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Presents



Annual League Meeting – August 13th, 2024

Meeting Expectations:

- Make your best effort to focus on the meeting
- Be mindful of the fact that you are representing your team, your school, and yourself
- **PARTICIPATE:** If you have a question, ask it!



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Agenda

- **What is CollClubSports?**
 - **Meet the NCSA Staff**
- **2023-2024 – A Year in Review**
- **2024-2025 – 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 DI & DII)
 - Founded 2006 – 33 teams – grown to 159 teams across both divisions
 - NCSA DI: 119 Teams
 - NCSA DII: 40 Teams in its 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 146 teams
 - Women's – Founded 2019 – 52 teams – grown to 81 teams



Meet the NCSA Staff

FRONT OFFICE

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



Meet the NCSA Staff

NCSA DI Regional Directors

- North Atlantic Region – Lauren Wright
- Mid Atlantic Region – Katie Fried
- Mid-America Region – Sydney Powell
- Great Lakes Region – Lacie Lautner
- South Atlantic Region – Natalie Burrow
- New England Region – Angie Petrie
- Pacific Region – Rashad Baadqir
- Great American Region– Jamie Wilson



Meet the NCSA Staff

NCSA DII District Coordinators

- District I – Position Open – Apply Now!
- District II – Position Open – Apply Now!
- District III – Kerrigan Larkin
- District IV – Position Open – Apply Now!



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2023-2024 – A Year in Review

- League Membership
 - 15 New Teams joined helping to bring membership to 159 teams
 - Inaugural year of Division II
 - Made up of 13 New Teams and 27 Renewal Teams that moved down
 - Division II provides level competitive playing field
 - Strengthens Division I
- Rule Changes
 - Halted Game Rule in Regular Season, forfeit rules, and auto-promotion and auto-relegation rules Updated into both DI and DII Rulebooks
- Invitational Tournaments
 - Indy Invitational Winner: No winner declared; weather
 - Keystone Classic – No winner declared; weather



2023-2024 – A Year in Review

- DII Regular Season

- Ran from 9/15 – 4/21; 4 Districts and 7 Conferences

- DII District Playoffs: April 27/28; Various Sites

- District I Champion: Fairfield Runner Up: Sacred Heart (DII)

- District II Champion: Stevenson Runner Up: Salisbury

- District III Champion: UT Chattanooga Runner Up: Elon

- District IV Champion: UW-Whitewater Runner Up: Northern Michigan

- Fairfield and UT-Chattanooga turned down their bid to DII World Series. Sacred Heart (DII) and Salisbury awarded at-large bids



2023-2024 – A Year in Review



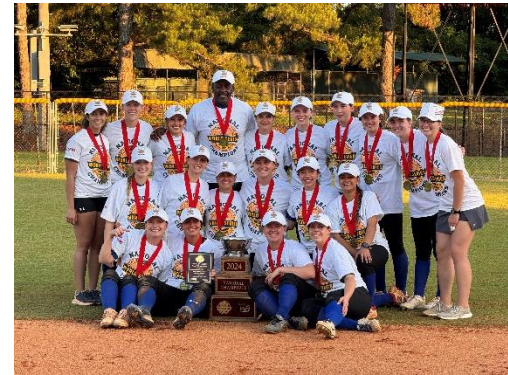
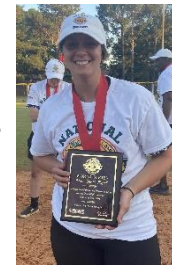
- NCSA DI World Series

- Columbus, GA: May 16-19

- Air Force defeats Illinois 2-1 to win 1st ever National Championship

- Air Force's Lindsey Weber named MVP

- 55 Games Played over the course of 4 days



- All-Americans

- 2024 NCSA All-Americans & Academic All-Americans can be found on NCSA Website under LEAGUE tab (previous year winners too)

- 2024 NCSA Sportsmanship Award

- Michigan State's Alana Ganop wins 2024 NCSA Sportsmanship Award.

