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## **Annual League Meeting – June 27th, 2023**

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# Agenda

- **What is CollClubSports?**
  - **Meet the NCSA Staff**
- **2022-2023 – A Year in Review**
- **2023-2024 – What’s to Come**
  - **Timetable**
  - **Sponsors & Fundraising**
  - **Voting Ballot Procedures**
    - **League Issues**



# Mission

- The National Federation of Collegiate Club Sports Leagues, L.L.C. (CollClubSports) is a compilation of governing bodies which oversee collegiate club athletics.
- We are driven to provide collegiate student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in competitive, organized collegiate club athletic leagues, and to continually enhance this experience for all participants.
- We strive to accomplish this by building lasting relationships based upon trust, commitment, dedication, understanding, and **strong lines of communication.**



# What is CollClubSports?

## **National Federation of Collegiate Club Sports Leagues, L.L.C.**

- National Club Baseball Association (NCBA DI, DII, & DIII)
  - Founded 2000 – 34 teams – grown to 306 across all divisions
- National Club Softball Association (NCSA)
  - Founded 2006 – 33 teams – grown to 152 teams
- **National Club Softball Association (NCSA) Division II**
  - **Founded 2023 – Expecting 30-40 teams inaugural year**
- National Club Football Association (NCFA)
  - Founded 2009 – 16 teams – grown to 25 teams
- National Club Basketball Association (NCBBA)
  - Men's – Founded 2013 – 28 teams – grown to 128 teams
  - Women's – Founded 2019 – 67 teams





# Meet the NCSA Staff

## FRONT OFFICE

- President – Sandy Sanderson
- Vice President of Softball Operations – Christian Smith
- Dir. of Team Development & SiS Operations – Lacie Lautner
- Sports Information Director – Antonio Sacca
- Treasurer – Sandy Sanderson Sr.
- Accounting Specialist – Jeanne Krachala
- Rawlings Sponsor Account Manager – Mike Galletti
- The Game Sponsor Account Manager – Felicia Battaglia
- Fundraising/Travel Sponsor Account Manager – Eric Curitore



# Meet the NCSA Staff

## Regional Directors

- North Atlantic Region – Lauren Wright – **Announcing soon**
- Mid Atlantic Region – Mike Battaglia
- Mid-America Region – Lacie Lautner
- Great Lakes Region – Open Position – **Apply Now!**
- South Atlantic Region – Open Position – **Apply Now!**
- New England Region – Angie Petrie
- Pacific Region – Open Position – **Apply Now!**
- Great American Region – Jamie Wilson



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# 2022-2023 – A Year in Review

- Membership
  - 15 New Teams joined helping to bring membership to 152 teams
- Rule Changes
  - Mercy Rule Updated & Eligibility Rules Updated
- Invitational Tournaments
  - Indy Invitational Winner: Wisconsin
  - First State Showdown Winner: Sacred Heart – Red
  - Peach State Fall Classic Winner: NC State



# 2022-2023 – A Year in Review

- Regular Season

- Ran from 9/15 – 4/23; 8 regions and 25 total conferences

- Regional Playoffs: April 29/30; Various Sites

- Great American Champion: Michigan State

- Runner Up: Illinois

- Great Lakes Champion: GVSU

- Runner Up: Wisconsin

- Mid-Atlantic Champion: Virginia Tech

- Runner Up: JMU

- Mid-American Regional Champion: Iowa

- Runner Up: Air Force

- New England Regional Champion: Maine

- Runner Up: UConn

- North Atlantic Regional Champion: Sacred Heart – Red

- Runner Up: Penn State

- Pacific Regional Champion: UC Davis

- Runner Up: Oregon

- South Atlantic Regional Champion: Clemson

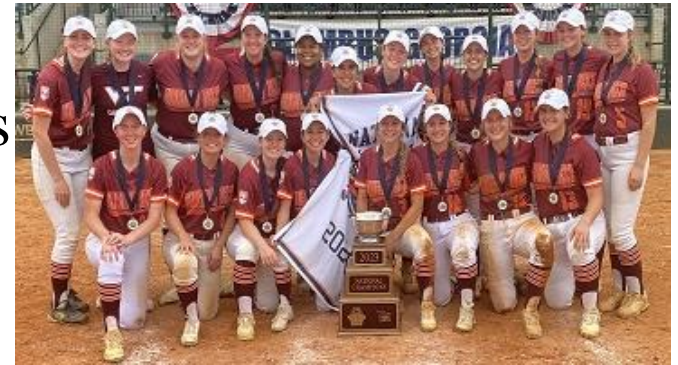
- Runner Up: Georgia



# 2022-2023 – A Year in Review



- NCSA World Series
  - Columbus, GA: May 18-21
  - Virginia Tech defeats Iowa 4-2 to win B2B National Championships
  - Iowa’s Alyssa Martin named MVP
  - 54 Games Played over the course of 4 days



