

## Annual League Meeting August 22, 2018

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## Agenda

- Meet the NCBA Staff
- ●2018 A Year in Review
  - ©2019 What's to Come
    - - **OClosing**

### Meet the NCBA Staff

#### FRONT OFFICE

- President Sandy Sanderson
- Vice President of Baseball Operations Christian Smith
- Oirector of Division II Baseball Operations & Marketing Eric Curitore
- Director of Division III Baseball Operations & Team Development Garrett Siemek
- Treasurer Sandy Sanderson Sr.
- Accounting Specialist Jeanne Krachala
- Sports Information Director Jeff Conner
- Rawlings Sponsor Account Manager Paul Williams
- O The Game Sponsor Account Manager Felicia Battaglia
- Marucci Sponsor Account Manager Alec Verhoff
- Director of Spring Training Operations & Fundraising Sponsor Account Manager – Tracy Reardon
- O Division I Rules Committee Teams Rep Dan Iavarone
- Division II Rules Committee Teams Rep Chad Lowe
- O Director of Umpires Ryan Hastings

### Meet the NCBA DI Staff

### Regional Directors

- North Atlantic Christian Smith
- Mid Atlantic Garrett Siemek
- South Atlantic Tracy Reardon
- Gulf Coast Ryan Norris
- Mid America Evan Ford
- Northern Pacific Dylan Haugh
- Southern Pacific Zac Ramirez

### Meet the NCBA DII Staff

### Regional Directors

- Chesapeake Eric Curitore (looking for volunteers)
- New England Eric Curitore
- O Dixie Steven Baker
- Northern Plains Jeff Bober
- O Great American Gary Robinson
- Rocky Lone Star Eric Curitore (looking for Volunteers)
- O Pacific Austin Meneley

### Meet the NCBA DIII Staff

#### **District Coordinators**

- O District I Garrett Siemek
- O District II Garrett Siemek
- O District III Garrett Siemek
- O District IV Alec Verhoff

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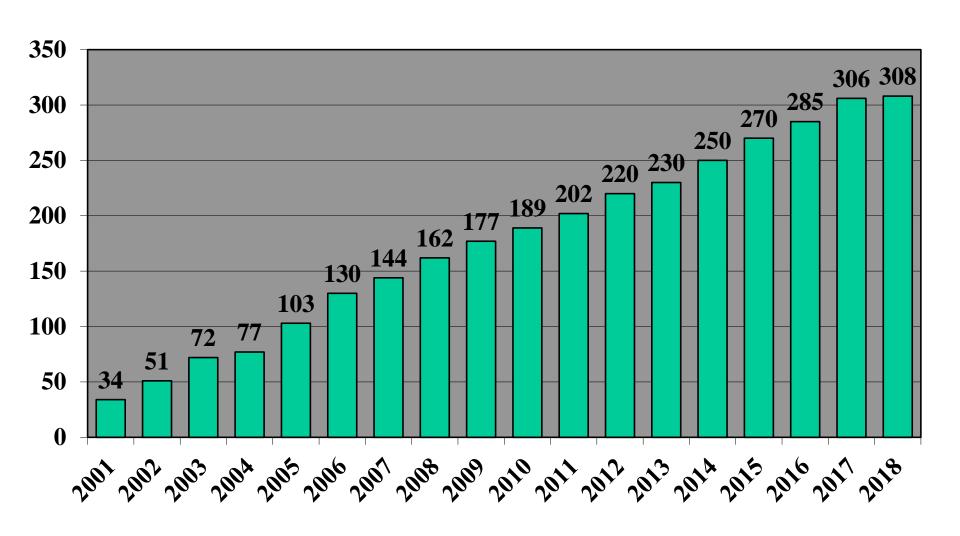
### 2018 – A Year in Review

Growth

Rule Changes

Realignment

### Growth NCBA Team Growth

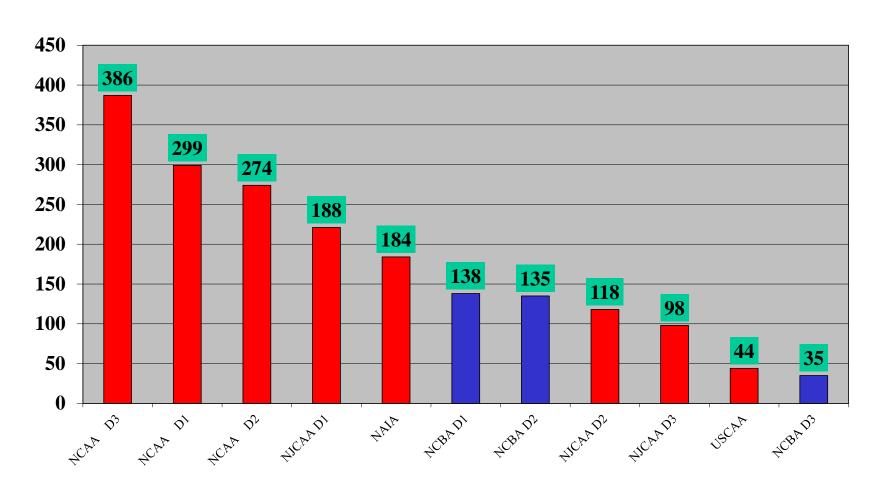


### State Representation

2018 State Representation (45 States)				
Alabama	Iowa	Nevada	South Dakota	
Arizona	Kansas	New Hampshire	Tennessee	
Arkansas	Kentucky	New Jersey	Texas	
California	Louisiana	New York	Utah	
Colorado	Maryland	North Carolina	Virginia	
Connecticut	Massachusetts	North Dakota	Washington	
Delaware	Michigan	Ohio	West Virginia	
Florida	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Wisconsin	
Georgia	Mississippi	Oregon	Wyoming	
Idaho	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Wisconsin	
Illinois	Montana	Rhode Island	Wyoming	
Indiana	Nebraska	South Carolina		
2018 INTERNATIONAL COUNTRIES				
Canada (University of Windsor)				