2023-2024 – A Year in Review



- NCSA DII World Series

- Cranberry Township, PA: May 19-20
- University of Wisconsin-Whitewater defeats Salisbury 14-4 to win 1st ever NCSA Division II National Championship
- UW-Whitewater’s Gabby Braatz named MVP
- 9 Games Played over the course of 2 days – Pool Play=>Single Elimination





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2024-25 – What's to Come

- New Teams
- Swing into Spring – Panama City Beach
- Conference Realignment/Scheduling
 - 2024 Fall Tournaments
 - Rawlings Polls
 - Regionals & District Playoffs
 - DI and DII World Series
- Team Operations for successful season
 - Timetable

New Teams for 2024-2025

2024-2025 NCSA NEW TEAMS...SO FAR



WASHINGTON UNIV.
IN ST. LOUIS



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIV.



CSU - PUEBLO



UNIV. OF NEW MEXICO



YALE UNIV.



NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIV.



UNIV. OF ST. THOMAS



UNIV. OF MISSOURI

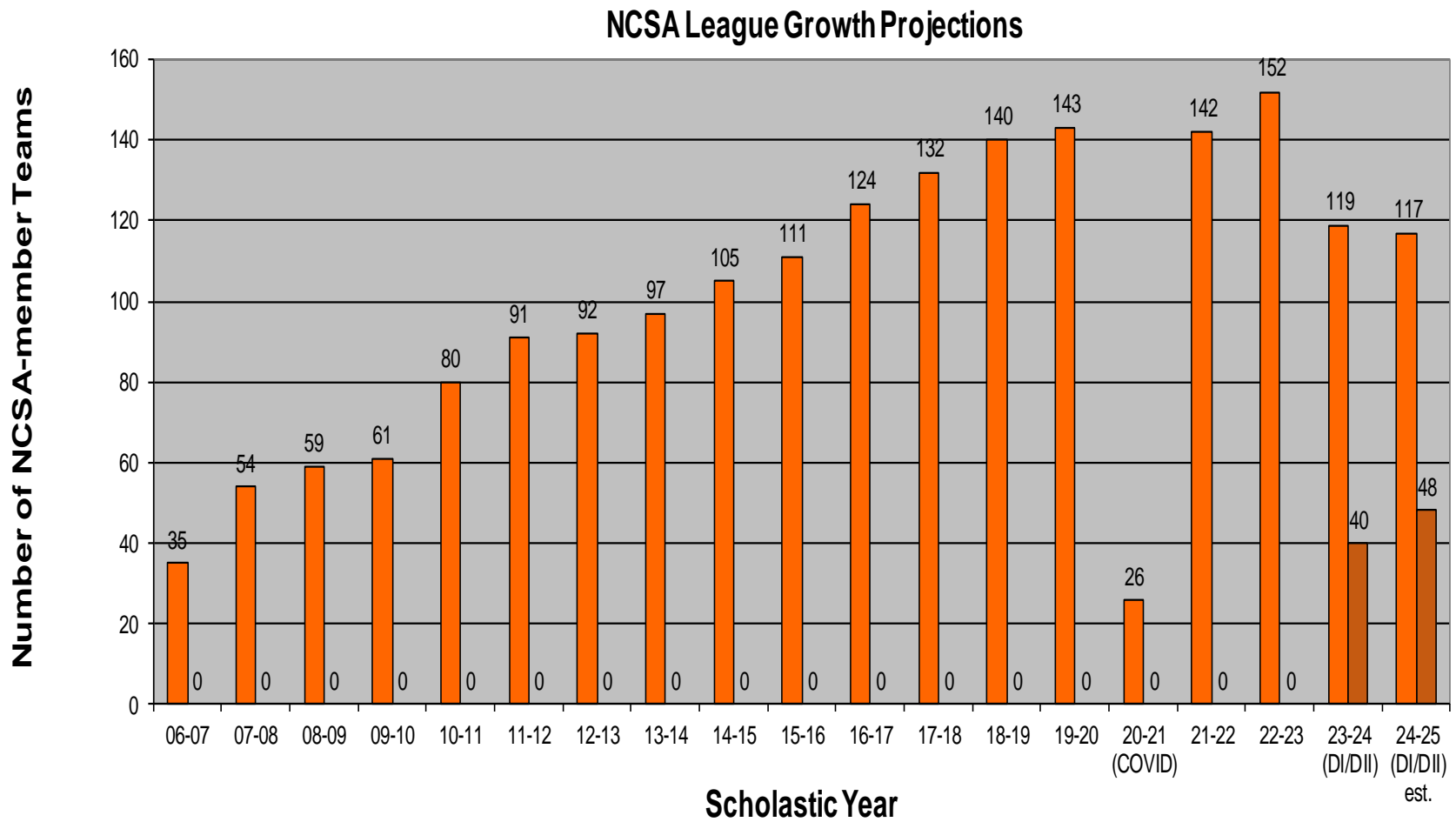


Teams Interested in joining the NCSA:

- **Cal State University – Long Beach**
 - **University of San Diego**
- **Virginia Commonwealth University**
 - **Western Carolina University**
 - **Oklahoma State University**
 - **Southern University**



NCSA Growth





2025 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- \$115/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 2nd, 2023**
- **Registration Fee:**
 - **Before November 15th: \$100.00**
 - **After November 15th: \$200.00**



Conference Realignment: DI & DII

- Division I: Realignment Finalized
 - High Point, Oakland, New England, Quinnipiac and Towson all moved down to Division II & Rhode Island moved up to DI
 - Rutgers and Rhode Island joined New England South Conference
 - North Atlantic Region compressed into 2 conferences
 - Delaware and Rowan join North Atlantic South with PSU, Bloomsburg, TCNJ and Millersville
 - App State joins Mid-Atlantic South and Navy and Maryland join Mid-Atlantic North
