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NCFA 2014 League Meeting Voting Ballot

Please email completed ballot to Sandy.Sanderson@CollClubSports.com no later than February 10, 2014

School Name: NCFA

Your Name: Sandy Sanderson

Your Position: President

- 1) In order to reduce potential injuries during games that have become lopsided, should the NCFA adopt a Slaughter Rule that would take effect if the score differential should reach 35 points in the 2nd half? In this instance the clock rules would become a running clock through the end of the game regardless if the point differential be reduced to less than 35 points. Additionally this rule would only apply to regular season games and NOT any post season games.

- NO – Keep clock rules as is **5 Votes**
 YES – Implement this Slaughter Rule **12 Votes**

NCFA recommended vote: YES – Nearly all teams at the meeting agreed this is a good idea not just for safety but to avoid a disheartening final score.

- 2) Since the NCFA feels there are too many teams who do not film their games to make trading film mandatory, should the NCFA add a RECOMMENDATION to the rule book that teams who do have game film willingly trade film should their opponent request it?

- NO – Do not add recommendation **7 Votes**
 YES – Add recommendation **10 Votes**

NCFA recommended vote: INDIFFERENT

- 3) The NCFA has operated under the philosophy to not take disciplinary action against a team for competing with zero players on the roster unless a protest was submitted by the offended team. Should the NCFA continue handling teams who play with zero roster in this way or should a forfeit be issued automatically after the game should the team with zero roster win?

- Require protest to take action. **6 Votes**
 Automatic forfeit issued following conclusion of game. **11 Votes**

NCFA recommended vote: Automatic forfeit issued.

- 4) In the event that the Automatic Forfeit rule is approved what happens if neither NCFA team playing in the game has a roster? Should the game be declared Exhibition in which case if it's a conference game it would have to be rescheduled, or should the game be declared a double forfeit tie?



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- Exhibition **5 Votes**
 Double Forfeit Tie **12 Votes**

NCFA recommended vote: Double Forfeit Tie – Having to reschedule and replay a conference game that was declared exhibition could be nearly impossible given that most likely both teams have all their weekends booked the rest of the season.

- 5) In an effort to deter forfeits, should the NCFA adopt the following rule which has been in use by the NCBA for several years? “In the event that a visiting team should forfeit any **NCFA Sanctioned Football Game** to the home team; the visiting team is required to inform the home team via telephone of their intent not to play at least 6 days in advance of the predetermined start of the game. Should the visiting team not provide the home team with sufficient notice to cancel officials and/or field rentals for the game in question, the visiting team assumes financial responsibility for the payment of those officials and/or field rentals should any cancellation fees be incurred. In the event that a home team should forfeit any **NCFA Sanctioned Football Game** to the visiting team; the home team is required to inform the visiting team via telephone of their intent not to play at least 6 days in advance of the predetermined start of the game. Should the home team not provide the visiting team with sufficient notice to cancel their transportation and/or lodging arrangements for the game in question, the home team assumes financial responsibility for the payment of those transportation and/or lodging costs should any cancellation fees be incurred.”

- NO – Do not adopt this rule **1 Vote**
 YES – Adopt this rule **16 Votes**

NCFA recommended vote: YES – This rule will protect teams from having to pay fees for officials, field rentals, hotels, or bus/van rentals for games that do not get played due to a late forfeit. This will also motivate teams to play the games rather than forfeit them and have to reimburse costs to the other team. The NCFA would gather receipts of payment for any cancellation costs incurred to insure the forfeiting team is only responsible for any out of pocket expenses actually incurred.

- 6) In an effort to deter forfeits, EFFECTIVE THE 2015 NCFA SEASON should the NCFA adopt the following rule which has been in use by the NCBA for several years? “Effective July 1st, 2014 a \$500 performance bond will be added to the NCFA Annual Dues. If a team forfeits even a single UNPLAYED CONFERENCE game, the team’s \$500 performance bond is seized and that money is used to supplement the conference playoff budget of the conference that the team is affiliated with. This performance bond penalty does not apply to non-conference games or forfeited conference games that were PLAYED. Since the performance bond is \$500 a team can lose no more than \$500 through forfeits in a single season. At the end of the NCFA season, each team will have the option to have their performance bond returned to them or have it roll over to the next season. The team that was forfeited to will have the option should they choose to petition the NCFA to NOT seize the forfeiting teams performance bond.”



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- NO – Do not adopt this rule **6 Votes**
 YES – Adopt this rule **11 Votes**

NCFA recommended vote: YES – This rule has helped deter conference forfeits within the NCBA and thus should help with the NCFA as well. Additionally any performance bonds seized benefit that particular conference as a whole, not the NCFA as a whole and not a specific individual team.

- 7) In an effort to protect teams who have their home conference games forfeited by an opponent who won't travel to play them, should the NCFA adopt the following rule? "If a visiting team forfeits an away conference game without traveling to the opponent, then the following season the team that failed to make the away trip will once again be scheduled away against that particular conference opponent. Once the forfeiting team has traveled to the opponent in which they had forfeited to, the conference schedule will return to its original rotation. Example: If in 2014 Team A is scheduled to play at Team B but forfeits the game and fails to make the trip to Team B, then in 2015, Team A will once again be scheduled to play at Team B. Should Team A actually travel to Team B for their conference game in 2015, then in 2016 the conference schedule would return to the original rotation with Team A once again being scheduled to play at Team B and Team B playing at Team A in 2017."

- NO – Do not adopt this rule **3 Votes**
 YES – Adopt this rule **14 Votes**

NCFA recommended vote: INDIFFERENT

- 8) Due to a lack of consistent voting by the NCFA coaches the Power Rankings have experienced some volatility. The 2013 NCFA season began with 26 coaches being eligible to cast ballots and by the end of the season only 13 coaches were still submitting ballots. Of those 13, only 7 cast a ballot each week of the NCFA season. To improve voting consistency, should the NCFA replace the coaches voting panel with a panel of voters selected by the NCFA made up of coaches, alumni, and staff that have proven to be consistent and unbiased with submitting their voting ballots?

- NO – Keep the coaches voting panel **3 Votes**
 YES – Replace the coaches voting panel with a panel of hand selected voters **14 Votes**

NCFA recommended vote: YES – Most of the teams in attendance agreed with this idea sighting that in most cases they don't have the time to educate themselves when casting a vote and find that it's not a high priority worth worrying about every week.

- 9) In 2015, the NCFA intends to move forward with the plans of a 4 team playoff following the conference championship games and ultimately ending with the National Championship Bowl Game. The 4 Conference Champions will be seeded 1-4 based on their position in the Power Rankings. The question becomes who plays who and where in the playoffs. The teams have come up with 4 options. Option 1) #4 seed travels to the #1 seed and the #3 seed travels to the #2 seed regardless of where the teams are



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located. Option 2) The NCFA chooses a neutral site where both playoffs games are held with #4 vs #1 and #3 vs #2 and dues would be increased to cover hosting costs. Option 3) South Atlantic Conference Winner and Mid Atlantic Conference Winner play with higher seed hosting and lower seed traveling AND Great Lakes Conference Winner and North Atlantic Conference Winner play with higher seed hosting and lower seed traveling. Option 4) South Atlantic Conference Winner and Great Lakes Conference Winner play with higher seed hosting and lower seed traveling AND Mid Atlantic Conference Winner and North Atlantic Conference Winner play with higher seed hosting and lower seed traveling. Please rank your preferences with 1st being most desirable and 4th being least.

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| 4 th | OPTION 1 - #4 @ #1 and #3 @ #2 regardless of location. 28 Pts |
| 1 st | OPTION 2 – Playoffs held at same neutral site. 55 Pts |
| 2 nd | OPTION 3 – SAC vs MAC and GLC vs NAC 49 Pts |
| 3 rd | OPTION 4 – SAC vs GLC and MAC vs NAC 38 Pts |

NCFA recommended vote: NOT OPTION 1 – This leaves the possibility of a NAC vs SAC playoff match up with possible huge travel responsibilities such as Vermont traveling to Rollins or vice versa.

NOTE: 1st preference received 4 points, 2nd preference received 3 points, 3rd preference received 2 points, 4th preference received 1 point.