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NCSA to Provide Teams with Two Lodging Options at 2012 World Series

Pittsburgh, PA. – October 12, 2011 – The National Club Softball Association has agreed to terms with Valley Hospitality Services to name two of their properties as the Official Host Hotels of the 2012 NCSA World Series. Qualifying teams will have their choice between the Marriott and the Howard Johnson, both located in the heart of Columbus, Georgia.

“After gathering feedback from all the teams in attendance, it was decided that no one hotel/motel could satisfy the needs of all our teams,” explained NCSA President Sandy Sanderson. “By partnering with Valley Hospitality we were able to secure two lodging options sure to meet the needs of every single one of our teams. The Marriott provides the high-end luxury feel, a great bar/restaurant on premises, and all the privacy a player needs to get her much-needed rest after a long day at the ball park. The Howard Johnson is more budget-friendly, while still maintaining the high level of cleanliness and security our players demand.”



The Marriott has a Houlihan’s restaurant onsite which is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and features a 100-seat patio. The available guest services include in-room dining, a business center, a gift shop, guest laundry and package/parcel service. The leisure and recreational amenities include an outdoor pool and fully equipped fitness center. The hotel has several meeting rooms and offers onsite and offsite catering services. Not only is South Commons Softball Complex nearby, the Columbus Marriott is within walking distance of many attractions including the fabulous Columbus Riverwalk, The RiverCenter for Performing Arts, The Coca-Cola Space Science Center and The Springer Opera House State Theater.

CollClubSports already has a positive relationship with the Marriott, as it served as the Official Host Hotel of the 2011 NCBA World Series. “The Columbus Marriott was an awesome choice for the teams during the World Series,” said Joe Caracci, head coach of the defending NCBA National Champion East Carolina Pirates. “Being able to walk to the field, restaurants, and local night-life spots takes a ton of stress off team officials that are responsible for transportation. Not to mention, the hotel had a great restaurant and bar downstairs and the rooms were spacious and comfortable.”

The hotel is offering a special discount rate for all qualifying teams and their fans. Please contact the hotel directly at (706) 324-1800 or 1-800-627-7468 and ask for the NCSA fan rate. Additionally, all NCSA players will receive \$5.00 off the Houlihan’s breakfast buffet and Internet fees will be waived for NCSA teams as well. For more information about the hotel, visit <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/csgmc-columbus-marriott/>, or contact the hotel directly at (706) 324-1800.

The Howard Johnson Inn and Suites of Columbus is located in the Uptown Columbus Historic District, just ten blocks from the South Commons Softball Complex. Additionally, the hotel is just two blocks from the newly restored Springer Opera House, four blocks from the Broadway Entertainment District and the new RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, and a short walk from the beautiful 18-mile long Columbus Riverwalk.

Other benefits offered by the Howard Johnson include complimentary high-speed Internet access in all public areas and guest rooms, a salt-water outdoor pool with a sundeck, and complimentary continental

breakfast daily. In-room amenities include a microfridge, coffeemaker, hairdryer, iron and ironing board, and cable TV with HBO in all rooms.



NCSA teams can call the Howard Johnson at (706) 322-6641 to book their rooms at an NCSA exclusive discounted rate. More information on the Howard Johnson can be found by clicking on the Howard Johnson link at the Valley Hospitality website, <http://www.valleyhospitality.com/>.

The 2012 NCSA World Series is scheduled for April 19-21, 2012 at Columbus's beautiful South Commons Softball Complex for the third consecutive year. More information on this championship tournament will be released at www.clubsoftball.org as the event draws closer. Any questions regarding the 2012 NCSA World Series can be directed to NCSA President Sandy Sanderson at Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.com or (412) 321-8440 x100.

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