agreed upon by both institutions' designees.

**10.5.3.3 Suspended Games.** If a game, other than the last playing opportunity of a weekend series or doubleheader weekend, has been halted, play will be suspended with the game to be completed at the next opportunity within the weekend window. The game shall proceed from the point of suspension and all NCAA playing rules will continue to be in effect. It shall be ruled a complete game if such a game is the last playing opportunity of a series and meets the criteria of an official game under baseball rules. If the score is tied, the game will be treated as a tie in the conference standings (one-half win for both teams).

**10.5.3.4 Makeup Games.** There are no provisions for makeup games outside of the three-day window of scheduled competition.

**10.5.4 Tarpaulins.** A full infield tarpaulin is mandatory for each participating institution. Each institution must provide and utilize a tarpaulin to facilitate the completion of scheduled League contests.

**10.6 Competition Rules.**

**10.6.1 General.** League competition (regular-season and League tournament) shall be governed by the baseball rules as specified in the NCAA Baseball Rules book, unless otherwise outlined in this Operating Regulation.

**10.6.2 Official Ball.** The selection of a baseball for regular-season League and non-League competition may be made at the discretion of each institution, so long as the ball meets the specification outlined in the NCAA Rules. The official ball for the Horizon League Championship tournament shall be designated by the League office.

**10.6.3 Protests.** Protests are in order and must be accepted by an umpire when properly filed by an institution's coach.

**10.6.3.1 Procedures.** The following procedures shall govern the filing of a protest:

- (a) The protesting coach shall notify the crew chief of his protest at the time of the play or act which he is protesting. The umpire-in-chief shall then advise the

coach of the team against whom the protest is filed.

(b) The protesting coach shall then advise his Director of Athletics of the protest. The director shall in turn notify the League office of the protest and circumstances involved. The protesting director must forward the protest to the League office within 48 hours of the starting time of the game in which the protest occurred.

(c) The Horizon League staff shall determine the course of action to be followed in resolving the protest utilizing the NCAA Baseball Rules Book, the rules of organized baseball, other sports decisions and League policies.

**10.6.4 Regular-Season Practice.** Practice opportunities (the day before competition and the day of competition) must be equivalent (site and duration) for both participating teams (home and visitor). Visiting coaches should request these sessions with the host institution at least 48 hours in advance of the game time, and should inform the host institution should they wish to cancel or alter the session time.

**10.6.5 Bat and Ring Testing.** According to an implemented League protocol, both baseball barrel compression fixture (bat testing) and ring testing are required for all League regular-season and conference championship competition. (*Adopted 10/16/17*).

## **10.7 Umpires.**

**10.7.1 Umpire Selection.** Officials for regular-season League contests and the Horizon League Championship shall be selected and assigned by the League assigner in accordance with the provisions of **Operating Regulation 10.12**.

**10.7.2 Crew Size.** Three-person umpiring crews shall be utilized for all regular-season League games. Four-man crews shall be used for all games of the League Championship in accordance with **Operating Regulation 10.12**.

## **10.8 Eligibility and Squad Size.**

**10.8.1 Regular-Season.** During regular-season League competition, the maximum number of players shall be determined at the discretion of the participating institutions in accordance with any applicable NCAA limitations.

**10.8.2 League Championship.** All members of an institution's traveling party shall be permitted to dress for each game of the League Championship.

**10.8.2.1 Final Squad List.** The final squad list of 27 eligible players must be submitted to the Horizon League staff liaison no later than the conclusion of the coaches' pre-tournament teleconference (Monday preceding the start of the championship).

## **10.9 League Championship Tournament.**

**10.9.1 Dates.** The Horizon League Baseball Championship shall be conducted following the conclusion of the regular-season League schedule.

**10.9.2 Site.** The Championship site will be at the #1 seed based on regular-season final standings. If the #1 seed is unable to host, the opportunity to host will be given to the institutions in order of their finish through the #6 seed.

**10.9.2.1 Budget Requirement.** See **Operating Regulation 6.13**

**10.9.3 Number of Participating Teams.** Six (6) teams shall participate in the Horizon League Baseball Championship.

**10.9.4 Format.** The tournament will utilize a single elimination format for games 1 and 2 and a double elimination format for remaining games designed to prevent an institution playing three (3) games on any one day of the event.

**10.9.5 Seeding.** Seeding positions for the League Championship shall be determined on winning percentage based upon the final regular-season Horizon League standings of teams. Teams shall be seeded in descending order according to Horizon League winning percentage.