### College Baseball

League comparison





			RESULTS	
	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
1	Teams that play an ineligible player is not deemed an "automatic forfeit" but "subject to" a forfeit	8	0	0
2	Faculty and Staff are eligible to compete if they meet all eligibility requirements	7	1	0
3	Increase the DII roster size from 30 to 33	5	4	0
4	Unless mutually agreed upon by both teams and Regional Director, the conference series cannot begin earlier than 8am local time on Saturday	8	0	0
5	Inter-league games between same school can count one game but they don't count towards required NC games and not factored into Regional or WS seeding	5	4	0



		RESULTS		
	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
6	Allow NCBA sanctioned Spring Tournaments to be eligible to compete as 7-inning games as long as they are "NCBA Sanctioned"	8	0	0
7	Tightening up definition of NCBA Sanctioned Games can be played against any other college baseball team	8	0	0
8	Updating Halted Game rule for if a visiting team ties or takes the lead in top half of inning	7	0	0
9	Capping number of non-rostered players in dugout to 4	4	3	0
10	Adding stipulations regarding unsafe objects on the field of play	7	0	0



		RESULTS		
	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
11	Courtesy runners allowed for catcher only at DII Level	4	3	0
12	Implementing Portable Mound Requirements	7	0	0
13	Turf Fields that require turf or molded cleats, home team must provide 72 hours notice, otherwise home team must wear turfs only	7	0	0
14	Adding to Off Field Protest the use of an un-rostered player posing as a rostered player undiscovered until after the game	7	0	0
15	If a team has less than 9 eligible players on their roster it becomes an automatic forfiet	7	0	0



			RESULTS	
	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
16	If a team has an eligible roster, but players a player not on roster and it is protested incorrectly, then infracting team will lose \$100 of their PB.	7	0	0
17	Changing the make up of the rules committee members to 7 members	7	0	0
18	For the 18-19 season, DII teams must have matching batting helmet colors	7	0	0
19	For the 19-20 season, DII teams must have two sets of contrasting jerseys	7	0	0
20	For the 18-19 season, DII teams must have 2 non-conference games played in order to be eligible for post-season	7	0	0
21	All DII teams eligible to play conference games in Fall	7	0	0



			RESULTS	
	ISSUE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
22	Keep DII WS dates the same, but move Regional Playoffs one week earlier	4	3	0
23	Courtesy Runners for Catcher only at D3 level	7	0	0
24	Reentry for D3 that match D2 reentry rules	7	0	0
25	D3 DH rule consistent with DI and DII rules	7	0	0
26	All D3 games are 7-innings in length	7	0	0
27	DI teams can play DIII teams and count them provided that they are not from the same school and have not already played once that same year.	6	1	0



### Realignment

#### Division I Realignment

- GREAT LAKES: Moved Ferris State to Division II and added the University of Windsor in their place
- NORTH ATLANTIC: Boston University dropped out of league, moved Sacred Heart University from the NAR East Conference to the NAR North Conference to take Boston University's place. Added Loyola Maryland from DII to the NAR East. Also, dropped SUNY Cortland to DII and added Slippery Rock University from Division II to take Cortland's place.
- NORTHERN PACIFIC: Seattle University dropped out of league. Moved Washington out of the North Conference and added them to the West Conference. Moved Montana out of the South Conference and added them to the North Conference. Also added LDS Business College to the South Conference.
- SOUTH ATLATIC: Dropped Georgia Southern out of the East Conference and down to DII and added Georgia Tech from the West Conference to the East. FIU dropped out of league and added FGCU to their place from DII. Also added MSU to the West Conference.
- SOUTHERN PACIFIC: Dropped Stanford University from the North Conference to DII and added Cal State-Chico from DII in their place.



### Realignment

#### Division II Realignment

- Districts were renamed "Regions"
- All 8 Regions were comprised of 3 conferences (4-7 teams each)
- Every Region within DII had an At Large Bid.
- 15-20 previous DII teams were moved down to newly formed NCBA Division III.
- FGCU, Windsor, Slippery Rock, CSU Chico & Loyola Maryland all moved up to Division I.
- Ferris State, SUNY Cortland & Georgia Southern moved from DI to DII.



### Realignment

#### **Division III Realignment**

#### -District I

- University of New Hampshire, University of Rhode Island (DIII), Holy Family, Neumann, York College of PA, SUNY New Paltz, Seton Hall, Neumann, Adelphi
- Split into a North and South Divisions
- -District II
- St. John Fisher College, University of Toledo (DIII), Eastern Michigan University, Adrian College, Oakland University, Edinboro, St. Francis
- Split into East and West Divisions
- -District III
- University of Richmond, American, Central Virginia CC, Old Dominion University, Wofford College, Fort Valley State University, College of Charleston, College of Coastal Georgia.
- Split into North and South Divisions.
- -District IV
- Milwaukee School of Engineering, Loyola University Chicago, Augustana College, Bradley University, University of Wisconsin River Falls, Washington St. Louis. Missouri S&T, University of Wisconsin Superior, Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan
- Split into North and South Divisions

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### 2019 – What's to Come

- New Teams
- **©DI Region Realignment**
- **©DII** Region Realignment
- ODivision III Realignment
- ©Rules Committee/New Rule Changes
  - **OBreak-Out Sessions**

### New Teams

5 New Teams have OFFICIALLY SIGNED on to participate in the 2019 season

- Creighton University
- University of Houston Downton
  - Abilene Christian University
    - Millersville University
      - Mobart College

### New Teams

5 New Teams have VERBALLY COMMITTED to participate in the 2019 season

- Florida International University
  - University of Louisville
  - Fresno State University
    - Georgia College
- University of Minnesota Duluth