- All-Americans
  - 2023 NCSA All-Americans and previous All-American selections can be found on NCSA Website under LEAGUE tab
- NCSA Sportsmanship Award
  - MSU’s Claudia Rea wins 2022 NCSA Sportsmanship Award. 2023 Nominations due July 3rd



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# 2023-24 – What's to Come

- **DIVISION II**
  - New Teams
- Swing into Spring – Panama City Beach
- Conference Realignment/Scheduling
  - 2022 Fall Tournaments
  - Rawlings Top 20 Poll
  - Regionals & District Playoffs
    - DI and DII World Series
- Team Operations for successful season
  - Timetable



# NCSA Division II

- 2023/24 will mark inaugural year of NCSA DII
  - 22/23 season membership levels above magic number of 144
    - Allows new and current developing teams to be more competitive
      - This in turn should help sustain club membership levels and the overall success of the club on and off the field.
      - Once a DII team succeeds on field, option to move up to DI
      - Vice Versa: Struggling DI team can request to move to Division II
    - Expectation of 30-40 teams in Division II – new and current teams
      - Teams will be placed in “Districts” rather than Regions
      - Goal: 4 Districts with 2 conferences of 5-6 teams in each conference
      - Conference winners potentially runners up move onto District Playoffs
      - District Playoff Champions move onto National Championship
      - Similar regular season and post-season setup as DI, just on smaller scale



# NCSA Division II

- Division II Rulebook
  - Potentially having different rules than Division I
    - Make DI Rules more strict?
    - Auto-Promotion (D2 to D1) & Auto-Relegation (D1 to D2) if team meets certain criteria?
    - Performance Bond Amounts different at each Division (\$300 for DI, \$150 for DII)?
    - Should Division I Teams be held to higher standard (uniforms, no courtesy runners, etc.)?
- All new teams that join will automatically be placed in Division II no matter size of school if we will have DII District in their area.
- Any current teams interested in moving to Division II, please contact Christian Smith at [Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com).
  - NCSA will be in touch with renewal teams to gauge their interest on Division II if we (NCSA) think it would be a good fit.



# New Teams Committed 2023-24

- **Salisbury University**
- **UNC-Greensboro University**
- **University of West Georgia**
  - **University of Toledo**
    - **Elon University**
- **Florida Atlantic University**
- **University of Wisconsin (D2)**
  - **Villanova University**



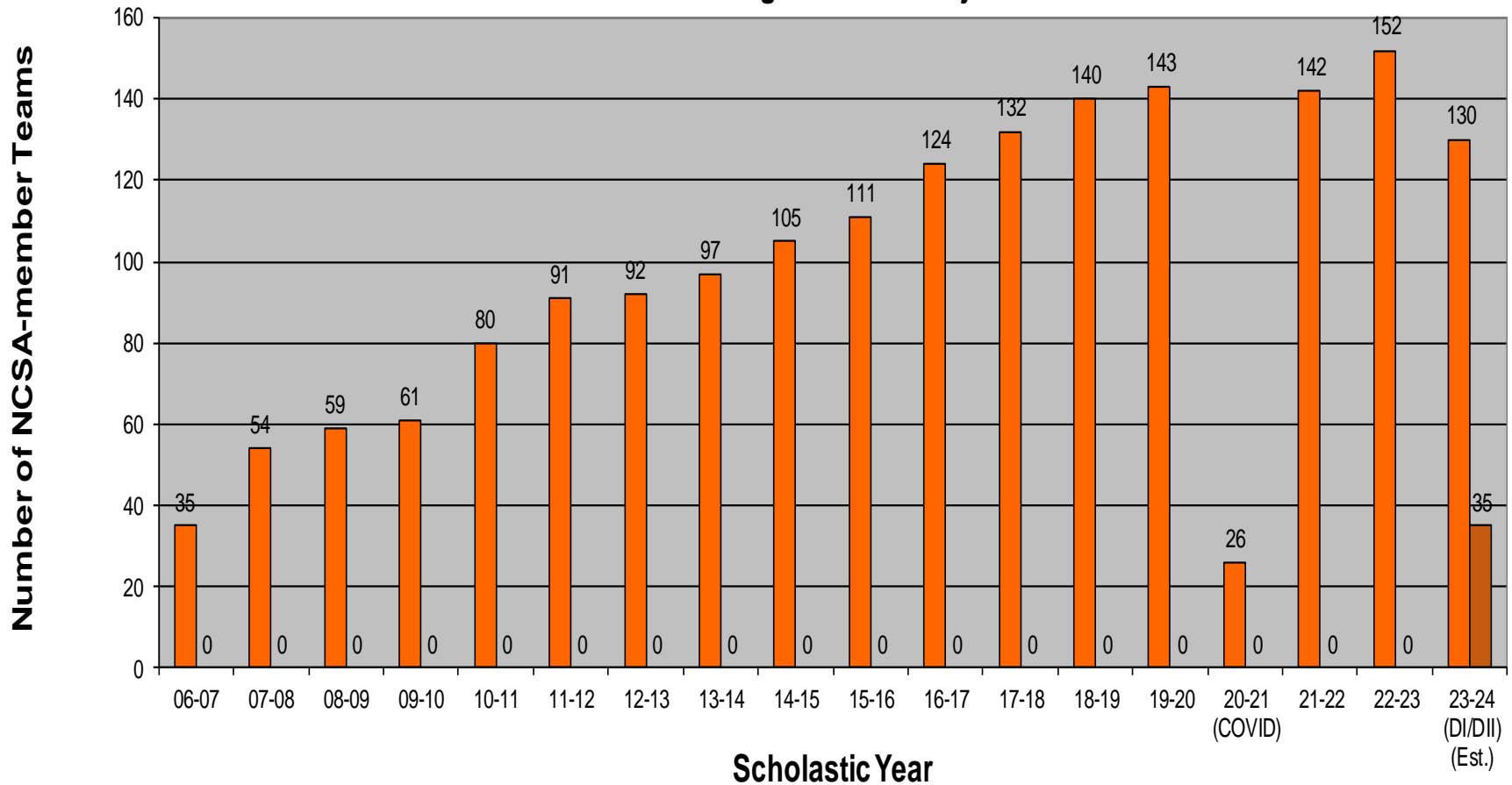
# Teams Interested in joining the NCSA:

