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Memorandum

To: NCCAA Members
From: Dan Wood, Executive Director
Date: August 15, 2011
Re: Important 2011-12 Information

Greetings from the NCCAA National Office and welcome to the 2011-12 season! This new academic year has been prayed for and committed to Christ by your National Office staff and we look forward to what He has in store for us all. Our prayer is that each member will have a successful year in our Lord's eyes, and if that results in a National Championship, then we will celebrate those temporary triumphs as well.

New Members: It is a privilege to welcome the following new members for 2011-12

Arlington Baptist College, Southwest Region, Division II
Azusa Pacific University, West Region, Division I
California Baptist University, West Region, Division I
Hiwassie College, Mid-East Region, Division I
Houghton College, East Region, Division I
Point Loma Nazarene University, West Region, Division I (Associate)
Trevecca Nazarene University, Mid-East Region, Division I

All Region and National Sport Chairs: please make sure to add these new members to your list(s), where applicable. We want to insure that all members are properly communicated with on all issues. All new members are included in the Membership Directory. **Please note, if you listed any positions as "TBA", be sure to notify the National Office when that position is filled.**

Handbook and Membership Directory: The 2011-12 Handbooks (www.thenccaa.org/handbooks) and Membership Directory (updated per member submissions), www.thenccaa.org/member_direct.html, are now available online for every member coach to access. Updates and revisions will be completed daily as member schools fill TBA positions or submit changes. Members may print copies or burn copies to a CD should they opt to do so.

NCCAA Partners: We are also excited to announce an outstanding group of NCCAA Partners for this year and encourage each member to take advantage of the savings and service each provide. All "Preferred Vendors" are also listed on the website at www.thenccaa.org/preferredvendors:

Bob McCloskey Insurance, Official Athletic Insurance Partner, www.bobmccloskey.com
Pete Ginnegar, peteg@bobmccloskey.com, 800-445-3126

Brine, Official Soccer Ball Supplier, www.brine.com
Matt Kosek, matt.kosek@warrior.com, 586-693-8733

Cowart Awards, Official Awards Supplier, www.awardsthatwork.com
Raji Ward, raji@awardsthatwork.com, 800-277-1965

Dollar Rental Car, Official Car Rental Supplier, www.dollar.com

Our nationwide Corporate Account (CD) number is **BR2481**. If you are traveling in Florida, your Corporate Discount number is **oi6008**. Reservations for vehicles other than 8 & 12 passenger vans can be made by going to www.dollar.com, 1-800-800-4000

Fine Designs, Official Championship Apparel Supplier, www.finedesignsinc.com

Bogdan Pshichenko, fdfundraising@gmail.com, 253-269-2242, 3503 Kernan Blvd, Suite 7, Jacksonville, FL 32224

Jostens Ring Company, Official Championship Ring Supplier, www.jostens.com

Shannon Tollefson, shannon.tollefson@jostens.com

Masters Transportation, Official Charter Vehicle Supplier, www.busesbymasters.com

John Goodbrake, johng@busesbymasters.com, 800-783-3613

Mizuno USA, Uniform, Shoes and Glove Supplier, for Volleyball, Cross Country/T&F, Golf, Baseball, and Softball, www.mizunousa.com

Various sport reps are to contact NCCAA member schools throughout year.

Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, Official Baseball Supplier, www.rawlings.com

Jake Hilgendorf, jhilgendorf@rawlings.com, 314-819-2752

Spalding, Official Basketball Supplier, www.spalding.com

John Salay, jsalay@spalding.com, 216-252-7540

Tachikara, Official Volleyball Supplier, www.tachikara.com

Chris Morton, chris@tachikara.com, 913-498-1881

Wilson Sporting Goods, Official Baseball and Softball Supplier, www.wilsonsports.net

Matt Navarro, matt.navarro@wilsonsports.net, 704-844-2722

(NOTE: Currently seeking agreement with Rawlings)

Wilson Sporting Goods, Official Tennis Ball Supplier, www.wilsonsports.net

Erika Offerdahl, eofferdahl@wilson.com, 773-714-6746

NEW FOR 2011-12!

CCSNOnline.com and GPSNOnline.com to webcast Division I and II selected Championships!

The NCCAA is pleased announce that CCSN and GPSN have been approved as the exclusive provider of NCCAA Championship webcasting for selected 2011-12 Championships (Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, and Baseball). Host sites may still offer live stat services as desired but will be required to honor the exclusive rights for webcast services. Individual institutions may still request radio broadcast rights per the NCCAA policy listed in the NCCAA Handbook.