#### New Teams

© 21 New Teams have EXPRESSED INTEREST in participating in the 2019 season

- University of New Haven
  - Marvard University
  - O Boston University
- Stony Brook University
  - Naval Academy
  - O Alfred University
  - O Butler University
- O John Carroll University
- Wake Forest University
  - O Duke University
  - O Davidson College
  - Mercer University
- California State University Channel Islands
  - Arizona Christian University
    - Vanguard University
- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
  - University of St. Thomas
  - University of Louisiana Monroe
    - O Princeton University
    - O Northern Kentucky University
    - University of Michigan-Flint

### DI Region Realignment

#### 2018-2019 Division I Realignment

- GULF COAST: Added Houston Community College from DII to the East Conference
- MID-AMERICA: Dropped MSU-Moorhead and Kansas State University to Division II. Added South Dakota State from DII to take MSU-Moorhead's place in the North Conference and Truman State from DII to take Kansas State's place in the South Conference.
- MID-ATLANTIC: Dropped George Washington to Division II and added Longwood University from DII to take GWU's place in the North Conference.
- NORTH ATLANTIC: Dropped Hofstra University to Division II and added St. Joe's from DII to take Hofstra's place in the East Conference.
- SOUTH ATLANTIC: Dropped Vanderbilt from the West Conference to Division II. Moved Georgia Tech from the East Conference to the West Conference to take Vanderbilt's place. Added the University of Tennessee-Knoxville from DII to the East Conference.
- O SOUTHERN PACIFIC: Dropped St. Mary's College and the University of San Diego to Division II. Added San Jose State from DII to take St. Mary's place in the North Conference and San Diego State from DII to take the University of San Diego's place in the South Conference.
- POTENTIAL REALIGNMENT:
  - Adding the University of South Florida to the South Atlantic South Conference.
  - Adding Western Washington University to the Northern Pacific West Conference. LDS BC dropped out of league along with the possibility of Southern Oregon and COCC.

### DII Realignment

- Moved South Dakota State, Truman State, San Diego State, St. Joes, Tennessee, San Jose State, Longwood & Houston CC moved into DI from DII.
- MSU Moorhead, San Diego, Hofstra, Vanderbilt, George Washington, Kansas State & St. Mary's moved into DII from DI.
- Adrian College, New Hampshire & Neumann all moved into DII from DIII.
- Aside from teams moving in or out of DII from DI & DIII 2018/2019 featured the fewest moves ever needed within realignment for DII.

### DIII District Realignment

- O District I
  - Moved New Hampshire and Neumann to DII. Colgate and La Salle Moved down for DII in to the North and South Conferences respectively. Seton Hall dropped out. Millersville was added to the South.
- O District II
  - Moved Adrian to DII. Toledo dropped out of the league.
- O District III
  - Richmond and American dropped out of the league.
- O District IV
  - Milwaukee School of Engineering was moved from the South to the North conference. DePaul came down from DII into the South conference.
- Potential Realignment
  - Hobart will be added to District II East once New Team paperwork is finalized
  - Louisville will be added to District II West once New Team paperwork is finalized
  - More District realignment is expected as more renewal LPA's are turned in!

### NCBA Rules Committee

- ODI Elected Teams Rep Dan Iavarone diavaron@tulane.edu
- ODII Elected Teams Rep Chad Lowe lowe.92@osu.edu
- ODII Rules Committee Representative is up for election this Fall
- © Committee made up of 7 members: President of NCBA, DI, DII and DIII League Representatives, DI At-Large Regional Director and Elected Team Reps

### NCBA Rules Committee

©Committee met on July 28th to discuss, debate, vote, and establish any changes to the NCBA rules

- © Teams communicated their proposed rule changes to their Regional Director AND/OR the Elected Teams Rep
- All rules suggestions were discussed, however, not all rule suggestions received enough support to warrant a vote.



- ➤ Changing rules for moving players between DI/DII or DII/DIII teams.

  Change suggested: 3 players able to play on both teams during same season.
  - ► DI →DII DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0
  - > DII →DIII PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 1
- ➤ 3 Team Conferences to play a home 3 game series and an away 3 game series against same opponent instead of a 3 game series and a 4 game series. *PASSES FOR DI, DII, AND DIII: 6 VOTES TO 0.*
- ➤ Making Rule 6.02.0 5 non-rostered players rather than 4. **DOES NOT PASS:** 6 VOTES TO 0
  - > ADD RULE THAT IF ONE NON-ROSTERED PLAYER GETS EJECTED, THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED FOR THAT GAME. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0
- > Courtesy Runner for Catcher with 2 outs in the inning.
  - > ADD COURTESY RUNNER TO DI. DOES NOT PASS: 6 VOTES TO 0
  - > GET RID OF RE-ENTRY AT DII. PASSES: 4 VOTES TO 2



- ➤ NCBA Logo on the Hat to be in specific location and size.
  - > NCBA LOGO CENTERED ON BACK OF HAT. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0
  - > NCBA LOGO MUST BE THE OFFICIAL CORRECT SIZING. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0
  - > IF LOGO IS IN THE WRONG SPOT, LOSS OF PB. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0
- Change 5.04.0 back to Off-Field Protest and not before the first pitch. DOES NOT PASS
  - ➤ IF A PLAYER IS FOUND INELIGIBLE AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup> PITCH, HE AND MANAGER ARE EJECTED FOR REMAINDER OF GAME. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0
- ➤ Rule 23.08.0: What if a DI team is playing a DII team and DII team forfeits? Does DII team lose PB? Same for all inter-league play.
- > IF A DI OR DII TEAM FORFIETS, THE FOFEITING TEAMS PB GOES TO THE OTHER REGIONAL. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0
- ➤ Winners bracket game at all regional's be game #3, instead of #4. PASSES:6 VOTES TO 0



- ➤ Game length consistent for all regional's whether it's 7 or 9. If not, consistency in how game lengths are adjusted due to weather. Guidelines for staff, etc. *NO VOTE* 
  - > IF THERE IS A CHANCE 1 TEAM HAS TO PLAY 3 FULL GAMES IN ONE DAY, ALL GAMES THAT DAY HAVE TO PLAY IN 7 INNING FORMAT. PASSES: 5 VOTES TO 1
- ≯ #1 seed has choice of either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> game on Friday. PASSES: 6 VOTES
   TO 0
- ➤ Teams can forfeit their Performance Bond for other reasons than just forfeiting games. For example conduct that is not acceptable to NCBA standards. *NO VOTE* 
  - > FAILURE TO SHOW UP TO POSTEASON IS A LOSS OF PB. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0
- ➤ DII Regional's moved to first weekend in May. *PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0* 
  - > DII REQUIREMENT TO BE POSTSEASON ELIGIBILE GOEST FROM 2 TO 1 NON-CONFERENCE GAMES. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0.



