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IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW IN FEBRUARY

MCBBA

1st - NCBBA Phone Day

NGFA

8th - NCFA Phone Day

PRESENTS:
SUITE
301

21st - Suite 301

NCBA

15th - NCBA Phone Day

NCSP.

22nd - NCSA Phone Day

Feb 14th - Valentine's Day

Feb 15th - NCFA Schedule Request Forms Due

Feb 28th - Annual Dues Deadline: - NCBBA, NCSA, & NCBA

Feb 28th - NCBBA Early Registration Deadline

Mike Mulkerin Named as Director of Team Development for the NCBBA



The NCBBA is excited to announce that Mike Mulkerin has been recently named the Director of Team Development. This appointment comes shortly after an unprecedented growth in the league where Sandy Sanderson successfully expanded the league to 76 teams.

As the fastest growing league in CollClubSports, it is the focus of the front office to put as much effort behind signing more teams. It is the firm and core belief of CCS that a sport can't thrive without the best competition out there.

"My goal is to grow the NCBBA to new heights" says Mike Mulkerin. "We saw incredible growth prior to this season with the addition of 32 new teams. That has set the bar for me and I want to replicate that growth annually for the foreseeable future. The NCBBA wants to be a coast to coast organization. My number one goal for the upcoming registration period and off season is to make that dream a reality. There is a multitude of teams in the Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific and the Gulf

Coast regions who want to become members within the NCBBA. I want to develop and grow the league in those regions as well as continue the grow Sandy has started within our already existing conferences."

The staff here at the NCBBA is confident in Mike's ability to help push the NCBBA to be the premier club basketball league in the nation.

Don't forget! Early registration for the NCBBA ends February 28th and any new team interested in joining should contact Mike Mulkerin at Mike.Mulkerin@CollClubSports.com or 412-321-8440 x106!



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NCFA Hosts Successful Annual League Meeting

On Saturday January 28th, the NCFA hosted the Annual League Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. Over 30 representatives from 10 current and prospective teams travelled to Pittsburgh to take part in the meeting's discussions and bring up any issues they want the league to address.

Sandy Sanderson started the meeting off with going over the 2016 season and championship game. Coach Menas of Oakland University thought that West Liberty University had been a great location for the match and that everyone involved was great and accommodating. For the Fall 2017 kick off, Scott Hoffman, Mid Atlantic Coordinator for the NCFA, announced that the games are going to be held at the University of Pittsburgh's brand new sports dome. This way, weather will not be an issue in whether or not the games can be played.

The second half of the meeting then focused on some issues that needed to be addressed:

- 1) Obtaining recognition from the American Football Coach's Association
- 2) Slow growth
- 3) Roster size max
- 4) Scheduling of games on assumed days
- 5) Officials' Certifications
- 6) Academic Eligibility forms
- 7) Clarkson asked for an exception for a player
- 8) Oakland proposed that the Great Lakes conference be broken in to two separate conferences

Of these issues, the following were approved to be added to the ballot for voting:

- 1) Roster Max-
 - Vote to keep it at 60, drop it to 50, or drop it to 45
- 2) Scheduling Games-
 - Vote to assume that all games will happen on the Saturday of the week scheduled Any conference game not played on a Saturday must be reported to the away team (in writing) no less than 3 weeks in advance or else the home team is responsible to play the game on Saturday
- 3) Officials-
 - Vote to add the clause that should one of the officials be found to be unqualified then the game is deemed to be played using unqualified officials
- 4) Great Lakes-
 - Vote if Great Lakes East/West Divisions should be split into two separate conferences resulting in 5 conference champions going to the post season with a new post season format of:
 - * Conf championships take place 1 week earlier
 - * Following weekend #5 seed travels to #4 seed for play in game
 - * Following weekend #3 travels to #2 and #5 vs #4 winner travels to #1 for playoff games
 - * Playoff winners again play in bowl game
- 5) IF #4 is approved-
 - Vote if dues should be raised \$100 per team to go towards helping #5 travel to #4 in playoffs
- 6) IF #4 IS NOT approved-
 - Vote that Conferences/Divisions of 4 or less teams move to a home and away conference schedule against all conference opponents
- 7) General Survey Question-
 - Should the meeting be pushed back to a date in February, after team registration deadlines?