- **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**
  - **Adelphi University**
  - **SUNY-Maritime**
  - **Assumption University**
  - **Brown University**
- **Youngstown State University**
  - **Campbell University**
  - **St. Thomas University**
  - **West Cliff University**
  - **University of New Mexico**
  - **University of Minnesota**
- **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)**



# NCSA Growth

NCSA League Growth Projections





# 2024 Swing into Spring – Panama City Beach

**Spend spring break bonding as a team on and off the field**

**Get out of the cold and play ball down south**

**Brand new facility and vacation resort accommodations**

**In addition to non-conference games, you can schedule practices during the week**

**Great way to spend your Spring Break**







# Swing into Spring – PCB Details

- **Cost (Tentative)**
  - **Tournament Registration Fee \$100-200**
  - **Practice \$30 per hour of practice**
  - **Game fee- \$100/game**
  - **Performance Bond \$100 - returned at conclusion of showcase**
  - **Each team will provide Two Game Balls per game**
- **NCSA Rules will apply**
- **Teams will be contacted as early as August about attending**
- **Games will count towards overall record**
- **Registration Deadline- December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**
- **Registration Fee:**
  - **Before November 15th: \$100.00**
  - **After November 15th: \$200.00**



# Conference Realignment: DI & DII

- Division I: Ultimate Goal is to have 8 Regions made up of 3 conferences with 6 teams in each conference (Magic Number 144)
  - This allows for each team to have 15 conference games as well as each region having an at-large bid to regionals
  - With Division II opening up, we can pare down DI member teams to accomplish this.
    - 22/23 season saw 4 regions without an at-large bid
    - For example: New England & North Atlantic had 4 conferences last year. Moving some teams down to DII and consolidating conferences from 4 to 3 will allow an at-large bid to regionals.
- Division II (TBD):
  - In the early stages, but expect 4 Districts with 2 conferences with 5-6 teams in each conference.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each conference move onto District Playoffs
  - District Playoff Winner moves onto National Championship



# Conference Scheduling

- Schedule Request Form
  - Due approximately July 30<sup>th</sup> – please adhere to deadlines
  - Be accurate, be thorough, be flexible
  - Have Academic Calendar open when filling out
  - We are looking for availability first, then preferences
  - **NCSA Encourages heavier fall conference schedule**
- Goal to have conference schedules released by August 15<sup>th</sup>
- After Conference Schedules are released, teams are encouraged to start scheduling non-conference games
  - Once non-conference game(s) are confirmed, regional directors must be notified so they can add them to the website



# Sample Schedule Request Form

Please fill in your scheduling request by entering an item in each field.  
We will try to accommodate to the best of our ability.

