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Columbus, Georgia to Remain Host of NCSA World Series for Two More Years

Pittsburgh, PA. – September 15, 2011 – The National Club Softball Association and the Columbus Sports Council have agreed to terms to bring the NCSA World Series back to Columbus, Georgia in 2012 and 2013. The 2012 NCSA World Series is scheduled for April 19-21, 2012, while the 2013 World Series will be held April 18-20, 2013. The outstanding facilities, restaurants, and nightlife along with the southern hospitality provided by the Columbus Sports Council make Columbus, Georgia an ideal location for this National Championship tournament.

“The feedback we’ve received from our teams has made it clear that Columbus, GA enables us to put on an amazing National Championship Tournament,” explained NCSA President Sandy Sanderson. “Some say the best softball tournament ever! The format in which the NCSA World Series has been able to evolve into is attributed directly to the facilities and resources that only Columbus, GA is able to provide. I’m excited to be able to return our event back to Columbus because I know that the Columbus Sports Council shares our goal to put on an event that our players will cherish for the rest of their lives.”

The South Commons Softball Complex was the site of the 1996 Olympic Softball competition and boasts eight lighted fields including one enclosed stadium. The flexibility provided by the eight-field complex proved to be a substantial improvement over the previous venue, which only offered four fields for play. Teams and fans benefitted by having additional time in between games while simultaneously shortening the length of each of the first two days of the tournament.

“The complex in Columbus is wonderful and perfect for the NCSA World Series,” said Florida State Club Softball President and two-time NCSA National Champion Kara Keith. “The first World Series that FSU attended was in North Carolina, and, though the fields were beautiful there too, the complex in Columbus is unmatched. There are a ton of fields, so the actual schedule of the tournament is much more enjoyable, and teams get to say they played in the Olympic Stadium. I’m very excited, and I know FSU will be ecstatic, to know the tournament is staying in Columbus for a third year.”



In addition to the on-field accommodations offered by the South Commons Softball Complex, Columbus Georgia offers plenty of attractions off the field as well. With over 500 restaurants in Columbus, players and fans can enjoy everything from southern style barbecue to the world-famous Scramble Dog, a local favorite! For fun and exciting night-life, Uptown Columbus offers a variety of bars, fine eateries, unique and trendy boutiques, and fun-filled events and concerts in a one-of-a-kind atmosphere.

Other attractions in the area include the National Civil War Museum, located right next to the Softball Complex and the National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center. For more information on activities in Columbus, check out www.visitcolumbusga.com or

watch this video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giDR1AB0sEU&feature=email>.

“We are so excited to host the NCSA World Series and have teams from around the country battle it out to claim the 2012 Championship,” said David Boyd with the Columbus Sports Council. “Our city and Sports Council volunteers cannot wait to welcome you and your family to the sights and sounds of Historic Columbus, Georgia as you experience southern hospitality. The night life that is available in Uptown Columbus, the local



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attractions, great food, the World Class Softball Complex and the NCSA World Series is an experience that no one would want to miss. For me personally it's that spring time family reunion you look forward to every 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 at (412) 321-8440 x100.

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