 - Nova Southeastern joins South Atlantic South
 - WUSTL & Missouri join Great American West. Ohio State joins Great American South, and Youngstown State joins Great American East
 - Great Lakes compressed into 2 conferences
 - Western Michigan and Notre Dame join Great Lakes West and CMU and GVSU join Great Lakes East
 - Univ. of New Mexico and CSUP join Mid-America West
 - *Complete view of conferences can be found on 'CONTACT' page on NCSA DI Website*



Conference Realignment: DI & DII

- Division II: Realignment Finalized
 - High Point, Oakland, New England, Quinnipiac and Towson all moved down to Division II & Rhode Island moved up to DI
 - Univ. of New England joins District I North replacing URI & Quinnipic and Yale join District I South
 - Montclair State joins District II North with Temple, St. Joe's, Lock Haven, Villanova and York.
 - Towson joins District II South with Stevenson, GMU, GWU, Loyola MD, Salisbury
 - High Point joins District III with UNG, Elon, UNCG, and UT-Chattanooga
 - St. Thomas joins District IV West and Oakland joins District IV East.
 - *Complete view of conferences can be found on 'CONTACT' page on NCSA DI Website*
 - **REMINDER THAT AUTO-PROMOTION AND AUTO-RELEGATION RULES TAKE EFFECT DURING 24/25 SEASON.**



Conference Scheduling

- Schedule Request Form
 - Was due approximately July 28th
 - 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 15th
- 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



2024 Fall Tournaments

- All games count toward overall record and stats

NCSA Indy Invitational - Elkhart, IN

- October 5-6, 2024
- Riverview Softball Complex
- 12 to 16 teams (4 game guarantee)

NCSA Danville Fall Tournament – Danville, PA

- October 12-13, 2024
- Echo Field Complex
- 8 to 12 teams (4 game guarantee)

NCSA Asheville Fall Tournament – Asheville, NC

- November 9-10, 2024
- Bob Lewis Ballpark
- 8 to 12 teams (4 game guarantee)