**10.9.5.1 Ties for Division Finishes.** Ties in winning percentages, and thus for seeding positions, shall be broken according to the following criteria (in order):

- (a) Head-to-head competition during the regular-season among the tied teams.
- (b) Winning percentage versus ranked League teams (stepladder, from top to bottom).
- (c) Win-loss percentage against Division I competition.
- (d) Regular season games ending in a tie will be counted as one-half win, one-half loss.

**10.9.6 Designation of Home Team.** The higher-seeded team will serve as the home team for games in the tournament until the championship game. The team coming out of the winners' bracket, regardless of seed, will be designated as the home team. For the "if" game, the home designation will be the highest remaining seed.

**10.9.6.1 Dugouts.** The home team shall occupy the first base dugout. (Exception: The host institution may use their own dugout, regardless of home or visitor designation.)

**10.9.7 Tournament Director.** A tournament director shall be appointed by the host institution/organization who will work closely with the Horizon League staff representative and baseball liaison in attendance.

**10.9.8 Championship Pre-Game Protocol/Timing Sheet.** The following pre-game timing protocol is recommended for the League championship tournament:

<b>Day 1</b>	
<b>10:00 AM – 10:35 AM</b>	Visiting Team Batting Practice (on field, if available)
<b>10:35 AM – 11:10 AM</b>	Home Team Batting Practice (on field, if available)
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Gates Open to the Public
<b>11:10 AM</b>	Teams Have Access to Outfield for Stretching
<b>11:20 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	Visiting Team Infield Practice
<b>11:30 AM – 11:40 AM</b>	Home Team Infield Practice
<b>11:40 AM – 11:50 AM</b>	Field Preparations by Grounds Crew
<b>11:50 AM</b>	Coaches' and Umpires' Meeting
<b>11:55 AM</b>	Introductions (starters) and National Anthem
<b>12:02 PM</b>	First Pitch, Game 1
<b>2:00 PM – 2:35 PM</b>	Visiting Team Batting Practice (in batting cages)
<b>2:35 PM – 3:10 PM</b>	Home Team Batting Practice (in batting cages)

<b>3:10 PM</b>	Teams Have Access to Outfield for Stretching
<b>3:20 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	Visiting Team Infield Practice
<b>3:30 PM – 3:40 PM</b>	Home Team Infield Practice
<b>3:40 PM – 3:50 PM</b>	Field Preparations by Grounds Crew
<b>3:50 PM</b>	Coaches' and Umpires' Meeting
<b>3:58 PM</b>	Introductions (starters)
<b>4:02 PM</b>	First Pitch, Game 2

<b>Day 2</b>	
<b>9:00 AM – 9:35 AM</b>	Visiting Team Batting Practice (on field, if available)
<b>9:35 AM – 10:10 AM</b>	Home Team Batting Practice (on field, if available)
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Gates Open to the Public
<b>10:10 AM</b>	Teams Have Access to Outfield for Stretching
<b>10:20 AM – 10:30 AM</b>	Visiting Team Infield Practice
<b>10:30 AM – 10:40 AM</b>	Home Team Infield Practice
<b>10:40 AM – 10:50 AM</b>	Field Preparations by Grounds Crew
<b>10:50 AM</b>	Coaches' and Umpires' Meeting
<b>10:55 AM</b>	Introductions (starters) and National Anthem
<b>11:02 AM</b>	First Pitch, Game 3
<b>1:00 PM – 1:35 PM</b>	Visiting Team Batting Practice (in batting cages)
<b>1:35 PM – 2:10 PM</b>	Home Team Batting Practice (in batting cages)
<b>2:10 PM</b>	Teams Have Access to Outfield for Stretching
<b>2:20 PM – 2:30 PM</b>	Visiting Team Infield Practice
<b>2:30 PM – 2:40 PM</b>	Home Team Infield Practice
<b>2:40 PM – 2:50 PM</b>	Field Preparations by Grounds Crew
<b>2:50 PM</b>	Coaches' and Umpires' Meeting
<b>2:58 PM</b>	Introductions (starters)
<b>3:02 PM</b>	First Pitch, Game 4
<b>5:35 PM – 6:10 PM</b>	Game 3 Non-Advancing Team Batting Practice (in batting cages)
<b>6:10 PM</b>	Teams Have Access to Outfield for Stretching
<b>6:20 PM – 6:30 PM</b>	Visiting Team Infield Practice
<b>6:30 PM – 6:40 PM</b>	Home Team Infield Practice
<b>6:40 PM – 6:50 PM</b>	Field Preparations by Grounds Crew
<b>6:50 PM</b>	Coaches' and Umpires' Meeting
<b>6:58 PM</b>	Introductions (starters)
<b>7:02 PM</b>	First Pitch, Game 5

