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Corona Virus (COVID-19) Statement

Over the past several days, CollClubSports has fielded a number of inquiries about how our baseball (NCBA), softball (NCSA), and basketball (NCBBA) leagues will be handling the various travel/hosting restrictions being issued by several member institutions of higher learning.

With the conclusion of the regular season and the beginning of postseason play quickly approaching, CollClubSports has been asked if the regular season will be extended and the start of postseason play delayed to accommodate teams who are not allowed to compete currently due to school mandate. Due to the fact that CollClubSports does not own but rents our post season venues from 3rd parties, it is impossible for scheduled postseason activities to be postponed due to lack of alternate availability. Thus the conclusion of the regular season and the beginning of the postseason for each sport will remain as previously scheduled.

Several member schools have inquired about what happens to their scheduled conference games (home or away) should they not be allowed to play due to official school/state mandates preventing them from traveling or hosting. First, if at all possible the games should be rescheduled to a later date but prior to the scheduled conclusion of the regular season, and this may include the bumping of previously scheduled non-conference games. If any games cannot be rescheduled then forfeits will have to be issued (double forfeit ties in the event both teams are under a "No Play" mandate). These forfeits will be deemed "No Fault" forfeits meaning that no loss of performance bond, no probationary status, and no damage to reputation will result. CollClubSports needs to ensure that deserving teams who are allowed to compete qualify for postseason births, and thus it is imperative that a final result needs to be achieved for all conference games in order to accomplish that. Simply allowing conference games to be unplayed with no result would prevent that from being possible.

Additionally there have been questions about what will happen to those teams who qualify for the postseason but are not allowed to participate due to school/state mandate. CollClubSports will excuse any such team from participating in the postseason without penalty or prejudice, and their spot will be awarded to the next most qualified team that is allowed to participate.



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Please know that we are in full support of our member teams and are attempting to be as accommodating as possible with these extenuating circumstances. Our plan to move forward is based around the exact premise on what the league was created for, to provide college athletes the opportunity to play collegiate sports and crown a National Champion. The above measures are being laid out so that we can move forward towards that overall goal and be able to crown our 2020 National Champions in the most reasonable way possible in light of the current situation.

We hope everyone will adhere to the CDC recommendations below in order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Sanderson".

Sandy Sanderson
President
CollClubSports

CDC Recommendations to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.