- > Team & Base Coaches helmets match each other to mirror DI rule.
  - > DII HELMETS (BASE AND TEAM) MUST MATCH. PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0
- Change rule 4.01: Remove the word "invitational." *PASSES: 6 VOTES TO*
- ➤ 4.03.5.2: If teams begin a new game prior to finishing the halted game, the remaining game(s) against the two teams will not count and will be rescheduled. *PASSES:* 6 VOTES TO 0
- ➤ DI Rule 9.01.02 for 2019-2020: Catchers gear must match uniform or be white, black or grey. *PASSES:* 6 *VOTES TO 0*
- ➤ DII Rule 9.01.02 for 2020-2021: Catchers gear must match uniform or be white, black or grey. *PASSES: 6 VOTES TO 0*

### **Break Out Sessions**

- Session 1 Team Operations Christian Smith
- Session 2 Tournaments & Championships –
   Eric Curitore, Garrett Siemek Tracy Reardon
   & Christian Smith
  - Session 3 Sponsors & Fundraising Eric Curitore, Tracy Reardon, Alec Verhoff, Felicia Battaglia, Paul Williams, and Rachel Hartman

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- O DI, DII and DIII League Participation Agreement (LPA) Form
  - New Team Form (Due Date: July 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Existing Team Renewal Form (Due Date: July 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - Signed by president of team, signed by club sports director or faculty advisor
  - Fax or scan and email to NCBA
- Registration Form
  - Provides full contact info to NCBA front office
  - Complete in full and email to NCBA
  - Important to include a secondary contact, Team Email and Head Coach if applicable
  - Important to include advisor contact info

- Scheduling Request Form
  - Used to complete Conference Schedule
  - Important to complete with as much detail as possible
  - District Coordinator/Regional Director will assign due date
  - Important to include requests for Spring Break, Finals, and Field Availability
  - The more flexibility the better
- General Liability Insurance
  - \$2,000,000 General Aggregate
  - \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence
  - Policy covers the NCBA and it's members (The Teams)
  - Covers many aspects of NCBA play (i.e. Travel, Practice, Workouts, Games, World Series)
  - Full Year of Coverage
  - This policy assists teams in obtaining playing fields
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties can be additionally insured for \$75
  - This policy helped protect the NCBA and it's members from potential financial losses from lawsuits
  - This is NOT a health or accident insurance policy

- Reserving Fields
  - DON'T PROCRASTINATE
  - Contact opponents once schedule is released to set dates and times
  - Don't wait till a week before you are to play
  - Reserve fields as soon as schedule is released
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> party additional insured
- Scheduling Umpires
  - Contact local High school AD to gain contact info for local umpire assignor
  - 2 High school certified (or better) umpires per game
  - Don't wait till a week before you are to play
  - Contact assignor as soon as schedule is released
  - Re-confirm once dates and times are set

- Team Manager Access & Online Player Registration
  - At the beginning of each year, the "Team Manager" will need to request Team Manager access from the NCBA.
  - NCBA will give individual Team Manager Access which will allow the Team Manager to access the Team Code, view the Registration Queue and have other access that players do not have (updating Team Information).
  - Individual Players register by either choosing "Existing User/Returning Login" or "First Time Player Registration" in the "Login" tab of the NCBA DI, DII or DIII sites (DI Teams Register on DI NCBA website, DII Teams Register on DII NCBA Website, etc.)
  - Players will receive a TEAM CODE for their team to begin the player registration
  - Players fill out information which determines eligibility
  - There is no \$1.00 charge anymore for registration
  - Once payment is completed, players will be put in a "Registration Queue"
  - Players able to log back in to upload a picture, bio and change certain information such as jersey number and position.

- Coaches Participation Waivers
  - For non-playing coaches, managers, trainers, etc.
  - MUST be typed, printed, SIGNED, then faxed or scan and emailed
  - Coaches, managers, trainers, are NOT allowed on the field or in the dugouts unless they have a waiver on file with the NCBA
  - Found under "Info" tab of NCBA websites

#### Team Operations – Christian Smith

#### Academic Eligibility Letter

- 2 Sample formats available under "Info" tab of NCBA websites
- Must be signed by registrar, faculty advisor, or club sports director
- Can be faxed or scanned and emailed to NCBA Front Office
- Must be sent directly to NCBA by Club Sports Director or Faculty Advisor unless the letter features an official university registrar stamp.
- Must show currently enrolled, 12+ credits (9+ for 2 year schools), 2.0+ GPA, no academic warning,
   and no academic probation
- Once received by NCBA, players listed on AEL and listed in the Registration Queue, will be added to official NCBA roster

#### Uploading player stats and team information

- Once players are cleared by the NCBA as eligible and appear on the website roster, Team Managers may upload stats for those players
- Team Managers can login with their credentials (email and password) and will have ability to upload stats and other team information.
- Instructions on how to upload the stats and other team information will be sent once Login and Password are requested
- Teams are responsible for uploading their own stats
- It is the responsibility of the team to be sure that stats are entered accurately and in a timely fashion
- For Division I and II Teams, ENTIRE stat line must be uploaded in order to earn POW/PIW awards

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#### Weekly Team Submission Form

- Submit to Regional Director/District Coordinator by midnight each Monday regardless if games were played the previous week
- Be sure to enter scores/results for ALL games played during that week
- Be sure to submit a full stat line when nominating player/pitcher of the week candidates
- Submit these on time to assure that your candidates receive consideration for awards