<b>Day 3</b>	
<b>10:00 AM – 10:35 AM</b>	Visiting Team Batting Practice (on field, if available)
<b>10:35 AM – 11:10 AM</b>	Home Team Batting Practice (on field, if available)
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Gates Open to the Public
<b>11:10 AM</b>	Teams Have Access to Outfield for Stretching
<b>11:20 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	Visiting Team Infield Practice
<b>11:30 AM – 11:40 AM</b>	Home Team Infield Practice
<b>11:40 AM – 11:50 AM</b>	Field Preparations by Grounds Crew
<b>11:50 AM</b>	Coaches' and Umpires' Meeting
<b>11:55 AM</b>	Introductions (starters) and National Anthem
<b>12:02 PM</b>	First Pitch, Game 6
<b>2:35 PM – 3:10 PM</b>	Game 6 Non-Advancing Team Batting Practice (in batting cages)
<b>3:10 PM</b>	Teams Have Access to Outfield for Stretching
<b>3:20 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	Visiting Team Infield Practice
<b>3:30 PM – 3:40 PM</b>	Home Team Infield Practice
<b>3:40 PM – 3:50 PM</b>	Field Preparations by Grounds Crew
<b>3:50 PM</b>	Coaches' and Umpires' Meeting
<b>3:58 PM</b>	Introductions (starters)
<b>4:02 PM</b>	First Pitch, Game 7

<b>Day 4</b>	
<b>10:00 AM – 10:35 AM</b>	Visiting Team Batting Practice (on field, if available)
<b>10:35 AM – 11:10 AM</b>	Home Team Batting Practice (on field, if available)
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Gates Open to the Public
<b>11:10 AM</b>	Teams Have Access to Outfield for Stretching
<b>11:20 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	Visiting Team Infield Practice
<b>11:30 AM – 11:40 AM</b>	Home Team Infield Practice
<b>11:40 AM – 11:50 AM</b>	Field Preparations by Grounds Crew
<b>11:50 AM</b>	Coaches' and Umpires' Meeting
<b>11:55 AM</b>	Introductions and National Anthem (non-starters, starters)
<b>12:02 PM</b>	First Pitch, Game 8



<b>If Necessary</b>	
<b>2:00 PM – 2:35 PM</b>	Visiting Team Batting Practice (in batting cages)
<b>2:35 PM – 3:10 PM</b>	Home Team Batting Practice (in batting cages)
<b>3:10 PM</b>	Teams Have Access to Outfield for Stretching
<b>3:20 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	Visiting Team Infield Practice
<b>3:30 PM – 3:40 PM</b>	Home Team Infield Practice
<b>3:40 PM – 3:50 PM</b>	Field Preparations by Grounds Crew
<b>3:50 PM</b>	Coaches' and Umpires' Meeting
<b>3:58 PM</b>	Introductions (starters)
<b>4:02 PM</b>	First Pitch, Game 9

\*NOTE: There will be a minimum of fifty (50) minutes between games.

**10.9.9 Games Committee.** Each Horizon League Championship shall be governed by a games committee. Unless otherwise noted in specific sport Operating Regulations, the games committee shall be comprised of:

- a) Commissioner's Horizon League staff designee
- b) Tournament director (host institutional representative)
- c) Head Coach Peer Group administrative liaison
- d) Head rules official
- e) In the event of severe weather, emergency evacuation, etc., the host athletic trainer and facility director shall be included on the games committee as non-voting designees

The responsibility of the games committee is to ensure that the championship is operated according to Operating Regulations and to adjudicate any issues that could arise due to unforeseen circumstances. If the commissioner's Horizon League staff designee in attendance identifies a conflict of interest of anybody on the games committee, the commissioner's Horizon League staff designee in attendance will direct the individual(s) to recuse themselves from the vote. However, the person(s) recused from the vote, if applicable, may present their facts relevant to the issue at hand before a decision is rendered. If the games committee cannot reach a consensus, the commissioner or commissioner's Horizon League staff designee in attendance shall have final decision making authority.

## **10.10 Championship Administration**

**10.10.1 Failure to Complete Championship.** In the event that extenuating circumstances either force the cancellation of the Horizon League Championship or prevent the completion of the Championship, the following method will be used to determine the Horizon League Champion:

**10.10.1.1** If the Championship cannot be contested, the No. 1 seed shall be declared the Horizon League Champion and receive the automatic qualification (AQ).