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NCFA Hosts Successful Annual League Meeting Cont...

After many hours of some heated but respectful discussion, the meeting wrapped up. "The NCFA is growing and I am excited to be apart of something great that is happening for our young men and institutions" says Michael Speight of Columbus State University in Columbus, GA. He was one of many who traveled rather long distances to attend the meeting.

"The NCFA is a unique football league for many reasons" says Kenny Sweezey, outgoing president for Loyola University, Chicago. "Chief among them is the emphasis, and necessity, for teams to run all the administrative duties of a college football program on their own. Teams promote, recruit, buy pads, rent fields, and organize the entire season by themselves.

Sweezey continues, "The ultimate example of the uniqueness of club football is seen at the annual NCFA league meeting. Coaches, team presidents, and reps get the opportunity to come together in an open and equal discussion. My first league meeting was three years ago as a sophomore in College. I was sitting in a room full of senior presidents and experienced coaches. It is so crucial to the success of individual teams, as well as the league, to have a shared voice in the future of the league. All of the reps, coaches, and league staff respect the opinions of one another giving all member teams an opportunity to contribute. It is amazing to see coaches from a large rural state school on the east coast make compromises and share a common view on direction of the league with college juniors representing small private schools from Midwestern cities. I highly recommend that all schools, if given the opportunity, go to the league meeting. It greatly effects everyone involved in the league and it is beneficial to have your voice heard more directly."

The NCFA is excited to see so many of the teams and representatives truly investing in the league by taking time out of their lives to come and discuss the future of the NCFA. The video broadcast can be found on Facebook on the NCFA page and ballots are scheduled to be sent out Friday, February 3rd.













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2017 NCBA DI PRESEASON Rawlings TOP 20 POLL



RANK	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS	
1	University of Nevada (13)	388	
2	East Carolina University (5)	380	
3	Colorado State University (1)	315	
4	University of Pittsburgh (1)	309	
5	Florida State University	285	
T-6	Texas A&M University	260	
T-6	University of Oregon	260	
8	University of Illinois	253	
9	University of Wisconsin	189	
10	University of Central Florida	181	
11	Ohio State University	165	
12	California Polytechnic State Univ	161	
13	Ohio University	109	
14	University of Delaware	108	
15	Western Washington University	101	
16	SIU - Edwardsville	84	
17	Northern Arizona University	69	
18	University of Texas	60	
19	Utah State University	58	
20	University of Massachusetts	52	

First place votes in parentheses
Total Points Available: 400

Others Receiving Votes:

Purdue University	50	James Madison University	13	University of Missouri	4
Boston College		University of Alabama	13	Baylor University	3
UC - Santa Barbara	46	Elon University	12	Michigan State University	3
University of Michigan	34	Coastal Carolina University	10	College of William & Mary	2
Arizona State University	33	Penn State University	9	Gonzaga University	2
Clemson University	27	UC - San Diego	7	University of Connecticut	2
University of Iowa	23	Virginia Tech	7	Washington State University	2
Grand Canyon University	16	UC - Davis	6	Oregon State University	1
University of Maryland	16	Boise State University	5	University of Southern California	1

The voting panel: J. Block, J. Brown, C. Budzik, T. Bzomowski, J. Caracci, E. Curitore, R. DeOrio, N. Doyle, J. Fean, B. Ficek, E. Gravell, C. Lowe, R. Norris, R. Noward, M. Olivo, J. O'Meara, R. Perkey, S. Sanderson, C. Smith, R. Weber

14 Louisiana State University

"We appreciate the ranking from the NCBA, and we understand this is a privilege to be ranked 1st in the Preseason poll. It means that we have a chance to defend our title from week one and we understand that this will be our hardest season yet. Our mentality is to not take any practices/games off this year and continue to get better every day. This year's team has plenty of options depth wise, this allows us to mix in match our team chemistry in order to give us the best lineup to win. We take this ranking as honor, but we also know that this means we have a target on our back and excited to take on that challenge."

