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## Breaking: 2020 NCSA World Series heading to Columbus, GA

**Pittsburgh, PA** -- Anticipation is running high for the 2020 NCSA World Series in Columbus, Georgia May 14-17, 2020. The event will once again be held at the South Commons Softball Complex for the extended 4-day tournament, beginning pool play on Thursday and culminating with the championship round on Sunday.

For the past several years, the NCSA World Series has been a 3-day event, but as of 2019 the event was extended to a 4-day tournament in order to make the game schedule a bit more relaxed. The change has allowed teams more time to rest between games and additional opportunities to enjoy the city of Columbus.

“The South Commons Softball Complex has proven to be nothing short of perfect since moving the event to Columbus in 2010,” said NCSA VP of Softball Operations, Savannah Ahrens. “The outstanding facilities, countless dining options and nightlife, along with the southern hospitality provided by the Columbus Sports Council make Columbus an ideal location for this tournament. The additional day extension to the tournament proved to be hugely beneficial last season, increasing the competition level and the overall experience for our teams and their fans. I’m sure everyone is looking forward to being able to enjoy more of everything Columbus, GA has to offer, on and off the field again this year!



Columbus, Georgia was the site of the 1996 Olympic Women's Fast-pitch Softball Competition. The South Commons Softball Complex has eight fields, including a five-field hub with a roundhouse and a three-field fan with a stadium, indoor score booths, concessions and restrooms. The NCSA has held its World Series at the complex since 2010. The stadium at South Commons and adjacent fields have recently undergone a \$4.8 million renovation that includes upgrades to architectural improvements, a new drainage and irrigation

system, upgrades in lighting and sound systems, new seating, and much more. Continued upgrades will bring the total renovations cost to nearly \$5.6 million.

“The Columbus Sports Council is thrilled to welcome the NCSA back to our amazing city,” said Merri Sherman, the Executive Director for the Columbus Georgia Sports Council. “Our beloved South Commons Softball Complex has hosted some of the most elite players in the world, and we look forward to sharing the legacy with the talented athletes that will be taking the fields in May! The stadium will be in prime condition for the World Series following a fresh update, and players and spectators will enjoy the many amazing restaurants and amenities our vibrant city has to offer. To everyone involved—players, coaches, support staff and spectators—I offer the sincere hospitality for which our city has become so well known.”



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