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## LAUTNER NAMED DIRECTOR OF DIVISION II SOFTBALL OPERATIONS

The National Club Softball Association (NCSA) is thrilled to announce that effective July 1, 2023; Lacie Lautner will head the newly formed Division II of the NCSA as the Director of Division II Operations. In addition to overseeing the NCSA Division II League, she will continue her responsibilities as the Director of NCSA Swing into Spring and Team Development. She will also continue oversight of the Mid-America Region of the NCSA Division I League.

Lautner is a former club softball player at Penn State University and was hired full time with CollClubSports and specifically the NCSA in October of 2021. Since that time, she has shown incredible development while surpassing goals. As Director of Team Development, she added 15 new teams to the NCSA for the 22-23 while retaining 96% or current teams, which directly influenced the ability to open a Division II league for the upcoming 23/24 season. As Director of Swing into Spring Operations, she increased the number of registering teams



by 63%, which gave all participating teams an amazing experience in Panama City Beach.

"I am thrilled to become the Director of Division II! I cannot wait to see all the success the new and returning teams bring to the field." Lautner said. "During my time overseeing the league, I hope to build great and lasting relationships with all DII teams throughout the year. This is a very exciting time for the NCSA and all teams in Division II. I look forward to the first-ever start of the NCSA D2 season."

In the coming weeks, Lacie will be directly involved with helping structure the first ever NCSA Division II league that is set to kick off its first season on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. With her proven track record, the NCSA Division II league will be a success not only in year one, but for years to come.

"The teams that make up the inaugural NCSA Division II season and every season thereafter will be in very good hands." said VP of Softball Operations, Christian Smith. Lacie has an excellent sense of running and growing every aspect of her roles within the NCSA. She also develops a great rapport with the teams she communicates with, so the NCSA Division II teams should be excited with this announcement."

Be sure to stay up to date with all the NCSA updates by going to the NCSA website and social media platforms often.

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