Team Name	Dates		Preferred Location (Home, Away, Either, or Off)	Reason (Spring Break, Field Availability, Weather, Parents Weekend, etc...)	Weather Prediction (Good, Bad, So-So)	Games already Scheduled (Opponent, Where, When)
	Start	End				
PCU						
Week 1*	9/15/2023	9/17/2023	OFF	*NCSA Season Officially Begins on 9/15		
Week 2	9/18/2023	9/24/2023	OFF	Tryouts		
Week 3	9/25/2023	10/1/2023	OFF	Tryouts		
Week 4	10/2/2023	10/8/2023	HOME	Football Weekend		
Week 5	10/9/2023	10/15/2023	OFF	Lancaster, PA Fall Tournament		
Week 6	10/16/2023	10/22/2023	EITHER			
Week 7	10/23/2023	10/29/2023	AWAY	No Field Avialable		
Week 8	10/30/2023	11/5/2023	EITHER			
Week 9	11/6/2023	11/12/2023	OFF	Weather not good		
Week 10	11/13/2023	11/19/2023	OFF	Fall Break		
Week 11	11/20/2023	11/26/2023	OFF	Thanksgiving 11/23/23		**
Week 12	11/27/2023	12/3/2023	OFF	Weather not good		
Week 13	12/4/2023	12/10/2023	OFF	Weather not good		
Week 14	12/11/2023	12/17/2023	OFF	Winter Break		
Week 15	12/18/2023	12/24/2023	OFF	Winter Break		
Week 16	12/25/2023	12/31/2023	OFF	Winter Break		
Week 17	1/1/2024	1/7/2024	OFF	Winter Break		
Week 18	1/8/2024	1/14/2024	OFF	Winter Break		
Week 19	1/15/2024	1/21/2024	OFF	Weather not good		
Week 20	1/22/2024	1/28/2024	OFF	Weather not good		
Week 21	1/29/2024	2/4/2024	OFF	Weather not good		
Week 22	2/5/2024	2/11/2024	OFF	Weather not good		
Week 23	2/12/2024	2/18/2024	OFF	Weather not good		
Week 24	2/19/2024	2/25/2024	OFF	Weather not good		
Week 25	2/26/2024	3/3/2024	OFF	Spring Break in Panama City for Swing into Spring		
Week 26	3/4/2024	3/10/2024	OFF	Spring Break in Panama City for Swing into Spring		
Week 27	3/11/2024	3/17/2024	HOME	Varsity Field Reserved for us		
Week 28	3/18/2024	3/24/2024	EITHER			
Week 29	3/25/2024	3/31/2024	OFF	Easter 3/31/24		***
Week 30	4/1/2024	4/7/2024	AWAY	No Field Avialable		
Week 31	4/8/2024	4/14/2024	EITHER			
Week 32	4/15/2024	4/21/2024	OFF	RESERVED FOR MAKE UP GAMES		
Week 33	4/22/2024	4/28/2024	OFF	RESERVED FOR REGIONAL PLAYOFFS (Various Sites: 4/27-4/28)		
Week 34	4/29/2024	5/5/2024	OFF	RESERVED FOR WORLD SERIES PREPARATIONS		
Week 35	5/6/2024	5/12/2024	OFF	RESERVED FOR WORLD SERIES PREPARATIONS		
Week 36	5/13/2024	5/19/2024	OFF	2023 NCSA WORLD SERIES (Columbus, GA: 5/18-5/21)		

**\*NOTE: Any games played before 9/15 will be Exhibition**

**\*\* Denotes that Thanksgiving Falls During this Week**

**\*\*\* Denotes that Easter Falls During this Week**

**2023 NCSA Fall Tournaments**

September 30-October 1 - Peach State Fall Classic - Columbus, GA

October 7-8 - Indy Invitational - Elkhart, IN

October 14-15 - NCSA Fall Tournament - Lancaster, PA

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS TO CONSIDER:**

- Parents/Homecoming Weekend (May want to request Home series)
- Fall Break
- Finals Week
- Winter Break
- Spring Break
- Field Availability
- Participation in Fall Invitational Tournaments
- Easter (\*\* Denotes that Easter Falls During this Week)
- Graduation



# 2023 Fall Tournaments

- All games count toward overall record and stats

## **NCSA Indy Invitational - Elkhart, IN**

- October 7-8, 2023
- Riverview Softball Complex
- 12 to 16 teams (4 game guarantee)

## **NCSA Fall Tournament – Lancaster, PA**

- October 14-15, 2023
- Strasburg Jaycee Park
- 12 to 16 teams (4 game guarantee)





# 2023 Fall Tournaments

## **NCSA Peach State Fall Classic – Columbus, GA**

- September 30 – October 1, 2023
- South Commons Softball Complex (Site of NCSA World Series)
- 8 to 12 teams (4 game guarantee)

Looking to host another Fall Tournament for Pacific Region in 2023.


- Northern or Southern California depending on interest levels from teams.
- Hope to have 8 Teams with a 4-game guarantee



# Rawlings Top 20 Poll


- Prior to the season, the NCSA will assemble a Top-20 Voting Panel comprised of current/past NCSA Coaches, Players and NCSA Staff members.
- During the season, scores will be submitted each Monday and the NCSA website will be updated with results every Tuesday.
- Every other week, the voting panel will submit a new Top 20 Poll voting ballot.
- **LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED, UNBIASED, OBJECTIVE VOLUNTEERS TO SIT ON VOTING PANEL.**
- Email Christian Smith at [Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com) if interested





















# Rawlings Top 20 Poll



## NCSA March Rawlings Top 20 Poll

#RoadToColumbus @The\_NCSA NCSA



			Previous Rank		Previous Rank
1		VIRGINIA TECH(10)	273	1	
2		SACRED HEART RED (4)	262	2	
3		WISCONSIN	249	3	
4		MICHIGAN ST.	235	4	
5		AIR FORCE	204	5	
6		MICHIGAN	186	6	
7		CONNECTICUT	183	7	
8		GEORGIA	160	10	
9		ILLINOIS	155	8	
10		NC STATE	146	9	
11		FLORIDA ST.	141	13	
12		ARKANSAS ST.	125	11	
13		CENTRAL MICHIGAN	119	12	
14		NAVY	83	15	
15		PENN STATE	77	14	
16		MAINE	61	17	
17		GRAND VALLEY	60	16	
18		CLEMSON	44	18	
19		FLORIDA	42	NR	
20		IOWA	36	19	

TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE: 280 | 1st PLACE VOTES IN PARENTHESIS

Others Receiving Votes:

Delaware	28	Maryland	13	Cornell	3
Cincinnati	26	Pittsburgh	7	Illinois State	1
Northern Arizona	16	UC-Davis	5		

Dropped Out - Previous Rank:

Cincinnati 20





# Division I Regionals

- Regionals tentatively scheduled for April 27/28, 2024
- 4 team double elimination Tournament format.
  - Tournaments will be funded by the NCSA at various sites
  - Conference Champions will automatically qualify for regionals
  - An at Large Bid will be selected as the 4<sup>th</sup> team for regionals if the region is comprised of only 3 conferences.
    - Goal: All 8 regions be comprised of 3 conferences
  - Top two tournament finishers at each regional playoff will automatically qualify for the NCSA World Series.
- Goal: Maintain the concept that the NCSA World Series will be comprised of the top two teams from each of the eight NCSA Regions as determined via Regional Playoffs



# Division II District Playoffs

- District Playoffs tentatively scheduled for April 27/28, 2024
- District Playoff structure dependent on District formations
- Goal: 4 team double elimination tournament format for all Districts.
  - Tournaments will be funded by the NCSA at various sites
  - Conference Champions and potentially conference runner up's will automatically qualify for regionals
  - District Playoff winner will automatically qualify for the NCSA Division II World Series.
- District Playoff Structure will be fluid until Districts are formed/finalized for 23/24 season
- **NCSA planning to host DII-Only Zoom Call in September/October to discuss DII Post-Season Structure**

# 2024 Division I World Series

- Location: Columbus, GA (South Commons Softball Complex)
  - 16 qualifying teams
    - 8 Regional Champions
    - 8 Regional Runner Ups
- 2024 DATES
  - May 16-19, 2024 (Thurs-Sun)
  - Marks 14<sup>th</sup> year in Columbus, GA
- Three year extension signed in 2022 with the Columbus, GA Sports Council to bring the NCSA World Series back to the South Commons Softball Complex through 2026!





# 2024 Division II World Series

- Location: TBD
  - If you have any venue suggestions, please email Christian Smith at [Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com)
    - Columbus, GA could be option
      - Host DII World Series same time as Division I
  - Venue Wish List
    - Geographically central, 4-Field Clover Complex with scoreboards and lights
  - Initial Goal: 4 qualifying teams
    - 4 District Playoff Champions
    - Depending on DII Teams wishes, potentially 8 Teams w/ District Playoff runner ups qualifying
- 2024 DATES: TBD
  - May 17-19, 2024 (Fri-Sun)
  - Dates dependent on District Playoff Dates (April 27/28)
- **NCSA planning to host DII-Only Zoom Call in September/October to discuss DII Post-season Structure**



# Team Operations

**Being informed, organized and having strong lines of communications is key to a successful season.**

- League Participation Agreement (LPA)
  - New Team Form (Due Date: June 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Existing Team Renewal Form (Due Date: June 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Signed by president of team, signed by club sports director or faculty advisor
  - Fax or scan and email to NCSA
- Registration Form
  - Provides full team officer contact info to NCSA front office
  - Complete in full and email to NCSA
  - Important to include a secondary contact, team email and head coach if applicable
  - Important to include advisor contact info



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- Scheduling Request Form
  - Due July and used to complete Conference Schedule
  - Important to complete with as much detail as possible
  - Important to include requests for Christmas Break, Spring Break, Finals, and Field availability
  - The more flexibility the better
- General Liability Insurance
  - \$3,000,000 General Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence
  - Policy covers the NCSA and it's members (The Teams)
  - Covers many aspects of NCSA play (i.e. Travel, Practice, Workouts, Games)
  - Full Year of Coverage
  - Policy assists in obtaining field time & 3<sup>rd</sup> parties can be additionally insured for \$75
  - This policy helped protect the NCSA and it's members from potential financial losses from lawsuits, but, this is NOT a health or accident insurance policy



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- Reserving Fields
  - DON'T PROCRASTINATE
  - Contact opponents once schedule is released to set dates and times
    - If opponent isn't communicating, let NCSA know to help facilitate communication
  - Don't wait till a week before you are to play
  - Reserve field as soon as schedule is released
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> party additional insured
- Scheduling Umpires
  - Contact local high school AD to gain contact info for local umpire assignor
    - If help is needed finding an assignor, let NCSA know to help facilitate finding one
  - 2 High school certified (or better) umpires per game
  - Don't wait till a week before you are to play
  - Contact assignor as soon as schedule is released and re-confirm dates and times



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- Team Manager Access & Online Player Registration
  - At the beginning of each year, the “Team Manager” will need to request Team Manager access from the NCSA.
  - NCSA will give individual Team Manager Access which will allow the Team Manager to access the Team Code, view the Registration Queue and have other access that players do not have (updating Team Information).
  - Players will receive a TEAM CODE from their team manager to begin the player registration
  - Individual Players register by either choosing “Existing User/Returning Login” or “First Time Player Registration” in the “Login” tab of the NCSA sites.
  - **Players** fill out information which determines eligibility
  - Once registration is completed, players will be put in a “Registration Queue”
  - Players able to log back in to upload a picture, bio and change certain information such as jersey number and position.