#### NCBA Dues

- Includes 2 BBCOR Certified Bats, 6 Dozen Official NCBA game balls for DI Teams and 5 dozen for DII and DIII Teams, \$2 Million general liability insurance
- NCBA DI and DII Teams also get full set of Catchers Gear OR 8 Batting Helmets
- NCBA DI and DII teams will submit a refundable \$300 performance bond due by Sept 15. Teams do not need to send in Performance Bond each year. This is rolled over from year to year.
- \$2,100 (DI) \$1,850 (DII) & \$1,625 (DIII) due in full by February 28<sup>th</sup>
- \$100 discount if paid in full by December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Credit Cards accepted but subject to online handling fee
- Invoices and receipts available through the NCBA Accounting Specialist, Jeanne Krachala (Jeanne.Krachala@CollClubSports.com)
- EIN/Tax ID#: 52-2270910

- Boosting team interest
  - Student involvement fair for incoming freshmen
  - Advertisement in school paper
  - Flyers in freshmen dorms and common areas
  - Coverage in school paper
  - Create a Facebook group and other social media groups
  - Make presence known on campus
- Boosting Team Morale
  - Get the team together off the field as much as on
  - Social events and group activities where ALL are included can build strong bonds which will lead to more success on the field
  - Spring Training trips build strong team chemistry
  - Set room assignments on the road to break up "Clicks"
  - Looking good can make players buy in to the club philosophy faster
    - Coordinating hats, helmets, uniforms, and practice gear go a long way
  - Being organized will give opponents the impression of strong leadership while instilling pride in your team to compete with confidence
    - Arriving in uniform, team vans, choreographed warm ups, show opponents that you take things seriously
    - Choreographed practices with a set practice attire sends that same message to your players

#### Team Operations – Christian Smith

#### Budgeting

- Very important to set accurate budget
- Make sure to include Expenses such as umpires, field costs, uniforms, hats, equipment, travel expenses, league dues etc.
- Income items such as player dues, fundraisers, donations, school input, etc
- BUDGET FOR POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS EVERY YEAR!

#### • Player Dues

- How much to charge?
- What is included?
  - Spring Training trip? Travel costs? New Uniforms?
  - More included = Higher Dues\$
- Supply & Demand: Lots of interest = Higher Dues\$
- Make them pay as soon as they make the team
  - Players who practice for months and then fail to hand over a check hurt the team financially and chemistry
- Charge \$5 for tryouts

#### Team Operations – Christian Smith

### Team Equipment/Uniforms

- Be sure to order early as customized items tend to have extended lead times
- Order extra caps, everyone's dad and brother will buy one for a fundraiser
- Order extra pants and jerseys, uniforms do rip or go missing on occasion
- Order extra game balls when the supply runs low, NCBA rules state you must use the Official NCBA Baseball
- Get quotes from NCBA sponsors, there is a reason why the NCBA endorses them
- Take advantage of additional NCBA discounts during early ordering periods

- Guide To Collegiate Club Baseball
- NCBA launched new updated Format (Prezi)
- Output Developed by NCBA in order to:
  - Define and publicize the concepts and goals of the NCBA
  - Assist with the development of new baseball teams
  - Assist with the recruitment of new baseball teams
  - Provide an all inclusive reference manual to NCBA league operations
  - Assist with the improvement of member team baseball operations
- Ohapter Titles:
  - What is the NCBA
  - Starting a team at your school
  - Joining the NCBA
  - Operating within the NCBA (Preseason, In-season, Post Season)
  - Making your team better
  - Fundraising and Sponsors
  - Chapters can be downloaded on the "Documents" tab of NCBA websites

0	Time Table	
	– July1	Renewal & New Team LPA Deadline
	<ul><li>August 22</li></ul>	19th Annual League Meeting
	<ul> <li>Aug 3/Sept 3*</li> </ul>	Scheduling Requests Due
	<ul><li>August 14/Sept 17*</li></ul>	Conference Schedules Released
	- Sept 14	Fall Conference Season Begins
	- Nov 11	Fall Conference Season Concludes
	- Dec 31	Annual League Dues with discount
	- Feb 1/15	Spring Conference Season Begins
	- Feb 28	NCBA Annual League Dues
	- March	NCBA Spring Training Showcase in Plant City Florida (Tampa)
	- Apr 15	Roster Freeze
	<ul> <li>April 28</li> </ul>	DII and DIII Regular Season Concludes
	- May 5	DI Regular Season Concludes
	– May 3-5	Regional and District Playoffs (NCBA DII & DIII)
	– May 10-12	Regional Tournaments (NCBA DI)
	– May 17-19	World Series (NCBA DIII)
	– May 17-21	World Series (NCBA DII)
	– May 24-30	World Series (NCBA DI)
	*Approximate Dates	

Tournaments & Championships – Eric Curitore, Christian Smith, Garrett Siemek & Tracy Reardon

- Team Invitational Tournaments
- NCBA Fall Tournaments
- NCBA Spring Training Showcase
- O DIII District Playoffs
- ODIII World Series
- O DII Regional Tournaments
- O DII World Series
- O DI Regional Tournaments
- ODI World Series

### **Team Invitational Tournaments**

- Been used as successful fundraisers for many teams
- Contact NCBA for help with:
  - Securing Sponsors
  - Setting Registration Pricing
  - Hotels
  - Using league sponsors to increase revenue
  - Finding quality umpires and facilities

### 2018 NCBA Fall Tournaments

- **Greenville Fall Invitational** − **Greenville, SC** − **November 2**<sup>nd</sup> − **4**<sup>th</sup>
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual
  - 12 Teams
  - Tournament Directors—Garrett Siemek (Garrett.Siemek@CollClubSports.com) and Tracy Reardon (Tracy.Reardon@CollClubSports.com)
- **○** Wood Wars Wood Bat Tournament Euless, TX October 19<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 16 teams
  - Wood Bat
  - Tournament Director Ryan Norris (Ryan.Norris@CollClubSports.com)
- Battle Creek Blast Bailey Park September 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual
  - 12 teams
  - Tournament Director Eric Curitore (Eric.Curitore@CollClubSports.com) and Joe Shaffer (Joe.Shaffer@CollClubSports.com)
- O Butler County Classic Multiple Fields September 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>
  - 8 Teams
  - Wood Bat
  - Tournament Director Christian Smith (Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com)
- **Looking to host one out West and currently getting the details together** 
  - STAY TUNED!!!