-Tyler Long-University of Nevada Club Baseball Team



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University of Florida

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2017 NCBA DII PRESEASON

Rawlings TOP 20 POLL



RANK	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1	University of Windsor (8)	288
2	Ohio State University (DII) (3)	259
3	Penn State University (DII) (2)	240
4	Texas A&M University-Corps of Cadets (1)	220
5	University of Illinois (DII) (1)	209
6	Slippery Rock University	203
7	University of Maryland (DII)	199
8	Florida Gulf Coast University	166
9	California State University - Chico	165
10	SIU-Carbondale	155
10	University of Akron	155
12	SUNY-Buffalo	99
13	Grand Valley State University	98
14	St. Joseph's University	95
15	SUNY-Binghamton	62
16	Loyola University Maryland	52
17	East Carolina University (DII)	45
18	South Dakota State University	35
19	Stevenson University	33
20	Winona State University	32

1st place votes in parenthesis

Total points available: 300

OTHER RECEIVING VOTES

Carnegie Mellon University	29	James Madison University (DII)	9
Monmouth University	29	Southeast Missouri State University	9
University of Toledo	22	University of Tennessee Knoxville	9
California Miramar University - Montebello	21	California State University - Northridge	8
University of Florida (DII)	20	Bucknell University	6
Metro State College	18	Loyola Marymount University	5
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	17	University of Minnesota	5
Illinois State University (DII)	15	California Miramar University - San Diego	4
SUNY-Oneonta	15	Pittsburg State University	4
Northern Illinois University	14	San Jose State	3
Rice University	14	Furman University	2
Lone Star College (DII)	13	San Diego State University	2
Longwood University	12	University of Colorado-Colorado Springs	2
Grand Canyon University (DII)	11	Niagara University	1
IUPUI	10	North Dakota State University	1
Craven Community College	9	University of California - Irvine	1

The Voting Panel:

A. Kane, E. Curitore, R. Weber, C. Lowe, M. Mulkerin, C. Smith, J. Bober, C. Budzik, C. Soto, B. Knott, S. Baker, M. Ridner, N. Doyle, G. Robinson, A. Meneley

"The University of Windsor team is run slightly different than the NCBA Teams we have played against thus far. Being a coach led team has its advantages, and we fully expect to be ranked well each season. We feel proud to be ranked number one among so many incredible teams. The most incredible part, are the Team Representatives. Coaching a team while playing on the team is not easy. These teams must have a high level of respect for not only themselves, but for their representatives to be able to do what you do, while competing at such a high level. Simply put, we feel the excellence is league deserved, and we feel proud to be a member of the NCBA"

- Frank Jeney, University of Windsor Club Baseball Team Manager



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Five GREAT Hotels for the 2017 NCSA World Series!

The National Club Softball Association is excited to announce that five unique host hotels have been secured for the 2017 NCSA World Series. In addition, the NCSA is exited that the tournament will be returning to Columbus, GA which is set to begin on May 19th, 2017!



Columbus Marriott is located less than five minutes from the South Commons Softball Complex and a short walk away from downtown Columbus. Enjoy complimentary wireless service, fitness center and an outdoor patio complete with swimming pool and lounge area. Houlihan's restaurant is also attached to the back of the building. NCSA Teams can make reservations for just \$127 per night for a King or Double/Double by clicking here, or by calling 706-324-1800 and mentioning 'NCSA Softball World Series'.

Hyatt Place – Columbus North is just a short drive from the South Commons Softball Complex and is one of the newest hotels in the Columbus area. NCSA guests can enjoy a free, hot breakfast, hotel-wide Wi-Fi access, a 24-hour fitness center and a Bakery Cafè that serves Starbucks' coffee, tea and pastries. Discounted rates start at \$109 for a King Suite and \$119 for a Double Queen Suite. To make reservations, call (706) 507-5000 and mention 'NCSA World Series'.





Wingate by Wyndham Columbus is conveniently located off Interstate 185 and U.S. Highway 80 and is walking distance to shopping, restaurants and family entertainment. NCSA guests can enjoy a free American breakfast buffet, including waffles and omelets. The discounted rate for NCSA teams, parents and fans is \$88 per night for a Double Queen room. To make reservations, call (706) 225-1000 and mention 'NCSA World Series Group Block'.

Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbus provides a warm welcome to this newly renovated property! Enjoy complimentary Wi-Fi and a free hot breakfast during your stay. The NCSA Rate is just \$99 for a Double-Bed or King room. You can make reservations by calling 706-317-3600 and mentioning 'NCSA World Series Group Block'.