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- Coaches Participation Waivers
  - For non-playing coaches, managers, trainers, etc.
  - MUST be typed, printed, SIGNED, then faxed or scan and emailed
  - Coaches, managers, trainers, are NOT allowed on the field or in the dugout unless they have a waiver on file with the NCSA
  - Found under “Info => Documents” tab of NCSA website (along with many other important documents to reference/utilize)



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- Academic Eligibility Letter
  - Sample format available under “Info” tab of NCSA website
  - Must be signed by registrar, faculty advisor, or club sports director
  - Can be faxed or scanned and emailed to NCSA Front Office
  - Must show currently enrolled, 12+ credits (9+ for 2 year schools), 2.0+ GPA, no academic warning, and no academic probation
  - Players listed on AEL and listed in the Registration Queue, will be added to official NCSA roster
- Uploading player stats and team information
  - Once players are cleared by the NCSA as eligible and appear on the website roster, Team Managers may upload stats for those players
  - Team Managers can login with their credentials (email & password) and will have ability to upload stats and other team information.
  - Instructions on how to upload the stats and other team information will be sent once Login and Password are requested, but are also listed under the “Info” tab of NCSA website
  - Teams are responsible for uploading their own stats
  - It is the responsibility of the team to be sure that stats are entered accurately and in a timely fashion



# Team Operations

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- Weekly Team Submission Form
  - Submit to Regional Director by midnight each Monday
  - Be sure to enter scores/results for ALL games played during that week
  - Be sure to submit a full stat line when nominating players of the week candidates
  - Submit these on time to assure that your candidates receive consideration for awards
- NCSA Dues
  - Includes 2 Dozen NCSA Gameballs and \$2 Million general liability insurance
  - Teams will submit a refundable \$150 performance bond due by September 15th. If your team did not forfeit any conference games, performance bond rolled over to current year.
  - \$1375 due in full by February 28<sup>th</sup>
  - \$100 discount if paid in full by December 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Credit Cards accepted but subject to online handling fee
  - Invoices sent to all teams in early October
  - EIN/Tax ID#: 52-2270910



# Team Operations

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- Boosting team interest
  - Student involvement fair for incoming freshmen
  - Advertisement/Coverage in school paper
  - Flyers in freshmen dorms and common areas
  - Create a social media groups/pages/accounts
  - Make presence known on campus
- Boosting Team Morale
  - Get the team together off the field as much as on
  - Social events where ALL are included can build strong bonds => leads to more success on the field
  - Road trips build strong team chemistry
  - Set room assignments on the road to break up “Clicks”
  - Looking good can make players buy in to the club philosophy faster
    - Coordinating uniforms, warmups and swag go a long way
  - Being organized will give opponents the impression of strong leadership while instilling pride in your team to compete with confidence
    - Arriving in uniform, team vans, choreographed warm ups, show opponents that you take things seriously
    - Choreographed practices with a set practice attire sends that same message to your players



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- **Budgeting**
  - Very important to set accurate budget
  - Make sure to include Expenses such as umpires, field costs, uniforms, equipment, travel expenses, league dues etc.
  - Income items such as player dues, fundraisers, donations, school input, etc.
  - **BUDGET FOR POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS EVERY YEAR!**
- **Player Dues**
  - How much to charge?
  - What is included?
    - Travel costs? New Uniforms?
    - More included = Higher Dues\$
  - Supply & Demand: Lots of interest = Higher Dues\$
  - Make them pay as soon as they make the team
    - Players who practice for months then fail to pay dues hurt the team financially and chemistry
  - Charge \$5 for tryouts



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- Team Equipment/Uniforms
  - Order early as customized items tend to have extended lead times
  - Order extra jerseys; uniforms do rip or go missing on occasion, or maybe you add another player during the season
  - Order extra game balls when the supply runs low, NCSA rules state you must use Official NCSA Softballs.
  - Get quotes from NCSA sponsors, there is a reason why the NCSA endorses them
  - Take advantage of additional NCSA discounts during early ordering periods
  - See list of NCSA Sponsors and discounts provided on NCSA website



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**Being informed, organized and having strong lines of communications is key to a successful season.**