Rawlings Polls

- The NCSA DI has a Top 20 Poll while the NCSA has a Top 10 Poll. Prior to the season, the NCSA will assemble a 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 voting ballot.
- **LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED, UNBIASED, OBJECTIVE VOLUNTEERS TO SIT ON VOTING PANEL.**
- Email Christian Smith at Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com if interested



Division I Regionals

- Regionals scheduled for April 26/27, 2025 (Easter Sunday is 4/20)
- 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 4th team for regionals if the region is comprised 3 conferences (New England, Great American, Mid-America and Pacific).
 - Regions with 2 conferences will have top two teams from each conference qualify for Regionals (North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic and Great Lakes)
 - Top two finishers at each regional playoff will automatically qualify for the NCSA World Series.



Division II District Playoffs

- District Playoffs scheduled for April 26/27, 2025 (Easter Sunday is 4/20)
- The top 2 teams in each conference will qualify for District Playoffs.
- In District I, II, and IV, the District Playoff will be a 4-team Double Elimination Tournament
- In District III it will be a Best of 3 format.
- Higher expectations for Division II Teams that qualify for the postseason attending District Playoffs
- Tournaments will be funded by the NCSA at various sites
- District Playoff winner will automatically qualify for the NCSA Division II World Series.

2025 Division I World Series

- Location: Columbus, GA (South Commons Softball Complex)
 - 16 qualifying teams
 - 8 Regional Champions
 - 8 Regional Runner Ups
- 2025 DATES
 - May 15-18, 2025 (Thurs-Sun)
 - Marks 15th 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!





2025 Division II World Series

- **NCSA hosted a DII-Only Zoom Call on July 31st to discuss DII World Series Location and Format**
 - Due to NCSA staffing and other CCS events taking place, both the NCSA DI and DII World Series cannot take place during the same weekend UNLESS the DII World Series took place in Columbus, GA during the NCSA DI World Series.
 - Feedback requested was either a geographically centralized location (like Cranberry Township, PA on May 9-11, 2025 OR host NCSA DII World Series on May 16-18 in Columbus, GA during DI World Series
 - Pros and Cons to each option
- **Location: TBD – But teams decided that a centralized location is best.**
- **Date: May 9-11, 2025**
- **Format: Pool Play to Single Elimination (same as last year) but a 3-day event (Friday, Saturday & Sunday).**
 - Tentative schedule will have each team play a pool play game on Friday Night, two pool play games on Saturday, and single elimination on Sunday.
 - Teams will not have to play more than 2 games in a day



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 1st)
 - Existing Team Renewal Form (Due Date: June 1st)
 - 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 & 3rd 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
 - 3rd 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



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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 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.
 - \$1,440 due in full by February 28th
 - **\$100 discount if paid in full by December 1st**
 - 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



Team Operations

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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



Team Operations

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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



Team Operations

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- 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



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- National Fastpitch Coaches Association Partnership
- Each NCSA Member Team's Primary Officer/Coach receives a complimentary 1-year membership to the NFCA
 - Over 350 drills on Drills Database
 - Watch and implement at practices
 - Hundreds of hours of presentations on different softball related subjects
 - Year-Round mentoring program which pairs teams with other member coaches
 - Network with other coaches to ask questions, share experiences and be apart of a community
 - Access to publications, podcasts, members-only webinars, membership directory and member discounts for events and equipment.
 - Go to NFCA.org for full list of benefits.



Timetable

June 1	League Participation Agreement Deadline
July 28	Scheduling Request Forms Due
August 13	18th Annual NCSA League Meeting
August 15	Conference Schedules Released
September 15	Fall portion of Regular Season Begins**
September 15	\$150 Refundable Performance Bond Due (if owed)
October 5-6	Indy Invitational – Elkhart, IN
October 12-13	Danville Fall Tournament – Danville, PA
November 9-10	Ashville Fall Tournament – Ashville, NC
December 1	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 26-27	Regionals & District Playoffs
May 9-11	2025 NCSA DII World Series
May 15-18	2025 NCSA DI 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 in order to get started on an account through our leagues portal!**



FundRazr

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A New Way to Use FundRazr!

