

# NCSA 2012-2013 League Meeting Voting Ballot & Survey

Please email completed ballot to [Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.com) no later than May 18, 2012

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Your Position: President

- 1) A big problem this year (especially at the World Series) was that with the NCAA tightening their restrictions on what bats are deemed legal, many teams discovered that most of their bats were not NCAA approve and thus illegal for use in NCSA games. Many teams suggested we switch to ASA bat standards instead of NCAA because ASA standards are “looser” and many bats meet ASA standards but not NCAA. This will help teams from having to go out and buy new bats more frequently as many of the ones they have are not longer legal. The NCSA would like to point out that by switching to ASA standards will make more “hot” bats legal and thus will increase offensive numbers and could potentially pose a danger to the athletes in the field as the ball will come off the bat faster.

Should the NCSA switch from NCAA bat standards to ASA bat standards?

- Yes – Switch to ASA bat standards  
 No – Continue to use NCAA bat standards

NCSA recommended vote: INDIFFERENT

COMMENTS?

27 Votes YES to 12 Votes NO

- 2) Effective during this 2011-12 NCSA Season, Regions comprised of four conferences had a Regional Playoff Tournament (hosted and funded by the NCSA) to determine the top two teams from that Region to qualify for the World Series. It is the plan of the NCSA that effective during the 2013-14 NCSA season that Regions comprised of three conferences will also have a Regional Playoff. Those teams in attendance who went through Regionals to get to the World Series feel that 3 conference regions should also go through Regionals in fairness. Several other teams in attendance who did not have to go through Regionals liked the idea because it was obvious that all the teams at the World Series were of high quality because some of the weaker teams were weeded out through Regionals.

Should Regions comprised of three conferences ALSO have a Regional Playoff effective this coming 2012-13 season?

- YES – three Conference Regions will also have a playoff  
 NO – only four Conference Regions will have a playoff this season and three Conference Regional Playoffs will be phased in for the 2013-14 season.

NCSA recommended vote: YES

COMMENTS?

36 Votes YES to 4 Votes NO

- 3) Since the NCSA WS will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of May for 2013 in order to open up more weekends in the spring for conference play, Regionals, and so the NCSA World Series can be hosted in conjunction with the NCBA DII World Series at the same time in Columbus GA, should the format of the World Series remain Thurs to Saturday or switch it to Friday to Sunday? Several teams in attendance liked the idea of moving to Friday to Sunday because since the WS will now be after the school year (for the most part) Friday – Sunday poses less of a conflict with those teams are in finals as well as makes travel easier for parents who want to attend.

Should the format of the World Series remain Thurs to Saturday (May 16-18) or switch it to Friday to Sunday (May 17-19)?

- YES - change it to Friday - Sunday  
 NO - keep it Thursday - Saturday

NCSA recommended vote: YES  
COMMENTS?  
36 Votes YES to 3 Votes NO

- 4) Opinion Survey: If the format of the World Series is changed to Friday – Sunday, should the start of the Sunday games be moved up and the league meeting moved to Friday night after pool play so that West Coast Teams are able to fly out Sunday night instead of Monday morning?

- YES – move the meeting to Friday  
 NO – keep the format the same

NCSA recommended vote: YES  
COMMENTS?  
39 Votes YES to 1 Vote NO

- 5) Since the NCSA WS will now be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of May, should the roster freeze be moved back from March 15<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>? Nearly all teams in attendance were in agreement.

Should the roster freeze be moved back from March 15<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>?

- YES - change roster freeze to April 1st.  
 NO - keep roster freeze March 15th.

NCSA recommended vote: YES  
COMMENTS?  
40 Votes YES to 0 Votes NO

- 6) Opinion Survey: NCSA Rules dictate:
- a. The MANDATORY official league ball of the NCSA will be the A.D. Starr OA1247PL-NCSA fast-pitch softball featuring the NCSA logo
  - b. During **NCSA Sanctioned Softball Games**, the home team shall be responsible for providing a minimum of three official league softballs. Each game shall begin with one new game ball (rubbed by the umpire, so the manufacturer's gloss is removed) and two additional (new or game quality) balls.
  - c. Any game played without the official league ball will result in a forfeit against the home team.

In an effort to boost the value of our Softball Sponsorship Contract, the NCSA is interested in raising league dues for the 2013-14 season to include the delivery of 2 Dozen Official NCSA Game Balls to each team. By being able to guarantee ball sales to our sponsor, the NCSA is able to demand more sponsorship dollars from our sponsor. The NCSA believes (and has proven through the NCBA) that this is an effective method of increasing the value of our sponsorship contract with minimal effect on our teams as they have to purchase these balls regardless. In this manner the balls are already wrapped in to league dues and actually relieves the team of the burden of ordering balls since they will be automatically delivered to them during the fall semester.

Would you support the NCSA raising dues for the 2013-14 season to include the delivery of 2 Dozen Official NCSA Gameballs?

- YES – Raise the dues for the 2013-14 NCSA season to cover the delivery of 2 Dozen Official NCSA Softballs
- NO – Keep the dues the same

NCSA recommended vote: YES

COMMENTS?

25 Votes YES to 13 Votes NO

- 7) Important Note: NCSA Coaches vs Officers:

During the NCSA League Meeting an important discussion point was brought up regarding the apparent shift in club softball (and other club sports) from player/student coaches to adult/paid coaches. It was voiced as a concern because some teams feel the shift in coaching philosophy is not good for the league and the principles of what the league was founded upon. It is the NCSA's stance that whether or not a coach is a player, student, adult, or paid professional is completely at the discretion of each team individually and whether or not they want to use money from their budget to pay a coach is their decision. What the NCSA cares most about is the organizational and leadership skills that are obtained by student officers who run each program off the field. The student officers are the premise of all club sports teams across CollClubSports and the educational and personal growth experiences afforded to student leadership is the greatest part of club sports and CollClubSports encourages all teams in all of our leagues to embrace this in how their teams are managed off the field.