### **2018 NCBA Spring Training Showcase**

#### Tampa/Plant City, Florida- Mike Sansone Park

- **60 NCBA teams participated** over 4 weeks
- Nearly 150 Games Played in 4 Weeks
  - Rawlings Free Agent Team
- Sponsors Hooters, The Press Box, Dukes, Beach Bar and Circle K/Subway
  - O Discount VIP cards for all players
- Opening the property of the
- Red Bull Sponsored Products







### **2018 NCBA Spring Training Showcase**

- Great accommodations and rates
- Beaches, daytrips, MLB Spring Training Games
  - Individual hotels contracted by the NCBA
- 18 Teams who participated at the 2018 Showcase made the post season
  - **Solution 5 of them made the WS in their respective Divisions**

#### DI Teams

Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa

State, Mizzou, UCF, Ohio

State, Virginia Tech, Drexel

& Penn State (DI Champion)

#### **DII Teams**

USF, UCF DII, Pitt State,

Ohio State, Xavier, Penn

State DII, Wisconsin DII,

Toledo & Metro State

### 2018 Showcase Details cont.

- The Showcase provides a spring break atmosphere both for relaxing and for nightlife but especially for baseball and a great team building environment.
  - **Output** Get to know the guys on the other teams as well as your own team better!
  - **©** Great opportunity to play teams from across the U.S. and get in your non conference games for the season in order to be post season eligible
    - Recruiting players for 2018 Rawlings Free Agent Team



### 2018 NCBA Spring Training Showcase

- Menderson/Las Vegas, NV
- O 2nd STS West:: Cal Miramar University Montebello, Idaho State, Metro State and the University of Denver
- Costs
  - Registration Fee \$100 for NCBA teams, \$250 for non-NCBA teams
  - Per game charge \$125
  - Performance Bond \$200 returned at conclusion of showcase if team meets
     NCBA requirements throughout week
  - Each team will provide three NCBA Game Balls per game
- NCBA Rules will apply
- Games will count towards overall record and stats
- O Please email Garrett Siemek or Tracy Reardon if you are interested in participating in this years West Coast Spring Training Showcase





### **2019 Showcase Details**

- Signed with Tampa for the 2019 NCBA Spring Training Showcase
- Costs
  - Registration Fee \$100 for NCBA teams, \$250 for non-NCBA teams
  - Per game charge \$125
  - Performance Bond \$200 returned at conclusion of showcase if team meets NCBA requirements throughout week and completes the exit survey
  - Each team will provide <u>three</u> NCBA Game Balls per game
- O NCBA Rules will apply
- Games will count towards overall record and stats
- Registration is now open!
- © Early Registration Deadline- November 15, 2018 Registration after November 15<sup>th</sup> will incur an increase in the Registration Fee

### 2019 Showcase Details

### **U** Lodging

- Teams will be required to stay in NCBA approved hotels by booking with one of the contracted locations
- Benefits
  - No longer using a third party to book hotels so the rates will be lower
  - Hotels will know about the showcase and be able to assist teams more with any issues that arise
  - Easier scheduling of stays
  - Hotels provide sponsorship for event to help keep game fees low for participating teams

#### Travel

 Rental Car/Vans: Avis - discounted van/car rates and waive the under 25 driver fee

## 2018 DIII District Playoffs

- 4 District Playoffs in 2018
  - The District Playoffs are a best 2 out of 3 series that is hosted by the conference winner of each District.
  - The conference winner with the best conference winning percentage is the host team.
- The 4 District Playoff winners move onto the Division III World Series.

### 2018 DIII World Series

- ©DuBois, PA (1st year, 1 year contract)
- Showers Field excellent, all-turf facility
- Whampton Inn outstanding accommodations, great rates, great location, great amenities
- Adrian College notched a shutout to win the first over DIII National Championship.

## 2019 DIII World Series

- Currently looking for neutral location to host event
  - In talks to return the event to Showers Field in DuBois, PA
- OPlanned as a 4-team, double elimination tournament hosted over a weekend.
- ©Each of the 4 District Winners will be represented
- Any recommendations for venues can be sent to Garrett Siemek(Garrett.Siemek@CollClubSports.com)

# 2018 DII Regional Playoffs

- 8 Regional Playoffs in 2018
  - All 8 at Neutral Site (Always open to recommendations)
  - All 8 Regional Playoffs featured 3 conference winners & 1
     At-Large Bid
- NCBA covers field costs, game balls and umpires
- Teams receive:
  - Discounted hotels
  - Championship Plaques
  - Opportunity to play post-season baseball
  - Opportunity to compete for District Championship and eventually National Championship

# 2018 DII World Series

- OPittsburg, Kansas (4th Year)
- Jaycee Ballpark (Turf Infield)
- Lamplighter Inn & Suites/Regency Inn outstanding accommodations, great rates, great location, great amenities
- © Great restaurants and night life as Pittsburg, KS is a college town - Pittsburg State University
- Great local sponsors & support

### DII World Series

Team assistance for attending the World Series

Year	Host	Total Stipend	% Change
2010	Johnstown, PA	\$ 3,000.00	20%
2011	Johnstown, PA	\$ 3,600.00	20%
2012	Columbus, GA	\$ 4,000.00	11%
2013	Paducah, KY	\$ 4,600.00	15%
2014	Paducah, KY	\$ 5,200.00	13%
2015	Pittsburg, KS	\$ 5,500.00	6%
2016	Pittsburg, KS	\$ 5,500.00	0%
2017	Pittsburg, KS	\$ 5,500.00	0%
2018	Pittsburg, KS	\$ 5,500.00	0%