- **East Carolina Club Baseball fundraised over \$25,000 in less than 2 weeks to help offset expenses for the NCBA Division I World Series!**

ECU Club Baseball 2024 World Series

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Gallery (5)

\$25,570 raised

102% of \$25k goal

282 contributors

8 Days left

Contribute



By East Carolina Club Baseball

Organization campaign · Keep it all
Greenville, US

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This year the East Carolina Club Baseball team is conducting a fundraiser and asking for financial contributions from the best fans in the world and supporters of the program. The funds generated through this campaign will allow these players to concentrate on being the best they can to compete at the 2024 NCAA World Series for the program's 2nd National Title in Alton, Illinois.



Other Ideas/Suggestions

What works for you?

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Travel Sponsor
Account Manager



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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
- 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



Amanda Lam

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 Amanda Lam with any questions**
 - **Amanda.Lam@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 Amanda with the NCSA to place order, request a catalog, or RECEIVE A QUOTE**
 - **412.321.8440 x111**
 - **Amanda.Lam@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 Amanda to place order or RECEIVE A QUOTE**
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APPAREL/EQUIPMENT



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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

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- **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**





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THE OFFICIAL HEADWEAR OF THE NCSA

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- **Exclusive low prices**
- **Early Order Discounts**
- **Free NCSA logo included**
- **Contact – Felicia Battaglia**
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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 approximately 1 Week
 - Each team gets to submit 1 Voting Ballot
 - Voting Results Released in Approx. 3 Weeks
- 2024-2025 NCSA Rulebooks released in September



NCSA Proposed Rule

- Conference Scheduling
 - Currently, schedules flip/flop home and away each year. So if Team A plays @ Team B during the 24/25 season, then for the 25/26 season, Team B will play at Team A.
 - Proposed Change Example: **Effective for 25/26 Season:** If Team A (away team) forfeits the entire conference series to Team B (home team) in 24/25, then Team A will once again be scheduled to play at Team B in 25/26. Should Team A actually travel to Team B for their conference series in 25/26, then in 26/27 the conference schedule would return to the original rotation with Team A once again being scheduled to play at Team B and Team B playing at Team A in 27/28
- Allowing Bridge Program Students to compete
 - Currently in order to compete for Team A, you have to be a full time student at Team A
 - Proposed Change: Some schools offer Bridge Programs. Should Bridge Students be eligible to compete for the university their Bridge program is affiliated with even if they are not students there.



NCSA Proposed Rule

- **Eligibility – Varsity Play**
 - If an NCSA player makes an official appearance on their school's varsity softball team in five or more official sanctioned intercollegiate-level softball games, they immediately become ineligible to compete in the NCSA for the remainder of the season.
- **Official Fall Season Start**
 - Currently the NCSA Fall Season starts on 9/15/24 which is a Sunday, meaning if you played on 9/14/24 (Saturday), those games could not be counted.
 - Should the NCSA Fall Season start on the 2nd Saturday in September no matter what the specific date is year to year? If this rule passes, NCSA Fall Season would specifically start on 9/14/24 this year and 9/13/25 next year.



NCSA Proposed Rule

- Removing NCSA DII Rule 19.02.1
 - 19.02.1 – Should a team qualify for the post season and fail to participate, they will AUTOMATICALLY be played on probation for a minimum of 1 full season.
 - 19.02.1.1 During the first season on probation, the team will be post season eligible but will be at-large bid ineligible
 - Many DII Teams not prepared for post-season after they qualified since it was never a reality in the past
 - If rule is removed, it should be reinstated after expectations are being met.



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 8th inning (last batted out put on 2nd 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!!