Game Plan Sports Network (GPSNOnline.com) is the recent endeavor of Premium Sports Communications LLC. They have covered the NCCAA DII and webcasted DII National Tournaments for the last 3 years under the name Christian College Sports Network (CCSNOnline.com). **These webcasts are professionally done and provided at no cost to the viewer.**

National Championship hosts will be contacted by Trent McGee or Rick Cooper regarding this exciting new access for fans across the NCCAA membership. Hosts will need to confirm adequate space, internet bandwidth, and set-up to allow CCSN and GPSN to insure high quality presentations.

Administrative Items: As your students return to campus, we want to assist you and your athletic staff in being as prepared as possible. Here are some of the items we ask you to remember and be diligent in communicating to all applicable staff:

- 1) The Declaration of Intent to Participate Form (available online at www.thenccaa.org/handbooks in the Forms & Procedures Section) is due by September 15, with all members being required to indicate those sports they intend to participate in for 2011-12. These forms should be completed in concert with each program's coaching staff and other institutional personnel as necessary. Winter and Spring sports will be allowed to confirm their initial declarations as indicated on the form. Please contact our office with any questions.
- 2) **Eligibility forms** must be postmarked (**not faxed**) prior to the first scrimmage or regular season contest for all sports. These forms should be mailed to your Region Chair, **not** the National Office. All forms are included in the NCCAA Handbook Eligibility Section and are available online at www.thenccaa.org/handbooks. Dually affiliated members with the NAIA or NCAA, please be aware of the document for your eligibility filing that precludes filing duplicate documents.
- 3) **Membership cards** are being mailed separately to the Athletics Directors. **Please distribute to each member of your athletics staff and administration** as listed on your Participation Form.
- 4) Please be sure to nominate your student-athletes for **NCCAA Student-Athlete of the Week, sponsored by Fine Designs**. This is the twelfth year for this program and more information can be found online at www.thenccaa.org/athlete_week. The form can also be found on page 18 of the Membership Directory, and should be sent to Jerry Malone, Director of Member Relations, at jmalone@thenccaa.org each Monday by 5:00 PM (EST). **Be sure to include t-shirt sizes.**
- 5) **Please make sure the NCCAA is receiving news about any local service projects that your student-athletes may be participating in. Please email your daily scores and any news articles/human interest stories featuring your student-athletes to info@thenccaa.org.**
- 6) **All Division II members**, please insure that your Financial Aid Officer has sent in, or is in the process of completing, the *Division II Financial Aid Compliance Verification Form*. The form was mailed to you, but is also online at www.thenccaa.org/handbooks in the Division II Handbook, under Forms & Procedures. The deadline for receipt of this form is August 15, 2011, and **schools not submitting the form will be ineligible for Fall Championships and awards.**
- 7) **All non-dually affiliated members (NAIA or NCAA only) must have remitted the premium (\$1,900 for 2011-12 if no high risk programs) for the mandatory Catastrophic Insurance through Bob McCloskey Insurance by August 15, 2010. Please confirm with your VP for Business/Finance that this has been submitted. Members are not eligible for postseason awards or competition without this coverage.**
- 8) The 2012 NCCAA Convention will be held May 31-June 2 in Greenville, SC at the Greenville Hilton. Registration information is posted on the NCCAA website at www.thenccaa.org/annualconvention and all member schools **must** have a minimum of one voting delegate present for this event.

Mission: As you participate in NCCAA Regional and National Championships this year, please remember that the NCCAA is not just another intercollegiate athletic association for your school to compete in. The NCCAA is the only mission matched intercollegiate athletic association for today's Christ-centered colleges and universities. Championships are not our focus, but rather a tool to further build His kingdom by developing young people and putting them in roles of Christian service.

***** In concert with this mission, all members are asked to participate in an association wide CSP effort through all Regional competitions. The NCCAA is suggesting that every student-athlete and coach arrive at any Regional competition with at least one item for a local food bank in the city of the contest. Host schools are asked to insure that these items are delivered to the food banks and an estimate of the weight of the food be sent to the NCCAA office via jmalone@thenccaa.org. The goal for the 2011-12 season is for the entire NCCAA community to have**

provided a combined total of over 10,000 pounds of food to folks within the host cities of all our Regional competitions. If desired, Regional hosts are certainly encouraged to opt for a CSP effort that might be needed in your area. Please contact Jerry Malone with your ideas and goals. In sports where first round Regional play may take place in several locations, we would ask each host to complete this task for your city. We will be sending out updates throughout the year after Regional competitions in each sport to allow us all to track this effort. Jerry Malone, Director of Member Relations, will assist Regional Chairs with insuring the success of this program. We ask each host to provide a photo of the food being gathered and dropped off and send via email to info@thenceaa.org or through regular mail.***

Have a great year, and may we all glorify Him in all of our efforts during this 2011-12 season!