**10.10.1.2** Once play in the Championship has begun,

- (a) The format shall revert to single-elimination.
- (b) If single-elimination cannot be completed, the highest seed remaining in the winner's bracket after each completed round shall be declared the Horizon League Champion and receive the automatic qualification (AQ).

**10.10.1.3** Every effort will be made to complete as many rounds as possible in the Championship.

**10.10.2 Admittance.** Media credentials shall be issued to working media only.

**10.10.3 Finances.** All tournament-related expenses are to be covered by the budget provided to the host institution by the League, except for the expenses of the umpires and League staff. Admission charges shall be determined by the Horizon League staff and host institution/organization according to acceptable practice at that site.

### **10.11 Championship Facilities Criteria**

(a) Field must have lights. If lights are rented, they must be installed by an accredited professional lighting company. The rented lights must meet NCAA Best Lighting Practices for Regional Broadcast.

(b) Field must meet NCAA specifications.

(c) Field must be enclosed in the outfield and along the sidelines.

(d) Field must be available for practice the day preceding the Championship.

(e) A batting cage must be available for use during the Championship. If it is not part of the competition facility, it should be located where access is reasonable distance for teams.

(f) A full infield tarp must be available at the field.

(g) Dugouts with permanent covering.

(h) Restrooms on site either permanent or portable.

(i) Must have a structure for press area (including a PA system, dedicated area for broadcasters and electronic scoring and/or time equipment) that is covered and fully enclosed.

(j) Covered areas for sports medicine/concessions/hospitality and selling of merchandise.

(k) No other event(s) be scheduled for the Championship facility during the Championship.

(l) Accessible on-site locker rooms for teams and officials.

(m) Adequate seating for a minimum of 500 spectators.

(n) Internet Connectivity that can deliver at least 12 MBPS (if less than that, cannot deliver to ESPN3).

(o) Stream or broadcast every round of the championship to ESPN3 at the mandated criteria. Streaming requirements: parking for the production truck (preferably secure overnight) and a dedicated power source for the production truck only. At a minimum, a generator would need 208v/50 amp power service. Horizon League streaming coordinator will work with institution on possible use of institutional encoders, scaffolding for midfield/high camera, camera operators, grips and other positions.

(p) 3-person ground crew (minimum).

(q) Two bullpens with two mounds and a tarp for each mound.

(r) Use of Horizon League stencils based on stencil plan provided or communicated by League office. (*Revised 6/1/17*).

(s) If an alternate facility must be used, League staff will work with the host institution to determine which criteria noted above is necessary. (*Revised 6/1/17*).

(t) Video replay, a secure, enclosed replay location near the field, and a replay coordinator must be provided for all rounds of the championship. (*Adopted 10/16/17*).

## **10.12 Baseball Officials**

**10.12.1 General Principle.** The Horizon League baseball officiating program shall be conducted in accordance with Horizon League policies and NCAA rules and requirements.

**10.12.2 Officiating Coordinator.** The officiating coordinator will be responsible for assigning officials for all games (non-League, League, and the Championship).

**10.12.2.1 Assignments.** The coordinator, working in conjunction with the League Office, shall assign the umpires for all League Championship games in accordance with the provisions of this Operating Regulation.

**10.12.2.2 Selection.** Umpires for Horizon League assignments (regular-season and Championship) shall be selected from the approved League officiating pool.

**10.12.2.3 Crews.** The same umpire crew shall work an entire League series unless extenuating circumstances arise which necessitate a substitution.

**10.12.2.4 Geographic Proximity.** Local officials shall not be excluded from assignments to a local institution's League games. An effort will be made to utilize local officials when appropriate, to balance assignments and control officiating expenses. Local in this instance refers to the host institution's home city or local area.

**10.12.2.5 Replacements.** If a replacement umpire(s) is needed (e.g., to complete a series) every effort should be made to utilize umpires from the approved pool. If no umpire from the pool is available, it shall be permissible for an institution, with approval of the Horizon League assignor, to utilize another umpire.

**10.12.2.6 Evaluation.** The coordinator shall develop and implement an evaluation process that utilizes personal observation by the coordinator and strong input from the Horizon League Baseball Head Coach Peer Group.

## **10.13 Baseball Officials Financial Procedures.**

**10.13.1 General.** The fee and expense structure for Horizon League baseball officials shall be submitted by the Competition Cabinet for review/recommendation and approval by the Horizon League Council.

**10.13.2 Method of Payment.** The host institution will pay the officials for regular-season games. The League Office will pay the officials for the Championship.