## 2019 DII World Series

O Pittsburg, KS – Jaycee Ballpark (5th straight year)

#### Factors

- Field availability
- Venue quality
- Lights
- Geographic Location
- Rental cost
- Local attendance
- Eagerness of local organizers
- Track Record



# DI Regional Tournaments

- Look to hold all tournaments at neutral sites
- Many cities across the country expressing interest
- All 8 Regional's are 4-team tournaments
- Teams receive:
  - Discounted hotels
  - Championship Trophies
  - Additional games with no field or umpire costs
  - Opportunity to compete in post-season
- Send your regional host site recommendations to your regional directors

# 2018 DI World Series

- Holly Springs, NC (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year contract)
- Ting Stadium State of the Art stadium and an absolute gem
- Operation Practice facilities at Womble Park
- Homewood Suites outstanding accommodations, great rates, free breakfast and dinner and close proximity to field.
- Good restaurants and night life
- Ocity once again rolled out red carpet for teams!
- O Another fantastic Championship Game in 2018 following 2017's incredible performance. Penn State walked-off in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> to claim the National Championship.

## 2018 DI World Series

Year	Host	Total Stipend	% Change
2001	Syracuse, NY	\$ -	
2002	Pueblo, CO	\$ 2,400.00	N/A
2003	Bradenton, FL	\$ 2,800.00	14%
2004	Bradenton, FL	\$ 5,175.00	46%
2005	Bradenton, FL	\$ 5,850.00	12%
2006	Niles, OH	\$ 7,000.00	16%
2007	Ft. Myers, FL	\$ 11,888.00	41%
2008	Ft. Myers, FL	\$ 5,888.00	-50%
2009	Ft. Myers, FL	\$ 8,388.00	42%
2010	Ft. Myers, FL	\$ 8,888.00	6%
2011	Columbus, GA	\$ 6,000.00	-32%
2012	Columbus, GA	\$ 6,600.00	10%
2013	Tampa, FL	\$ 6,700.00	1.5%
2014	Tampa, FL	\$ 7,400.00	10.4%
2015	Paducah, KY	\$ 7,000.00	-5%
2016	Paducah, KY	\$ 7,000.00	N/A
2017	Holly Springs, NC	\$ 7,500.00	7%
2018	Holly Springs, NC	\$ 7,500.00	N/A

# 2019 DI World Series

- Still in negotiations with Holly Springs to extend contract for 2019 and beyond
- Other cities have submitted proposals to the NCBA
- World Series by 9/15/18
  World Series by 9/15/18



Sponsors & Fundraising – Tracy Reardon, Jeff Conner, Garrett Siemek, Paul Williams, Felicia Battaglia & Alec Verhoff

- -Current Sponsors
  -Discounts
  - -Requirements
    - -Ordering



### -Sponsors & Fundraising













#### **Fundraising Opportunities**



# Fundraising Sponsor Account Manager

#### **Tracy Reardon:**

Tracy.Reardon@CollClubSports.com

- •Assist NCBA teams with their fundraising goals by promoting various NCBA sponsors
- Point of contact for day to day operations in regards to fundraising opportunities

#### **FUNDRAZR**



### **OFUNDRAZR** is the official fundraiser of the NCBA

- **17-18 Season: Almost \$55,000 Raised!** 
  - Online fundraising platform for any budgetary need
  - Start a campaign online completely free of charge
  - Share on Facebook, Twitter, team websites and via email to reach more potential donors
  - Invite players to share the fundraiser and make it a friendly competition within the team
  - All you need are an e-mail address and a Verified PayPal Account to get started
  - Contact Tracy.Reardon@CollClubSports.com for how you can start a campaign

## How to ask a question??

Type your name, team affiliation, and question in the "Comments" section below the video.

NCBA Staff will read your question aloud and the current speaker will answer accordingly.



### Travel Sponsors





#### Travel Sponsor Account Manager

- Jeff Conner— Jeff.Conner@CollClubSports.com
- Promote various NCBA Travel
   Sponsors to NCBA teams
- Assist NCBA teams with reservation of hotel and or car rental through sponsor to ensure appropriate discount is used and fees waived





#### Motel 6

#### The Official Lodging Partner of the NCBA

- Teams, players, and fans receive a minimum of 10% discount on best available rate
  - Personal or NCBA Related
- Stay at one of the 1,200+ locations nationwide
  - Includes wide variety of complimentary amenities that most hotels would charge extra for. (Ex. Hot breakfast, Free Wi-Fi, Iron, Hairdryer, etc.)
- NCBA Hotel Booking Portal connected to discounted rates https://www.motel6.com/en/cp/coll-club-sports.html
- For more information, please contact Alex Kane at Jeff.Conner@CollClubSports.com.





#### **Avis**

#### The Preferred Rental Van/Car Agency of the NCBA

- Vehicle classes; Compact Car to 12 Passenger Vans
  - 12 Passenger Vans are great for road-trips and can help ensure the whole team shows up on time.
- Exclusive Pricing not available to general public\*\*
- Under-25 fee waived\*\*

#### (Personal or NCBA Related)

• Call their toll free reservation phone number 1-800-633-3469 or book online through their website at https://www.avis.com

\*\* Enter or mention account code **D712300** 





#### **Avis**

#### Avis Preferred Program

- Receive additional benefits on top of the discounts and fees waived by renting with Avis through the NCBA.
- Renters accumulate points via each rental though this program. Points can later be redeemed for free rental days!
- FREE TO JOIN!

https://www.avis.com/car-rental/profile/go.ac?D712300 Follow the link, click "enroll now" to get started!

