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## NCSA Extends Three More Years with Columbus, GA to **Host World Series**

Pittsburgh, PA - CollClubSports and the National Club Softball Association are thrilled to announce that the city of Columbus, Georgia and the South Commons Softball Complex will remain the host of the NCSA World Series for three more years.

In addition to hosting this year's event, the Columbus Sports Council partnered with the NCSA to bring the NCSA World Series back to Columbus, Georgia in 2024, 2025 and 2026. The next three years of NCSA World Series dates are as follows: May 16-19, 2024, May 15-18, 2025 and May 14-17, 2026. The outstanding facilities, restaurants, and nightlife along with the southern hospitality provided by the Columbus Sports Council make Columbus the *PERFECT* location for this National Championship tournament. The annual 4-day event features 16 teams, which compete in pool play to then be seeded for the double-elimination bracket to determine which will raise the national championship banner. The Hokies from Virginia Tech earned the title in 2022.



NCSA President, Sandy Sanderson and **Executive Director of the CGSC, Merri** Sherman ink 3-year extension



**Aerial of South Commons Softball Complex** the sincere hospitality for which our city has become so well known."

"The Columbus Sports Council is absolutely delighted to continue its partnership hosting the National Club Softball Association World Series for three more years in our amazing community," said Merri Sherman, the Executive Director for the Columbus Georgia Sports Council. "South Commons Softball Complex is rich in history hosting some of the most elite players in the world, and we look forward to continuing that legacy with the NCSA! Off the field, our vibrant city offers many palate-pleasing local restaurants and world-class attractions that everyone is sure to enjoy! To everyone involved players, coaches, support staff and spectators, I offer

Columbus, Georgia was the site of the 1996 Olympic Women's Fast-pitch 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 million renovation that includes upgrades to architectural improvements, a new drainage and irrigation system, upgrades in lighting and sound systems, new seating, and much more. Continued upgrades will bring the total renovations cost to nearly \$5.6 million.

"I am beyond grateful to once again be partnering with the Columbus Sports Council to extend our relationship another three years. Over the past 13 years, the Columbus Sports



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Council have become family and have treated the NCSA Staff and participating teams as such," said NCSA VP of Softball Operations, Christian Smith. "With this long-standing partnership, Columbus, Georgia, South Commons Softball Complex and NCSA World Series have become synonymous with one another over the years. I cannot envision this event anywhere else in the world. The facility and city have proven year after year, to be nothing short of perfect and I can't wait to get back to Columbus to host this event and crown another national champion."

> Any questions regarding the event can be directed to NCSA Vice President of Softball Operations Christian Smith at Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com or at (412) 321-8440 x104.