

## 2024 NCSA Swing Into Spring – Panama City Beach Guidelines

The National Club Softball Association's Swing Into Spring – Panama City is dedicated to Collegiate Club Softball teams. The NCSA specializes in accommodating the needs of Collegiate Club Softball teams and it is for this reason that we are expecting to have so much success with this event. The following is a list of adopted tournament guidelines and procedures.

- I. All games will be played following the Official 2023-2024 NCSA Rules and Regulations.
- II. NO SEEDS, GUM, TOBACCO OR METAL CLEATS
- III. Each team will be expected to provide two new official NCSA game balls at the start of each game. Teams are responsible for tracking down foul balls, **NO SOFTBALLS MEANS NO PLAY**
- IV. In the event of rain, we wait until rain stops, allow a minimum of 10 minutes to assess how much the ground is going to absorb and check radar for future weather. The site supervisor will meet with both teams within 10 minutes of the rain stopping to assess when play will resume. If a game is cancelled due to rain, the participating college/university will not be charged for the game if:
  - a. The game is cancelled a minimum of three hours before scheduled game time.
  - b. The team is playing a double header and the second is cancelled at the same time as the first.
  - c. NCSA will attempt to reschedule any games due to weather if both teams agree and field and time space are available.
- V. Teams will be accepted and registered for the 2024 Swing Into Spring – Panama City on a first come first served basis.
  - a. The initial registration agreement, registration fee, and performance bond are due by November 1, 2023 to secure the early registration discount.
  - b. Schedule Request forms are due by January 1, 2024.
  - c. The remaining balance is due on or before January 31, 2024.
  - d. For all payments received after February 1, 2024, 50% of the performance bond will be forfeited. All fees must be postmarked by February 15, 2024 or 100% of the performance bond will be forfeited.
- VI. All teams participating in the 2024 NCSA Swing Into Spring – Panama City Beach are required to book their accommodations through NCSA approved hotel/resort booking partners prior to the lodging cutoff date of Feb 1 or pay a Lodging opt out fee of \$400 per team. We have contracted with several hotels/resorts/booking agents in the area securing low group rates for teams and family members. Contributions from the sponsoring lodging help to offset field and umpire costs that exceed the per-game charge.
- VII. Behavior deemed inexcusable, including resort misconduct and tardiness to games, will be subject to an NCSA fine taken directly from the team's performance bond. Failure to complete post-event survey, will result in loss of performance bond.
- VIII. Teams should arrive a minimum of ½ hour before scheduled game.
- IX. Schedule Request Forms due by 1/1/2024 or else team's schedule will be made by NCSA discretion.
  - a. Team's schedule requests will be considered in order received.
- X. Athletic trainers will be on site for games **ONLY**, not practices.