For more information, please contact Jeff Conner at Jeff.Conner@CollClubSports.com

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#### **Equipment Sponsors**















#### New Balance

- Official Footwear Sponsor of the NCBA
  - Players receive 25% off a wide variety of Cleats, Turf Shoes and Training Shoes.
  - Online New Balance store dedicated entirely to the NCBA
  - Store will be open within the month. Store opening will be posted on social media accounts, and the link to the store will be available through the "sponsors" portion of the NCBA website.





#### Rawlings Sponsor Account Manager

- Paul Williams—Paul.Williams@CollClubSports.com
  412-321-8440 ext. 111
- Promote all of Rawlings Sporting Goods benefits to NCBA teams
- Manage ordering, billing, invoicing, payment, and delivery of all Rawlings Sales activity
- Assist in Auditing Rawlings sales activity to ensure optimal benefits are being received





#### Rawlings Sporting Goods

- The Official Baseball of the NCBA
  - All NCBA teams REQUIRED to use NCBA stamped baseballs for all NCBA sanctioned games
  - Game Balls (R1NCBA)
  - Practice Balls (ROLB1X)
  - Cost is \$55 per dozen-R1NCBA
  - \$35 per dozen- ROLB1X
  - Additional baseballs are available for purchase upon request.





### Rawlings Sporting Goods

#### The Official Uniform Supplier of the NCBA

- NCBA Teams receive 35% off orders paid December through June
- Early orders receive 45% off order paid July through November
- D1 required to have 2 sets of contrasting jerseys
- Contact Paul Williams to place order or RECEIVE QUOTE.
  - 412.321.8440 x111
  - Paul.Williams@CollClubSports.com
- All Billing handled through NCBA Office





#### Stock Jerseys

Uniform Builder- <a href="http://mylocker.rawlings.com">http://mylocker.rawlings.com</a>







#### Sublimated and Custom Jerseys

















#### Rawlings Sporting Goods

- ① The Official Protective Equipment and Performance Apparel Supplier of the NCBA
  - 35% discount on orders paid from December through June
  - 45% discount on early orders paid from July through November
  - All DI and DII NCBA Teams will receive a full set of catchers gear, or any combination of 8 batters helmets for free
  - PA items include: Performance Shirts/Shorts, Compression Shirts/Shorts,
     Sweatshirts, Polo's, Jackets and Pants
  - Rawlings PA items now available to be decorated!
  - PE items include: Batting Helmets, Protective Shirts/Shorts, Sliding Shorts,
     Catchers Helmets, shin guards, and chest protectors
  - Billing handled by NCBA office





#### Popular Apparel Items







#### Rawlings Equipment

- Mall NCBA teams receive a 45% discount on Rawlings Equpiment from July 31st through November 31st
- O Discount drops to 35% from December 1st through June 30th







#### The Game Sponsor Account Manager

- Felicia Battaglia— Felicia.Battaglia@CollClubSports.com
  412-321-8440 ext. 107
  - Promotes all of The Game's benefits to NCBA teams
  - Manages ordering, billing, invoicing, payment, and delivery of all The Game Sales activity
  - Assists in Auditing The Game sales activity to ensure optimal benefits are being received





#### The Game

- The Official Baseball Cap of the of the NCBA
  - All NCBA Teams are required to wear The Game caps featuring the official NCBA logo on the back – all team orders are required to go through the NCBA.
  - Order directly through the NCBA Felicia Battaglia (Felicia.Battaglia@CollClubSports.com) 412-321-8440 x107
  - Order early!! You will receive \$2.00 off per hat NOW through November 15<sup>th</sup> 2018
  - Orders should be placed by Nov 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure you have them for the start of the 2019 Season. Orders placed after Nov 15<sup>th</sup> may not be in hand before your first game





#### The Game

- Plan for at least 4-6 weeks for production on all Custom Orders after artwork/licensing approval & 10 days for production after artwork/licensing approval on all Stock Orders
- The Game holds the majority of school's licenses throughout the country resulting in the ordering process being easier and faster
- The Game can recreate any artwork/design used on any previous caps teams have ordered in the past – along with matching it on a similar cap model which creates an easy transition.
- The Game can supply you with off the field headwear for the team to wear or sell to friends and family such as boonies, beanies, and straw hats



#### The Game



- Go to THE GAMEHEADWEAR.com to view a full catalog online. Use the Cap Builder to design your hat. Email the Design to Felicia for a price quote or feedback
- Contact Felicia Battaglia with any questions or to place an order.
  - 412.321.8440 x107 Felicia.Battaglia@CollClubSports.com











#### Marucci Sponsor Account Manager

Alec Verhoff — Alec. Verhoff@CollClubSports.com

- Promote all of Marucci benefits to NCBA teams
- Oversee and execute all logistics of ensuring NCBA teams receive their 2 complimentary bats within their membership --> ordering, billing, tracking shipments and more.





- The Official Baseball Bat of the of the NCBA
  - All NCBA Teams receive 2 complimentary Marucci bats; 1 Cat8 & 1 Cat8 Connect.
  - Survey's to collect shipping addresses & bat sizes have already been sent out to teams. Please complete ASAP!
  - All NCBA teams/players that order additional bats receive EXCLUSIVE PRICING...





- Marucci has set up an EXCLUSIVE store for all NCBA teams to take advantage of. Prices so low the store is pass code protected from the public!
- Additional BBCOR, Composite, Wood, & Fungo's are available!

Store Link --> <a href="https://maruccisports.itemorder.com/">https://maruccisports.itemorder.com/</a>
Pass code --> NCBA2018

Please feel free to share store link &pass code with all your players!



#### **Sports Information Director**

- Jeff.Conner@CollClubSports.com
- Manage and promote all information on our social media platforms (Twitter, Instagram, & Facebook)
- Produce and direct episodes of Suite 301
- Write and distribute press releases and scouting report (monthly online magazine)

# Closing

- Thank You for Coming
- OPromote the League & Website
- ©Give the Sponsors Business whenever possible
  - When ever Issues Arise, Please Notify Us
    - Let No Question Go Unanswered
    - Weep Lines of Communication Open
    - - It's a Game!! Have Fun!!