- Guide To Collegiate Club Softball
- Developed by NCSA in order to:
  - Define and publicize the concepts and goals of the NCSA
  - Assist with the development and recruitment of new softball teams
  - Provide an all-inclusive reference manual to NCSA league operations
  - Assist with the improvement of member team basketball operations
- Chapter Titles:
  - What is the NCSA
  - Starting a team at your school
  - Joining the NCSA
  - Operating within the NCSA (Preseason, Regular Season, Post Season)
  - Partners and Sponsors of the NCSA
  - Chapters can be downloaded on the “Documents” tab of NCSA website



# Timetable

June 1	League Participation Agreement Deadline
June 27	17th Annual NCSA League Meeting
July 30	Scheduling Request Forms Due
August 15	Conference Schedules Released
September 15	Fall portion of Regular Season Begins**
September 15	\$150 Refundable Performance Bond Due (if owed)
Sept. 30-Oct1	Peach State Fall Classic - Columbus, GA
October 7-8	Indy Invitational – Elkhart, IN
October 14-15	NCSA Fall Tournament – Lancaster, PA
December 31	Deadline to receive Annual League Dues discount
March	NCSA Swing into Spring - Panama City Beach
February 28	Deadline for payment of Annual League Dues
April 1	Roster Freeze Deadline
April 27-28	Regionals & District Playoffs
May 16-19	2023 NCSA DI and DII World Series

\*\*Online Player Registration & Academic Eligibility Letters due one week before first game.





# Sponsors & Fundraising





# Fundraising Opportunities



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# FundRazr

## **An Official Fundraiser of the NCSA!**

- **The best online fundraising platform for any budgetary need**
- **Start an online campaign for FREE and begin accepting donations in minutes**
- **Share on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Google+ and via e-mail to reach more potential donors**
- **Invite players to share the fundraiser and make it a friendly competition within the team**
- **All you need are an e-mail address and a Verified PayPal Account to get started**
- **Go to [FundRazr.com/pages/collclubsports](http://FundRazr.com/pages/collclubsports) in order to get started on an account through our leagues portal!**



# FundRazr

FundRazr

## **A New Way to Use FundRazr!**

- **Cal Poly fundraised over \$17,000 in less than 2 weeks to help offset expenses for the NCBA Division I World Series!**

# Cal Poly Club Baseball Trip to Greenwood, SC for Nationals

Like 781

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\$17,035 raised



85% of \$20k goal

88 contributors

0 days left

Ended May 22, 2022



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# Other Ideas/Suggestions

What works for you?

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## The Official Lodging Partner of the NCSA

- Teams, players, and fans receive a minimum of 10% discount on best available rate (personal or NCSA Related)
- Book online using the NCSA / CollClubSports Booking Portal
  - [motel6.com/en/cp/coll-club-sports.html](http://motel6.com/en/cp/coll-club-sports.html)
- Speak to a Motel 6 Representative and make your reservation over the phone by calling 1-800-899-9841
- Corporate ID Number / Discount Code: **CPUM4EHL**
- To find out more, click the Motel 6 Ad on the NCSA Website





# Equipment Sponsors



# Mike Galletti

## Rawlings/Easton Sponsor

### Account Manager



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# Rawlings

- **The Official Softball of the NCSA**
  - All NCSA teams are **REQUIRED** to use NCSA stamped softballs for all NCSA sanctioned games
  - Teams will receive equipment forms in late July/early August to go about getting your two dozen complimentary softballs
  - Please contact Mike Galletti with any questions
    - [Mike.Gallettit@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Mike.Gallettit@CollClubSports.com) or 412-321-8440 x111



# Easton

- **The Official Uniform Supplier of the NCSA**
  - **NCSA Teams receive a 45% discount off orders paid July through November**
  - **Orders placed between December through June receive a 35% discount**
  - **Uniforms are 100% customizable: Team name, Logo, Number, different sublimated designs including camo and other colors!**
  - **All garments come with the NCSA logo on the back collar, FREE of charge.**
  - **Contact Mike Galletti to place order, request a catalog, or RECEIVE A QUOTE**
    - **412.321.8440 x111**
    - **Mike.Galletti@CollClubSports.com**
  - **All Billing handled through NCSA Office**

# UNIFORM EXAMPLES



All jersey tops & pants will feature the official NCSA logo, free of charge.



# Rawlings & Easton

- **The Official Protective Equipment & Performance Apparel Supplier of the NCSA**
- **NCSA Teams have access to BOTH brands**
  - **35% discount on orders paid from December through June**
  - **45% discount on early orders paid from July through November**
  - **Apparel items include: Performance Shirts/Shorts, Compression Shirts/Shorts, Sweatshirts, Polo's, Jackets and Pants**
  - **Equipment items include: Batting Helmets, Bats, Protective Shirts/Shorts, Sliding Shorts, Catchers Helmets, shin guards and chest protectors**
  - **Billing handled by NCSA office**
  - **Contact Mike Galletti to place order or RECEIVE A QUOTE**
    - **412.321.8440 x111**
    - **Mike.Galletti@CollClubSports.com**