DoubleTree by Hilton – Columbus is the newest addition to the NCSA hotel block family. Situated conveniently near I-185, this Hilton property promises to be one of comfort with a large outdoor pool and a Houlihan's restaurant on site. Rates start at \$119 a night for a Double/Double or King room. To reserve, call 1-800-222-8733 and mention the 'NCSA World Series Group Block'.

All team reservations must be made no later than April 26th, 2017!



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CollClubSports Locks Up Partnership With Motel 6

The leagues of CollClubSports are excited to announce its newest partnership with Motel 6. This month, Motel 6 became "The Official Lodging Partner" of the leagues of CollClubSports, including the NCBA, NCSA, NCFA, and the NCBBA.

With locations all over the country, partnering up with Motel 6 was an easy decision for CollClubSports. "We're extremely happy to have Motel 6 on board for the upcoming season and I really think our teams are going to get a lot out of this partnership," said CollClubSports Marketing Manager, Eric Curitore. "Unlike any of our previous hotel partners, you can find a Motel 6 property in almost any town across the country. It won't be hard for teams to find a great place to stay at a moment's notice. Motel 6 offers our teams fantastic amenities and opportunities for their lodging – all at exclusive discounted rates. We're excited with what this new partnership will do for our member teams!"



Even booking is a breeze for all teams. By simply accessing the exclusive portal (https://www.motel6.com/en/cp/coll-club-sports.html), all teams can take advantage of unbeatable prices and customer service. In addition, players and teams can sign up for Motel 6's program, "My6", and be able to expedite all of their booking needs!



"Motel 6 is proud to be the exclusive lodging partner of CollClubSports," says Kirsten Jenkins, Special Markets Manager at G6 Hospitality. "We're 'Leaving the Light On' for teams, officials, boosters, families and friends at over 1200 locations nationwide. The Motel 6 team is ready to offer a winning combination of great rooms at special rates. We look forward to welcoming all members of the association when traveling during official sports season, on the road to visit friends or family or anywhere your travels take you."

For more information about Motel 6 and The Official Lodging Partner of CollClubSports, visit any of our league websites or contact Sponsor Account Manager, Alex Kane at (412) 321-8440 ext. 105 or via e-mail at Alex.Kane@CollClubSports.com!

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2017 NCBBA WEEK 12 RAWLINGS TOP 15 POLL



		TOTAL	PREVIOUS
RANK	TEAM	POINTS	RANK
1	Ohio State (3)	651	2
2	East Carolina (6)	633	1
3	Umass Lowell (6)	555	3
4	Wisconsin - WHITE	456	4
5	Michigan State	456	7
6	Purdue - GOLD	270	9
7	Brown	258	6
8	UNC Wilmington	234	10
9	Delaware	225	12
10	Pitt (1)	207	NR
11	Boston College	204	11
12	Goodwin	165	5
13	Michigan	138	14
14	Syracuse	105	NR
15	St. Bonaventure	102	8

Total Points Available: 720



Does your team need new gear? Check out the CollClubSports EXCLUSIVE discount with Rawlings and receive a **35% discount** on your order!

Contact Craig Budzk at Craig.Budzik@CollClubSports.com
to place your orders!

Suite 301 Is Now On Facebook Live!



ICYMI, CollClubSport's monthly broadcast, Suite 301, is now streaming LIVE on Facebook! Tune in to our Facebook page every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:01pm to catch up with what's going on in each of our leagues! Go to www.facebook.com/ccsSuite301 to like the page and watch each episode every month!

Next episode is Tuesday, December 20th at 3:01pm! See you then!



Looking to raise some money for your teams? CollClubSports has two great options for you!

(1) <u>FundRazr</u> is a crowdfunding solution that is laser-focused on eliminating the guesswork of raising money online for your campaign. Their thoughtful technology and expert social media guidance make telling your powerful story easy; sharing it with the widest community simple; and collecting the money worry-free!
 (2) <u>PLEDGE IT</u> is a sports fundraising website that enables teams to raise money based on their performance. Your teammates, family and friends can pledge a donation for every touchdown, interception and tackle during your season. Supporters can also make one-time flat donations!

Contact Tracy Reardon at <u>Tracy.Reardon@CollClubSports.com</u> to get started today!

