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Salem Stadium in Salem, Virginia to Host Inaugural NCFA National Championship Bowl Game

Pittsburgh, PA. – January 28, 2012 –The National Club Football Association is excited to announce that the first ever NCFA National Championship Bowl Game will be held at Salem Stadium in Salem, Virginia on November 17, 2012. Since 1993, Salem Stadium has served as the home of the Stagg Bowl, the NCAA Division III Football Championship Game.

Following the 2011 NCFA League Meeting, member teams voted that beginning in 2012, an NCFA National Championship Bowl Game would be held at the conclusion of the regular season, featuring the teams ranked #1 and #2 in the NCFA Coaches' Poll. In September of 2011, a survey was conducted by the NCFA in order to gather input and preferences from teams about what they would like for the 2012 National Championship Bowl Game. Once the results were tabulated, the most important factors came out to be:

- Game played on Saturday Nov. 17
- Central location
- Collegiate Stadium
- Access to on-site locker-rooms at the stadium
- Host in location with mild weather climate
- Access to nearby practice facilities for day before
- Artificial Turf field
- Ability to play a night-game under the lights



The NCFA is proud to state that Salem Stadium meets each of the above criteria. “The selection of Salem Stadium was simply a case of the cream rising to the top when compared to the other options presented to us,” explained NCFA President Sandy Sanderson. “Salem Stadium scored high marks in each and every category of consideration that was deemed important by our member teams. Given the geographic location, the SportsTurf surface, on site locker rooms, and the collegiate football atmosphere already affiliated with the stadium, this venue has proven to be the perfect launching point for our inaugural National Championship Bowl Game.”

The \$2.2 million stadium seats 7,157 and was constructed in 1985. The synthetic Field Turf was installed in 2007, and proved its worth just two years later, when the 2009 Stagg Bowl went off without a hitch despite sixteen inches of snowfall. The facility has been upgraded numerous times over the years, including improvements in lighting, an expanded press box, an elevator, a new scoreboard and refurbished locker rooms.



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“Salem is a town that absolutely loves football,” said Chris Girardi, the NCFA’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Director who conducted the official site visit. “They were more than happy to host yet another National Championship in their town and the town itself has a great deal to offer visiting teams. Salem football stadium is one of the finest and most well kept football fields I have ever set foot on.”

“The city of Salem is very excited to host this event,” said Carey Harvey Cutter, Salem, Virginia Director of Civic Facilities. “Especially with this being the inaugural event; to have it in Salem is just outstanding! We are excited to add another national championship to the list of events we have had here.”

More information regarding the 2012 NCFA National Championship Bowl Game will be posted on the NCFA website (www.ncfafootball.org) as it becomes available. In the meantime, any questions regarding this event can be directed toward NCFA President Sandy Sanderson. Sandy can be reached by phone at (412) 321-8440 x100 or via e-mail at Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.com.

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