# APPAREL/EQUIPMENT



# TCA Sponsor Account Manager



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# TCA Team

- The TCA Team provides NCSA players and fans the opportunity to receive 25% off on these 4 major brands.
- Oakley Sunglasses, Lizard Skins Grips, Franklin Batting Gloves & Stance Socks.
- To take advantage of the opportunity, simply use discount code “NCSA” at checkout through TCA’s website: <https://tcateamstore.com/>



# Felicia Battaglia

## The Game Sponsor

## Account Manager



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*The Game*

## The Game

- **Official Headwear Sponsor of the NCSA**
- **Some Great Product Offering**
  - **Customizable Team Visors**
  - **Player and Coach Hats**
  - **Fleece Beanies and Ear Bands**
  - **Great gifts for parents and fans!**
- **Check out the full listing in their catalog!**
- **[www.THEGAMEHEADWEAR.com](http://www.THEGAMEHEADWEAR.com)**





# THE GAME

## THE OFFICIAL HEADWEAR OF THE NCSA

Contact [Felicia.Battaglia@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Felicia.Battaglia@CollClubSports.com) for all of your headwear needs and to take advantage of great prices through the NCSA and The Game





*The Game*

## The Game

- **Exclusive low prices**
- **Early Order Discounts**
- **Free NCSA logo included**
- **Contact – Felicia Battaglia**
  - [Felicia.Battaglia@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Felicia.Battaglia@CollClubSports.com)
  - 412-321-8440 Ext. 107
- **Orders and payments are placed directly through Felicia**





# How to ask a question?

Type your name, team affiliation, and question in the “Comments” section below the video.

NCSA Staff will read your question aloud and the current speaker will answer accordingly.



# Proposed Rule Voting Ballot Procedures

- NCSA to address rule proposals one at a time
- Will open comment section to teams rule proposals
  - All rule proposals need a “second that” to be included on ballot
    - Ballots will be emailed out in 2 Weeks
    - Each team gets to submit 1 Voting Ballot
    - Voting Results Released in Approx. 3 Weeks
- 2023-2024 NCSA Rulebooks released in late July



## NCSA Proposed Rule

- Amending NCSA 4.08.0
  - Current rule during regular season is if 5 full innings have not been played and game is called for weather/darkness, then game is ruled void and to be made up at later date
    - Proposed Change: Halt the game and pick up where game was stopped at a later date.
- Do we adopt auto-promotion/auto relegation rules similar to NCBA?
  - DI => DII: If you finish at bottom of conference, two years in a row or forfeit 3+ games two years in a row you AUTOMATICALLY move down to DII IF there is a replacement
  - DII=>DI: 2+ seasons of no forfeits, has two years of eligible roster of 15 while also doing one of the following: Winning a National Championship, or 2 consecutive WS appearances, or back to back to back District Playoff Appearances with a WS appearance in that span.





## NCSA Proposed Rule

- Amending NCSA Post-Season Rules for DII
  - Specific rules detailing how post-season Regional Tournaments are comprised are detailed in current NCSA Rulebook
    - Amend that portion of the rulebook once we have better understanding of District Layout and what Division II teams want post-season to look like (September/October Meeting)



# Proposed Rules

The floor is open for any team rule proposals

Please submit your rule proposal one at a time by entering it into the comment section



# Reminders

- We Need Your Alumni!
  - The NCSA is looking for club softball Alumni who want to volunteer to stay involved with the NCSA so we can continue to operate successfully and grow.
  - We are looking for:
    - Regional Directors
    - Top 20 Voters
    - Tournament Staff
  - Great opportunity to stay involved, gain experience, or build a resume
  - No out of pocket expenses, just want your passion to help the sport grow



# Reminders

- Games cannot end in a tie
  - Games that are reported as ties will be halted and made up at on a date determined by the NCSA
  - International Tie Breaker should be used for top of 8<sup>th</sup> inning (last batted out put on 2<sup>nd</sup> base)
- Weekly Submission Forms (Due each Monday by midnight)
  - This allows us to update the website with scores, standings, schedules, etc.
  - Pitcher and Player of the week Nominations
    - If you nominate a player or pitcher this allows them to be a contender for both Conference and National Player/Pitcher of the week recognition.
- All American Nomination Forms
  - For a player to be considered your team must submit a Nomination form that allows us to look at their stats and judge them based upon their nominated position
  - Every Ballot will be considered please submit one per team.



# Reminders

## Social Media

**Twitter:** @TheNCSA

**Facebook Page:** NCSAClubSoftball

**Facebook Group:** NCSA (National Club Softball Association)

**Instagram:** @the\_ncsa

## Suite 301

LIVE broadcast at 3:01pm EST on Facebook:  
[facebook.com/ccsSuite301](https://www.facebook.com/ccsSuite301)

Tune in for updates about the NCSA and around CollClubSports!



# Closing

- Thank You for Tuning in
- Promote the League & Website
- Give the Sponsors Business whenever possible
  - Whenever Issues Arise, Please Notify Us
    - Let No Question Go Unanswered
    - Keep Lines of Communication Open
    - Please be Prompt Meeting Deadlines
      - It's a Game!! Have Fun!!