

NCSA 2013-2014 League Meeting Voting Ballot & Survey

Please email completed ballot to Savannah.Harp@CollClubSports.com no later than June 17, 2013

School Name: National Club Softball Association (NCSA)

Your Name: Savannah Harp

Your Position: President

- 1) A noticeable issue in the past several seasons has arisen where teams who qualify for a bid to the NCSA World Series have declined their bid and opportunity to compete for the national title. It has been suggested that to deter more teams from diminishing the value of the National Championship that verbiage be added to the NCSA Rulebook.

Should the following verbiage be added to the NCSA Rulebook?

18.05.0 By signing the NCSA LPA (League Participation Agreement) the team is not only contractually agreeing to participate in the NCSA, but also to compete in the post season should they qualify (At Large Bids Excluded).

18.05.1 Should a team qualify for the post season and fail to participate, they will AUTOMATICALLY be placed on probation for a minimum of 1 full season.

18.05.1.1 During the first season on probation, the team will be post season eligible but will be At-Large Bid ineligible.

- Yes – Add the verbiage to the NCSA Rules.
 No – Do not add the verbiage to the NCSA Rules.

NCSA recommended vote: YES

COMMENTS?

YES Votes - 24

NO Votes - 16

- 2) Many teams have stressed the importance of teams being held accountable for playing their scheduled games. A huge problem this past season was the forfeiture of games and even entire conference series. Teams have suggested that a rule be added to hold home teams accountable for forfeitures in addition to the away forfeiture rule that is already in place (NCSA Rule 16.00 – Forfeitures). The proposed rule wording would be incorporated from the NCBA rulebook, which was put in place due to a similar situation.

Should the following rule be added to the NCSA Rulebook under section 16.00 – Forfeitures?

16.00.00 (Forfeitures) 16.01.0 In the event that a visiting team should forfeit any **NCSA Sanctioned Softball Game** to the home team; the visiting team is required to inform the home team via telephone of their intent not to play at least 48 hours in advance of the predetermined start of the first game.

16.02.0 Should the visiting team not provide the home team with sufficient notice to cancel umpires and/or field rentals for the game(s) in question, the visiting

team assumes financial responsibility for the payment of those umpires and/or field rentals should any cancellation fees be incurred.

16.03.0 In the event that a home team should forfeit any **NCSA Sanctioned Softball Game** to the visiting team; the home team is required to inform the visiting team via telephone of their intent not to play at least 48 hours in advance of the predetermined start of the first game.

16.04.0 Should the home team not provide the visiting team with sufficient notice to cancel their transportation and/or lodging arrangements for the game(s) in question, the home team assumes financial responsibility for the payment of those transportation and/or lodging costs should any cancellation fees be incurred.

- YES – Add the forfeiture rules to the NCSA Rulebook
 NO – Do not add the forfeiture rules to the NCSA Rulebook

NCSA recommended vote: YES

COMMENTS?

YES Votes - 39

NO Votes - 2

- 3) Opinion Survey: The 2014 NCSA World Series will be held in May of 2014. Please rank 1 through 4, 1 being most favorable and 4 being the least favorable, which weekend you would prefer the 2014 NCSA World Series to be held.

- 4 May 2-4, 2014
2 May 9-11, 2014
1 May 16-18, 2014
3 May 23-25, 2014

NCSA recommended vote: INDIFFERENT

COMMENTS?

Total Points:

#1 Choice - 112 points - May 16-18, 2014

#2 Choice - 100 points - May 9-11, 2014

#3 Choice - 97 points - May 23-25, 2014

#4 Choice - 90 points - May 2-4, 2014

- 4) Opinion Question: The NCSA is interested in gaining your opinion on making the NCSA World Series more of an end of the season celebration. What are your thoughts on moving the NCSA World Series to a vacation destination i.e. beach, Disney, etc. and expanding it to four days so no team has to play more than 3 games in a day and leaving more time away from the ballpark to get out and enjoy the area?

26 teams thought this was a good idea and would prefer it this way, 11 teams would prefer the current set up

- 5) Are there any club softball teams in your area that are not currently members of the NCSA? Do you know any girls looking to start a team at their school?

Existing Teams:

Contact Person/E-mail/Phone Number:

Potential New Teams:

Contact Person/E-mail/Phone Number: