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DATE: Saturday January 29th, 2011
TIME: 1:00 pm E.S.T.
LOCATION: CollClubSports Headquarters
Ballroom – BABB Building
850 Ridge Ave
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ATTENDEES:	Bruce Hubbard	Columbus State
	Joe Pollina	OSU – Newark
	Travis LaJoie	North Carolina
	Kamari Daniels	North Carolina
	Jeremy Sturgill	Radford
	Chris Girardi	Radford
	Joe Corey	South Carolina
	Derek Lair	South Carolina
	Lynn Featherstone	SCCFA
	Christian Cashilla	Miami (OH)
	Damon Buente	Miami (OH)
	Eric Kenter	Miami (OH)
	Aarron Knotts	Miami (OH)
	Paul Grimes	Wright State
	Robert Barkley	Marquette
	Jason Braun	Marquette
	Trey	Marquette
	Max	Marquette
	Rahim Booth	Coppin State

COLLCLUB SPORTS:	Sandy Sanderson	NCFA	President
	Kenny Rayl	NCFA	South Atlantic Conference Coordinator
	Christian Smith	NCFA	Director of Marketing
	Pete Chalfin	NCFA	Sponsor Account Manager
	Savannah Harp	NCSA	Director of Team Development
	John Murphy	Rawlings	Account Rep



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REFERENCE: 2011 NCFA League Meeting Presentation:
<http://www.ncfafootball.org/GetFile.aspx?fileId=333>

Agenda

- What is CollClubSports?
- Meet the NCFA Staff
- 2010 – A Year in Review
- 2011 – What’s to Come
- Sponsors & Fundraising
- DINNER BREAK
- Voting Ballot Procedures
- League Issues
- Timetable
- Closing

What is CollClubSports?

- National Federation of Collegiate Club Sports Leagues, L.L.C.
 - National Club Baseball Association (NCBA DI & DII)
- Founded 2000 – 34 teams – grown to 202 teams
 - National Club Softball Association (NCSA)
- Founded 2006 – 33 teams – grown to 79 teams
 - National Club Football Association (NCFA)
- Founded 2009 – 16 teams

Mission

- The National Federation of Collegiate Club Sports Leagues, L.L.C. (CollClubSports) is a compilation of governing bodies which oversee collegiate club athletics.
- We are driven to provide collegiate student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in competitive, organized collegiate club athletic leagues, and to continually enhance this experience for all participants.
- We strive to accomplish this by building lasting relationships based upon trust, commitment, dedication, understanding, and **strong lines of communication.**

Meet the NCFA Staff

FRONT OFFICE

- President – Sandy Sanderson
- Treasurer – Sandy Sanderson Sr.



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- Accounting Specialist – Jeanne Krachala
- Director of Marketing – Christian Smith
- Sponsor Account Manager – Pete Chalfin

Conference Coordinators

- North Atlantic Conference Coordinator – Doug DeLuca
- South Atlantic Conference Coordinator – Kenny Rayl
- Great Lakes Conference Coordinator – Sandy Sanderson
- Gulf Coast Conference Coordinator – Sandy Sanderson
- Independents Coordinator – Sandy Sanderson

2010 – A Year in Review

- NCFA Website
- Membership
- Rules
- General Liability Insurance
- Regular Season
- Top 10 Coaches Poll
- National Championship
- Annual League Meeting

NCFA Website

- www.NCFAfootball.org
- Launched November 2009
- Features:
 - Sponsor Advertisements with links
 - National Headlines with links and archives
 - TEAMS PAGE with lists of member teams with contact and website links
 - CONFERENCE PAGES with headlines, schedules, scores, standings, team logo website links, and coordinator pic/bio/contact
 - SCHEDULES PAGE listing all schedules/results and sortable by WEEK and/or TEAM and/or CONFERENCE with links to conference or team websites
 - STANDINGS PAGE listing all teams by conference and showing conference and non-conference win%
 - INFO Page listing all downloadable documents and pertinent announcements with press releases
 - CONTACT Page listing contact emails for all NCFA Staff, Coordinators, and Member Teams



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2010 Inaugural Membership

- 16 Member Teams:

ACTIVE

- Chattahoochee Tech
- Clemson
- Maine
- New Orleans
- North Carolina
- Radford
- South Alabama
- South Carolina
- UM – Flint
- Vermont
- Wright State

INACTIVE

- Longwood
- Rio Grande
- Sacred Heart
- Texas Tech
- UT - Arlington

2010 Rules

- Last spring NCFA teams created the 2010 NCFA Official Rule Book
 - An internet vote of all member NCFA teams was held to designate the NCAA Rule Book as our base set of rules
 - All NCFA member teams were given the opportunity to propose desired rule changes to the rules
 - The NCFA Front office created a series (4) of voting ballots for teams to vote FOR or AGAINST proposed rule changes
 - The results of these votes altered the NCAA rules, thus creating the 2010 NCFA Official Rules.

Rules – Major Points

- NCAA Rules as base
- Regular Season:
 - Sept 1 – Nov 30
 - Max 10 Regular Season Games (excluding Post Season play)
- Non-Conference Play:
 - Eligible Opponents - NCFA member collegiate Club football teams, NON-NCFA member collegiate Club football teams, NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA collegiate Varsity football



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teams, NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA collegiate JV football teams, Post-Graduate Collegiate Prep School football teams, and Semi-Professional football teams

- Roster Size:
 - Max 80 players on the roster
 - Max 60 player can dress for each game
- Player Eligibility:
 - Undergrads must be enrolled in a minimum of 1 credit at the school
 - Grad Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 1/2 Time Status
 - Effective 2011 season faculty and staff are not eligible
 - Players are limited to no more than 5 seasons of intercollegiate football (except players who played 4 years of varsity)
 - All players must carry at least a 2.0 Cumulative GPA
- Equipment:
 - Athletic gloves can be colored, not just Grey
 - Eye shields can be tinted
- Medical Personnel:
 - Home/host team must provide at least 1 EMT or Certified Athletic Trainer
 - Home/host team must provide a means to summon an Ambulance if necessary (Cell Phone)
- Officials:
 - Home/host team must provide between 4 and 7 HIGHSCHOOL certified (or better) officials

General Liability Insurance (Optional - \$425)

- \$2,000,000 General Aggregate
- \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence
- Policy covers the NCFA and its members (The Teams)
- Covers many aspects of NCFA play (i.e. Travel, Practice, Workouts, Games)
- Full Year of Coverage
- This policy assists teams in obtaining playing fields
- 3rd Parties could be additionally insured for \$75
- **Christian (NCFA) pointed out that you have to be covered by the policy in order to be able to be add additional insured to the policy.**
- This policy helped protect the NCFA and its members from potential financial losses from lawsuits
- This is NOT a health or accident insurance policy

Regular Season

- 4 Conferences plus Independents (ACTIVE)
 - Great Lakes – UM-Flint, Wright State
 - North Atlantic – Maine, Vermont
 - South Atlantic – Clemson, UNC, Radford, South Carolina



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- Gulf Coast – South Alabama, New Orleans
- Independents – Chattahoochee Tech
- Each team played each conference opponent at least once
- Each team then supplemented their schedule with non-conference games
- Every Sunday night, teams completed a weekly team submission form and emailed it to their conference coordinator reporting their scores/results from the previous week
- Every Monday, Conference Coordinators updated scores/results on the NCFA website
- Conference Champions –
 - South Atlantic – Radford (3-0 , 5-4)
 - Great Lakes – Wright State (1-0 , 8-2)
 - North Atlantic – Vermont (1-0 , 6-2)
 - Gulf Coast – New Orleans (2-0 , 8-2)

Top 10 Coaches Poll

- Prior to the start of the season, teams completed and submitted a Team Preview form which was a self promoting tool to showcase their program (on paper) to NCFA fans and coaches via the NCFA website.
- During the season, scores were submitted and the NCFA website was updated with results every Monday.
- Every Tuesday, Coaches submitted a new weekly Top 10 Poll ballot.
- Every Wednesday, a new NCFA Top 10 Coaches Poll was released.
 - 1st place vote = 10 points, 2nd place = 9, 3rd place = 8... etc.

2010 National Championship

- Prior to the start of the season, it was determined that the 2010 NCFA National Champion would be determined by the results of the final Coaches Poll at the end of the season.
- University of New Orleans
 - 105 out of a possible 110 poll points (95.5%)
 - 6 out of a possible 11 - 1st place votes (54.5%)
 - Vermont 3 - 1st place votes
 - Wright State 2 - 1st place votes

2010 National Champions!!

University of New Orleans - Privateers

Annual League Meeting

- Last spring NCFA teams selected via internet vote to host the NCFA Annual League Meeting in late January or early February at the NCFA Headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA.



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- Meeting designed to bolster inter team networking as well as provide a platform where teams can provide their input as to the direction that the league further develops.

2011 – What's to Come

- New Teams
- Regional Directors
- Director of Team Development
- Website Features
- National Championship

New Teams

- 1 New Team has officially joined for the 2011 season
 - Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College – South Atlantic

Potential New Teams

- 6 Teams have expressed serious interest in joining
 - Clarkson – North Atlantic
 - Columbus State – Independent or Gulf Coast
 - Coppin State – Independent
 - Metro State – Independent
 - Ohio State Newark – Great Lakes
 - UW – Parkside – Great Lakes

ALREADY IN EXISTENCE

- George Mason
- Marquette
- Miami (OH)
- Ohio State
- So Illinois – Carbondale
- Xavier

IN DEVELOPEMENT

- Antelope Valley
- Cal State – Longbeach
- Clayton State
- Colorado – Colorado Springs
- Davenport
- Delta
- Eastern Connecticut State



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- Edison State College
- Georgia Gwinnett
- Illinois – Springfield
- Indiana U – South Bend
- Kettering
- Macon State
- Onondaga CC
- Pittsburgh
- Rutgers
- San Antonio College
- Southern Crescent Tech
- Southwest Connecticut
- UGA – Griffin
- UNC – Asheville
- UNC – Greensboro
- UW – Milwaukee
- Virginia Commonwealth
- West Georgia Tech
- West Virginia

Regional Director Positions

- Looking for volunteer Regional Directors
- Regional Director duties:
 - Assist with growth in that region
 - Aid in communication between NCFA front office and member teams
 - Oversee all conference play in that region
- Email Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.com for more information

Director of Team Development

- Full time paid position
- DTD duties:
 - Recruit existing club football teams to join the NCFA
 - Work with club sports departments around the country to find students on campus interested in starting a club football program
 - Assist developing programs in getting their program started
 - Assist with other CollClubSports responsibilities
- Potential for promotion to Director of Football Operations
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New Website Features

- Marquette – Suggests not spending money on web development and instead helping teams by providing travel funds for their games.

2011 Additions

•Rosters

- Radford – Stated that teams won't check each others roster to make sure only legal players are being used.
- Lynn Featherstone (SCCFA-UNC) – Concerned with players being listed on the roster who don't want to be publically recognized. Specifically students at UNC being harbored with diplomatic immunity via the Buckley Amendment.

•Online Player Registration

- Radford – Stated player won't be willing to take the extra time to register online just to be featured on the website roster. Even asks why should they have to register to be able to play?
- Sandy (NCFA) – Without registering, they won't appear on the team's roster which is designated as the list of eligible players.
- Wright State – Would rather players be allowed to play than have to be listed on the website.
- Radford – Feels teams should have option to just submit one lump roster or let players register individually.

•Player Bios/Pictures

- OSU-Newark – Players aren't going to bother registering online just to have their pic/bio/stats listed on the website or to be eligible to win weekly awards.

•National and Conference Offensive and Defensive player of the week award accolades

- Radford – Nobody will care about being National Player of the Week.

2012 Additions (Possibly ready for 2011)

•Player Stats

- Marquette – Most teams don't even keep statistics for their games.

•National and Conference statistical leader board

•National and Conference sort able statistical charts

•Game Box Scores

•National Championship Bowl Game / Playoff page

•Uniform and team managed individual team web pages

2011 National Championship

- Option 1 – NCFA Coaches Poll determines National Champion
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- Option 3 – Playoff determines National Championship Bowl Game

Option 1 – NCFA Coaches Poll determines National Champion (Same method as the 2010 season)



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- Pros

- Allows for Independent teams
- No end of the season financial travel burden for teams
- Allows NCFA to keep membership dues to a minimum
- Allows time for NCFA to grow membership thus keeping membership dues to a minimum
- Allows time for NCFA to bring website to full functionality thus keeping membership dues to a minimum

- Cons

- National Champion is determined by the opinion of the NCFA coaches instead of a season culminating Bowl Game
- No playoff games for conference winners to participate in

- Recommended option for the 2011 season by NCFA

Option 2 – NCFA Coaches Poll determines National Championship Bowl Game #1 vs #2

- Pros

- Allows for Independent teams
- National Champion determined by season culminating Bowl Game

- Cons

- National Championship participants are determined by the opinion of the NCFA coaches instead of a season culminating playoff
- End of the season added financial travel burden for 2 teams
- NCFA will have to cover costs of hosting Bowl Game by increasing membership dues
- Lower NCFA membership numbers would prevent the NCFA from minimizing dues
- NCFA would have to bring website to full functionality much quicker preventing the NCFA from minimizing dues

- Recommended option for the 2012&13 seasons by NCFA

Option 3 – Playoff determines National Championship Bowl Game

- Pros

- Every conference winner would have a chance to compete for the National Title on the field
- National Champion determined by season culminating Bowl Game

- Cons

- Every team would have to fall in to a conference in order to qualify for the playoffs thus eliminating the option for teams to hold an independent status which could deter teams from NCFA membership due to increased financial travel burdens
- End of the season added financial travel burden for 4+ teams
- NCFA will have to cover costs of hosting Bowl Game and playoffs by increasing membership dues
- Lower NCFA membership numbers would prevent the NCFA from minimizing dues



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- NCFA would have to bring website to full functionality much quicker preventing the NCFA from minimizing dues
- Recommended option for the 2014+ seasons by NCFA

Sponsors & Fundraising

Director of Marketing

Christian Smith – Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com

- Oversee promotion of various NCFA Sponsors to NCFA teams
- Oversee ordering, billing, invoicing, payment, and delivery of all Sponsor Sales activity
- Audit sponsor sales activity to ensure optimal benefits are being received
- Contact possible new sponsors for NCFA teams to utilize

Sponsor Account Manager

Pete Chalfin – Pete.Chalfin@CollClubSports.com

- Promote various NCFA Sponsors to NCFA teams
- Manage ordering, billing, invoicing, payment, and delivery of all Sponsor Sales activity
- Assist in Auditing sponsor sales activity to ensure optimal benefits are being received

Fundraising Opportunities

Dominos Cards - An Official Fundraiser of the NCFA

- Each card has 16, Buy 1 Pizza get 1 Free coupons (Each card has estimated value of \$160)
- Cards accepted at Dominos Locations NATIONWIDE
- Teams buy cards for \$5 each and sell for \$10 each
- Example: Roster of 40 players, team buys 400 cards, each player only has to sell 10 cards to make \$2,000 PROFIT!
- Pre-sale forms available to avoid up-front cost
- For more information or to order email Christian Smith at Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com.

Campus Sponsorship - An Official Fundraiser of the NCFA

- Teams start group on CampusSponsorship.com
- Teams encourage players, family, friends, and fans to join group
- Group members do activities on group page to earn money from donating sponsor
- Group members can link activity to their Facebook page in hopes of getting Facebook friends to help donate
- Teams can cash out at anytime to receive check

Sponsored By: Anything - An Official Fundraiser of the NCFA

- Sponsored By: Anything is a clothing company for everyone



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- Teams can “tell the world what they are sponsored by” by typing a slogan that is unique to you (it can be anything)
- Teams can earn monthly commission on Sponsored By: Anything T-shirt sales generated through their club
- Teams earn a 10% commission on any sales.
- For more information, or to get started selling t-shirts, teams can contact Michael Schachter at Michael@sponsoredbyanything.com

Other Ideas/Suggestions - What works for you?

- Radford – Sells Radford Club Football T-shirts at their home games.
- South Carolina – Works at Varsity home football games.
- North Carolina – Host percentage nights at local restaurants where a percentage of the sales goes back to the team.
- Miami (OH) – Host club football night at a local bar where they promote the bar and get to keep cover charge collected at the door.
- Marquette – Performed MySportsDreams fundraiser unsuccessfully, work at on campus basketball games, and has a partnership with the local Qdoba for a football night.
- OSU – Newark – Get local business to advertise on a discount card that they sell, raised over \$1000 hosting a wing eating contest at a local Buffalo Wild Wings where they got to keep entry fee.
- Wright State – Solicits donations from local businesses.

Travel Sponsors

Red Roof Inn - The Official Lodging Partner of the NCFA

- Teams, players, and fans receive a minimum of 12% discount on best available rate
 - (Personal or NCFA Related)
- Use Volume Plan Plus # 608077 when booking rooms to receive 12% discount
- Teams can go to www.redroof.com/partners/collclubsports where discount code is already filled in
- Teams can also call group sales department at 248.398.0274 make sure to mention Volume Plan Plus # 608077
- Discount Cards are also available for NCFA teams

The Bus Bank - The Official Group Ground Transportation Provider of the NCFA

- Official Group Ground Transportation Provider through January 31, 2011
- 5% Discount for any charter bus booked
- Advantages: One Point of Contact, Online Trip Management, On call 24/7 service, and Professional Sales and Customer Service
- Make sure to mention you are a CollClubSports Member Team to ensure benefits received.
- For more information email CollClubSports@busbank.com or by clicking on the Bus Bank Web Logo on the NCFA Home Page.



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AVIS - Preferred van/car rental agency of the NCFA

- Discounts on all vehicles
- 12 Passenger Vans are great for long or short road trips
- Rental availability for players 18+
- Underage fee waived**
- Make sure to select "Make Business Reservation" (D712300)**
- National rental availability for all events or trips
- (Personal or NCFA Related)
- Call **(800)-331-1212** or go to: www.avis.com/AvisWeb/html/bridge/corp/go.html?D712300
(Enter or Mention account code **D712300**)

Anthony Travel - The Official Air Travel Partner of the NCFA

- Ease the planning of group air travel
- Anthony Travel looks for cheapest airfare and gives you choices on different itineraries.
- Can be used for NCFA or Personal trips
- No fees for changing names on tickets
- Contact Anthony Travel at (800-736-6377) to make air reservations

Equipment Sponsors

Jensen Lee Team Bags - The Official Team Bag Supplier of the NCFA

- Confident it's the "Only Bag You Will Ever Need!"
- 4 High Quality Bags to choose from (200L, 200XL, JL39 and JL35)
- All bags ordered feature NCFA logo and are fully customizable with team colors and text
- All Canvas Bags have a 4-year warranty
- To order team bags contact Jim Officer at 1-800-533-2690 or email Jim at jim@JensenLee.com
- Please visit www.jensenlee.com to view all bags offered.

Rawlings - The Official Uniform of the NCFA

- NCFA teams receive 50% off list price (April through October orders)
- Early orders receive 55% off list price (November through March)
- Contact Pete Chalfin to place order or receive quote
 - 412-321-8440 x105
 - Pete.Chalfin@CollClubSports.com
- Billing handled by NCFA office (Pete Chalfin)

Rawlings - The Official Football of the NCFA

- Rawlings ST5 NCFA Football serves as Official Football



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- Exclusive NCFA price of only \$50 which includes Gold Foiled NCFA logo and commissioners signature
- Shipping is FREE and there is NO MINIMUM ORDER QUANTITY
- Contact Pete Chalfin to place order
 - 412-321-8440 x105
 - Pete.Chalfin@CollClubSports.com
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Rawlings - The Official Protective Equipment and Performance Apparel Supplier of the NCFA

- 50% discount on orders placed (April through October)
- 55% discount on early orders placed (November through March)
- PA items include: Performance Shirts/Shorts, Compression Shirts/Shorts, Sweatshirts, Polo's, Jackets and Pants
- PE items include: Helmets, Shoulder Pads, Rib Protectors, Back Plates, Thigh Pads, Protective Shirts/Shorts and Girdles.
- Contact Pete Chalfin to place order or receive quote
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Sportdecals - The Official Helmet Decal Supplier of the NCFA

- Heavy-duty decal (20-mil vinyl)
- Every order comes with FREE NCFA logo decal
- All Decals are fully customizable
- Guaranteed Lowest Price on Decals
- To order, contact Sportdecals at 1-866-608-9415
- Make sure to mention you are a CollClubSports Member Team and mention Code C11 to ensure all benefits received
 - Lynn Featherstone (SCCFA) inquired about the ability remove and reapply these decals, expresses concerns due to cost of decals and having to replace them every year.
 - Sandy (NCFA) responds unsure about removability, recommends contacting SportsDecals with that question, but reassures that price is affordable.

DINNER BREAK

Voting Ballot Procedures

- Issues addressed one at a time
- Open forum to create the ballot



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- Sandy (NCFA) – Announces that the issue of the 2011 NCFA National Championship must be decided at the meeting and that NCFA member teams not in attendance have already been given an opportunity to vote on this issue.
- Ballots will be emailed out in 1 Week
- Each team gets to submit 1 Voting Ballot
- Voting Results Released in Approx 2 Weeks

Issues

2011 National Championship

- Option 1 – NCFA Coaches Poll determines National Champion
 - Sandy (NCFA) – Estimates Option 1 will require an increase in NCFA league dues of \$0 per team.
- Option 2 – NCFA Coaches Poll determines National Championship Bowl Game #1 vs #2
 - Sandy (NCFA) – Estimates Option 2 will require an increase in NCFA league dues of \$400 per team.
- Option 3 – Playoff determines National Championship Bowl Game
 - Sandy (NCFA) – Estimates Option 3 will require an increase in NCFA league dues of \$1000 per team.

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•Recommended option for the 2011 season by NCFA

- Travis LaJoie (UNC) – Prefers option #1. Says they don't have the money to travel to a National Championship Game if they were to make it and is concerned that a National Championship Game would conflict with final exams.
- Kamari Daniels (UNC) – Prefers option #1 because they couldn't travel to a National Championship Game. Option #3 is definitely out of the question. Is concerned that he's heard that NCBA Club Baseball Teams have to pay an additional registration fee



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to play in the NCBA National Championship. Because refs for the home games cost them \$500 per game they couldn't afford anything but option #1. Additionally with the list of potential new teams, they feel that anything but option #1 would drive potential new teams away.

- Sandy (NCFA) – Pointed out that NCBA Baseball teams that make the National Championship Tournament DO NOT have to pay an additional registration fee to participate. In fact those teams that make the NCBA and NCSA World Series actually get financial assistance for travel from the league.
- Derek Lair (SC) – Pointed out that many schools don't support their club football team and thus for the sake of growing the NCFA option #1 is the best option.
- Joe Corey (SC) – Agrees with UNC that they don't have money to travel to a National Championship Game. He loves options 2 & 3 but doesn't think we are ready for that yet.
- Lynn Featherstone (SCCFA) – Agrees with the NCFA that option #1 is the way to go as we are in the infancy of the development of the league. We're on the ground floor and teams should be proud to say they got involved when the league was first getting started. Wants to see an increase in the number of players on the teams.
- Marquette – Their club football team is having trouble lately with no funding. Option #3 couldn't happen for them. Option #2 would be a possibility for them but would be pushing their budget and thus wants to start with option #1. Stated that a team like UW-Milwaukee would need option #1 as a stepping stone to jump start their program even though option #2 might get us where we want to be faster.
- Joe Pollina (OSU-Newark) – Feels we should stick with option #1 for 2011 and 2012. Feels a sponsor should pay for the cost of a National Championship Game in full and thus teams wouldn't have to pay dues for other teams to play for a championship. Playoffs are not feasible for club football money wise, and bad teams will not want to join because they are paying to play and not getting anything for it. Feels that options 2&3 need to be tabled for a while.
- Bruce Hubbard (CSU) – Feels that travel is a big issue and thus option #1 is the better option mainly because of finances. Wants to get to a playoff system but thinks option #1 is a stepping stone to get there. Realizes that as the league grows with more teams, costs will go down and travel distances will improve thus making options 2&3 more feasible.
- Rahim Booth (Coppin State) – Feels a sponsor should pay for the National Championship Game which would draw more teams into the NCFA. Feels that option #1 is the best option because of financial issues and feels Universities need to see a return on their investment if they are to pay dues. Wants to know a plan of action for how the league plans to pay for the National Championship Game.
- Eric Whitman (Maine) – via email – Stated that they feel that option #1 is the best option right now but wanted the record to show that if towards the end of the season they were either ranked #1 or #2 in the polls that they would do what ever they could to schedule a late season game against the other top ranked team.



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Option 2 – NCFA Coaches Poll determines National Championship Bowl Game #1 vs #2

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•Recommended option for the 2012&13 seasons by NCFA

- Miami (OH) – Prefers option #2. They are considering joining the NCFA because of the legitimacy of a league, and having a National Championship Game makes it more legit. They would love to have a playoff system but feel it's not the greatest option at this time because \$1000 a year would be too expensive at this point. Option #2 provides as close to college football as possible, but no option would totally turn them off from joining the NCFAA.
- Jeremy Sturgill (Radford) – Prefers option #2. Would like a playoff system but feels that it's too early in the process for that at this point as \$1000 is too much. Feels the National Championship Trophy should be played for on the field. They don't have \$1000, but feels \$400 for the shot at a National Championship Game is worth it. Feels that having a National Championship Game would be more of a draw for teams to join the NCFA.
- Lynn Featherston (SCCFA) – During discussion about travel costs to a National Championship Game and if teams had it in their budgets to go, Lynn requested that teams around the room share their previously years expense budget.
 - Miami (OH) - \$22k
 - Wright State – \$22k
 - Radford - \$3k
 - UNC - \$7k
 - South Carolina - \$5k
 - Marquette - \$5-7k
 - OSU-Newark - \$23k
 - Columbus State - \$6k
 - Coppin State – Has not played in the past but expects to be entire school funded.



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Option 3 – Playoff determines National Championship Bowl Game

•Pros

- Every conference winner would have a chance to compete for the National Title on the field
- National Champion determined by season culminating Bowl Game

•Cons

- Every team would have to fall in to a conference in order to qualify for the playoffs thus eliminating the option for teams to hold an independent status which could deter teams from NCFA membership due to increased financial travel burdens
- End of the season added financial travel burden for 4+ teams
- NCFA will have to cover costs of hosting Bowl Game and playoffs by increasing membership dues
- Lower NCFA membership numbers would prevent the NCFA from minimizing dues
- NCFA would have to bring website to full functionality much quicker preventing the NCFA from minimizing dues

•Recommended option for the 2014+ seasons by NCFA

- Paul Grimes (Wright State) – Prefers option #3. Agrees that it's a lot of money, but feels it would encourage aggressive fundraising. Feels option #2 is too much like the BCS which is “whack” and prefers to see a playoff.
- 9 of the 11 active NCFA member teams chose to cast a vote on this issue and Option #1 received 22 voting points (5-1st preference), Option #2 received 21 voting points (3-1st preference), Option #3 received 11 voting point (1-1st preference). Thus the 2011 NCFA National Champion will once again be determined via the NCFA Top 10 Coaches Poll.
- It was decided that these three options would appear on this years voting ballot in order to determine the plan for the 2012 NCFA National Championship.

Issues

Tinted Face Shields - NCFA Rule - 10.03.0 Eye Shields

- 10.03.1 While the NCAA requires that eye shields worn by players must be clear, the NCFA allows players to wear eye shields that are tinted or clear.
 - NCFA is concerned that the reason the NCAA bans tinted eye shields is for safety reasons because during head injuries, medical staff can't accurately view the injured players eyes.
- Suggestion – make tinted eye shields illegal in NCFA play to avoid any unnecessary medical problems
- Everyone agreed that this issue should be put on the ballot to make tinted eye shields illegal with the an exception for players with a documented medical condition due to sensitivity to light.



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Issues

Academic Eligibility

- NCFA Rule - 7.06.0 An undergraduate student playing in an **NCFA Sanctioned Football Game** MUST be enrolled in a minimum of 1 credit.
 - NCFA is concerned that 1 credit load for undergrads is too few
- Suggestion – increase minimum credit load to 3, 6, 9, half-time, or full time credit load
 - Radford & South Carolina – Feel that requirements should be increased to full time.
 - Miami, Wright State, and OSU-Newark – Feel that the requirements should remain as is.
 - All others felt it should be raised to at least 3 credits.
- It was agreed upon that this issue should be put on the ballot with the options of either keeping the requirement as is or increasing it to 3 credits.
- NCFA Rule - 7.07.0 A graduate student playing in an **NCFA Sanctioned Football Game** MUST hold **Half-Time Status** with that team's College or University.
 - NCFA is concerned that academic requirements for grad students is unnecessarily more demanding than for undergrads
- Suggestion – change minimum credit load for grad students to be equal to the credit load requirements for undergrad students
 - UNC – Pointed out that “at least” should be inserted in to rule 7.07.0 between “hold” and “Half-Time Status”.
 - It was agreed upon that this issue should be put on the ballot with the options of either keeping the requirements as is or simply stating that a student must be an actively enrolled graduate student to be eligible.

Issues

Conference Play

- Current NCFA Rules effective 2011 season
 - Conferences of 5 or fewer teams play each other twice a season.
 - Conference of 6 or more teams play each other once a season
- NCFA is concerned that this is too many conference games for 4 and 5 team conferences thus leaving little room for non-conference games
 - Conferences of 3 or fewer teams play each other twice a season.
 - Conference of 4 or more teams play each other once a season
- It was agreed upon that this issue should be put on the ballot with the options of either keeping the requirements as is, changing to the NCFA proposed solution of 4+ team conferences only play each other once a season, or where all conferences no matter how many teams in it only play once per season.



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Issues

Open for Suggestions

- UNC – Proposed that faculty and staff should be eligible to play because they are part of the college community.
 - Radford – Agrees.
 - Marquette – Agrees because it helps increase the numbers of players.
 - Wright State – Is against because it's a “College” football league and the team should be comprised of college students.
 - OSU–Newark – Is very much against this because allowing faculty and staff to play turns the league into semi-pro as these faculty and staff have no GPA or credit enrollment requirements and in fact are being paid by the school possibly to play football.

- It was agreed upon that this issue should be put on the ballot with the options of faculty/staff are eligible or are not eligible to play provided they still meet the other eligibility guidelines.
- UNC – Proposed that rule 3.04.2 “Should the teams fail to mutually agree upon the make up date, the Conference Coordinator will officially set the make up date at his/her discretion.” related to rescheduling conference games cancelled by weather should be deleted from the rule book. They feel that they shouldn't be forced to make up a game that was cancelled due to weather.
 - It was agreed upon that this issue should be put on the ballot with the options of keep the rule as is or delete it.

- UNC – Proposed that for their conference they after the conference season has been played, they should be able to have a conference championship game pitting the #2 team at the #1 team for the South Atlantic Conference Title.
 - Sandy (NCFA) – Suggested that if one conference does it all should do it, or at least all teams should have to approve for one conference to operate differently than others in terms of a Conference Championship.
 - It was agreed upon that this issue should be put on the ballot with the options of yes or no, can a conference have a Conference Championship Game at the end of the season featuring #2 at #1 if it is unanimously agreed upon by all the members of that conference.

- UNC – Proposed that the October 15th, roster freeze deadline be moved back or eliminated since they often find more players on campus that want to play after this deadline.
 - Sandy (NCFA) – Suggested that a roster freeze deadline is important to prevent teams from going out and adding players (“ringors”) to their roster right before a National Championship Game or Conference Championship Game who weren't a part of the team that earned their place in a championship game.



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- It was agreed upon that this issue should be put on the ballot with the options of leaving the roster freeze date as is at Oct 15, or moving it back to Nov 1.
- UNC – Proposed that rule 7.08 “Student-athletes are limited to no more than 5 seasons of intercollegiate football competition whether it is at the Collegiate Club, Collegiate Varsity, or Collegiate JV level to be eligible to compete in any NCFA Sanctioned Football Game.” should be increased to allow more time for graduate students to play.
 - Sandy (NCFA) – Concerned that allowing players too long to play will prevent them from focusing on graduating.
 - It was agreed upon that this issue should be put on the ballot with the options of keep the rule at 5 seasons, increase it to 6 seasons, or increase it to 7 seasons.
- UNC – Proposed that that academic requirements to be eligible (2.0 Cumulative GPA) be changed to simply being in good academic standing with the College or University.
 - It was agreed upon that this issue would be put on the ballot with the options of keep the academic requirements as is (2.0 Cumulative GPA) or change it to “Good Academic Standing” with the College or University.
- UNC – Proposed that rule 14.01.5 “The player or coach is not automatically required to sit out an additional game unless the ejection was the result of an incident involving fighting” related to ejections should be changed to be an automatic one game suspension for any ejection.
 - Several teams agreed with this.
 - It was agreed upon that this issue would be put on the ballot with the options of keep rule 14.01.5 as is or change it to be an automatic one game suspension for any ejection.
- UNC – Proposed that rule 9.01.3.1 “While the NCAA requires that at least five offensive players on the scrimmage line shall be numbered 50 through 79, the NCFA allows offensive linemen to wear any number including numbers 50 through 79.” Related to Offensive linemen jersey numbers be changed to allow any jersey number to play any position. They cited that do to lack of players and back ups, they often to shuffle players between positions and can’t afford to carry that many jerseys for players to be changing numbers during the game.
 - Several teams agreed with this and voiced the same concerns with their programs.
 - Some teams expressed concerns that this will confuse officials who look for specific numbers to determine who is and isn’t eligible down field.
 - It was agreed upon that this issue would be put on the ballot with the options of keeping rule 9.01.3.1 as is or changing it to allow any number to play any position.

- UNC – Pointed out that the wording in rule 16.03.0 “Probations and Expulsions are not automatic and are evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the NCFA.” should have “Commissioner” added to the end.
 - Sandy (NCFA) – Agreed.
- Lynn Featherstone (SCCFA) – Proposed the idea that we raise the NCFA dues for 2011 from \$0 to \$25 for two reasons. The first being to help offset the cost of NCFA National Championship Trophy which is given to the winner and theirs to keep FOREVER (Pic below). Secondly, for teams to create a line item in their budget for NCFA dues so teams are thinking about dues for the future when we do move forward to actually hosting an NCFA National Championship Bowl Game. He also noted that by paying dues (any dues) to a National Governing Body such as the NCFA, some teams can elevate their status with their school to a higher tiered club and thus make them eligible for additional funding levels.



- Sandy (NCFA) – Felt that the results of such a proposal would need to be put to a vote of the current NCFA member teams in order to determine what (if any) 2011-12 NCFA dues would be so that potential new teams could know what the financial requirements are before committing to join the NCFA.
- The current NCFA member teams voted on this issue and 8 teams voted in favor of increasing dues while only 1 team voted against it. Thus 2011-12 NCFA dues have officially increased to \$25.

Timetable

•January 29

1st Annual League Meeting



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| •February 11 | Voting Ballots Due |
| •March 1 | League Participation Agreement deadline |
| •March 4 | Scheduling Requests due |
| •March 15 | Conference Schedules released |
| •August 15 | Team Previews Due |
| •August 31 | Preseason Polls Released |
| •September 1 | Regular Season begins** |
| •September 31 | Deadline to receive Annual League Dues discount |
| •October 15 | Roster Freeze deadline |
| •November 30 | Regular Season concludes |
| •November 30 | Deadline for payment of Annual League Dues |
| •December 7 | National Champion Crowned |
- ** Player Registration & Academic Eligibility Letters due 2 weeks before first game.

Closing

- Thank You for Coming
- Promote the League & Website
- Give the Sponsors Business whenever possible
- Whenever Issues Arise, Please Notify Us
- Let No Question Go Unanswered
- Keep Lines of Communication Open
- Please be Prompt Meeting Deadlines
- It's a Game!! Have Fun!!