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## 2021 NCSA World Series heading to Columbus, GA

**Pittsburgh, PA** -- Anticipation is running high for the 2021 NCSA World Series in Columbus, Georgia on May 20-23, 2021. The event will once again be held at the South Commons Softball Complex for the extended 4-day tournament, beginning pool play on Thursday and culminating with the championship round on Sunday.

The 2018-2019 season marked the first year that the NCSA World Series was extended to a 4-day tournament in order to make the game schedule a bit more relaxed. The change allowed teams more time to rest between games and additional opportunities to enjoy the city of Columbus. With COVID-19 restrictions cancelling the 2020



NCSA World Series, the 2021 event will be the second to benefit from the extended format.

"The South Commons Softball Complex has proven to be nothing short of perfect since moving the event to Columbus in 2010," said NCSA VP of Softball Operations, Savannah Ahrens. "The outstanding facilities, countless dining options and nightlife, along with the southern hospitality provided by the Columbus Sports Council make Columbus an ideal location for this tournament. The additional day extension to the tournament proved to be hugely beneficial in 2019, increasing the competition level and the overall experience for our teams and their fans. We are beyond excited to be back on the softball field this season and look forward to celebrating the return of softball by crowning our 2021 National Champion!"



Columbus, Georgia was the site of the 1996 Olympic Women's Fastpitch Softball Competition. The South Commons Softball Complex has eight fields, including a five-field hub with a roundhouse and a three-field fan with a stadium, indoor score booths, concessions and restrooms. The NCSA has held its World Series at the complex since 2010. The stadium at South Commons and adjacent fields have recently undergone a \$4.8 mil-

lion renovation that includes architectural improvements, a new drainage and irrigation sys-

tem, upgrades in lighting and sound systems, new seating, and much more. Continued upgrades will bring the total renovations cost to nearly \$5.6 million.

"The Sports Council of Columbus, Georgia is elated to host the NCSA World Series," said Merri Sherman, the Executive Director for the Columbus Georgia Sports Council. "South Commons Softball Complex has a rich history of hosting the best in the world, and we look forward to welcoming the NCSA back to Columbus to continue that legacy! In your down time we hope that you experience all the amazing things that our vibrant city has to offer."



Any questions regarding the 2021 NCSA World Series can be directed to NCSA VP of Softball Operations: Savannah Ahrens | <u>Savannah.Ahrens@CollClubSports.com</u> | (412) 321-8440 x103