

THE SCOUTING REPORT

NCBBA Continues to Grow!

2015-16 season looks to eclipse the 40 team mark
 Director of Basketball Development, Rob Bell has had a very busy July. Rob has been pounding the phones, emails, texts, and social media in his recruiting efforts to grow the league in his first year on the job, and his efforts are starting to show dividends. July yielded Assumption College, NC State, Ohio State, South Carolina, and UNC Wilmington all officially committed to play in the league for this upcoming season. Reps from SC, OSU, and NC State joined the NCBBA staff on the most recent episode of Suite 301 where they discussed the make up of their programs, their upcoming season forecasts, and what rivals they feel will follow their lead and join the NCBBA for the upcoming season. Rob predicts that August will be an even more successful month as he continues his recruiting efforts as more and more teams have begun reaching out to him requesting membership details.



On the Calendar



5th: New Team Phone Day
 NCBBA Phone Day
 NCBA League Meeting



12th: NCFA Phone Day

18th: Suite 301



19th: NCBA Phone Day



26th: NCSA Phone Day

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NCBA Rules Committee Meeting Results



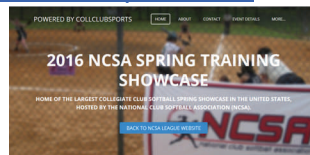
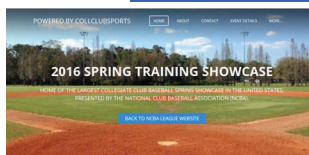
The 2016 Rules Committee Meeting took place on Saturday, July 18th in Pittsburgh, PA. The NCBA Staff as well as the elected NCBA Rules Committee Representatives met to discuss league rules for future seasons. Topics discussed include DH Rules, Relegation, Player Eligibility, Roster Size, Fall Ball Inclusion, Future DIII Rules, and much more. [Read the complete notes from the Rules Committee Meeting here.](#) The updated NCBA Rules for the 2015-16 season will be released soon.

NCBA/NCSA Spring Training Registration Now Open!

Discounts for Early Registration by Nov 15th.

Teams can now begin registering for the 2016 NCBA and NCSA Spring Training Showcases to be held in Plant City, FL. Event Details, Registration Forms, Free Agent Team Contracts and all other information regarding the events can be found on the Spring Training websites. Whether you're interested in bringing down your entire team, or reserving a spot as a Free Agent Player, we're ready for you!

For more details about the 2016 Spring Training Showcase, contact Vice President of Spring Training Operations, Savannah Ahrens, at (412) 321-8440 x 103 or at Savannah.Ahrens@CollClubSports.com



NCFA Fall Kickoff Showcase

Six teams set to compete in Baltimore, MD

Sept 26th will mark the return of the NCFA Fall Kickoff Showcase as 6 teams will ascend upon the campus of Coppin State to compete in non-conference competition. The Fall Kickoff was developed to provide teams an opportunity to play cross conference NCFA opponents in a location reachable by all. This gives teams a chance to play opponents who the normally would not be able to travel to. 2015 marks the first year that the event is being hosted at Coppin State, and the match ups are sure to provide exciting action!

- Game 1: UW Milwaukee vs. George Mason 11am
- Game 2: Ohio State vs. Longwood 3 pm
- Game 3: Miami (OH) vs. Coppin State 7 pm

For more information about the event, feel free to contact:
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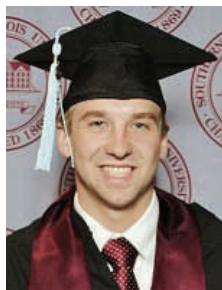
Meet the New Volunteer Staff:



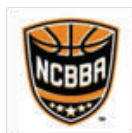
Name: Sami Michaelis
League: NCSA
Region: Great Lakes
Hometown: Woodville, OH
Alma Mater: Kentucky



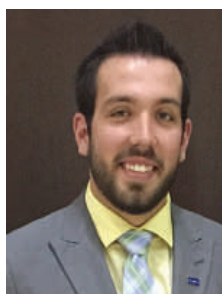
After graduating HS, Sami continued to play softball at Belmont Abbey College where she served as the starting pitcher and outfielder for the Crusaders. After an injury at the end of her second season, she decided to transfer to the University of Kentucky to better pursue her education. After missing her first spring of softball in nearly 12 years, she founded the club softball team at Kentucky. Kentucky joined the NCSA in her senior season, where they placed first in the Great Lakes South conference, and received an at-large bid to the 2014 NCSA World Series. Sami graduated from Kentucky in 2014 with a Bachelors in Biology. Sami now works for the University as a Lab Technician in the College of Health Science. Her research explores how different conditions effect skeletal muscle.



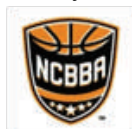
Name: Ken Thorne
League: NCBBA
Region: Mid-America
Hometown: Mokena, IL
Alma Mater: SIU Carbon-dale



Ken grew up in Mokena, Illinois which is a suburb that sits 40 miles southwest of Chicago. Ken played baseball and basketball starting in his early childhood all the way through the varsity levels in high school. He attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL where he recently graduated from and received his Bachelor's degree (Sports Administration) in May 2015. Ken served as the Co-President of the Saluki Club Baseball team during his time down south; he also holds SIU Club Baseball records in Starts, ERA, and Wins. This August he will be starting Graduate School at Illinois State University in pursuit of his Master's in Kinesiology and Recreation. Ken is very excited to join the NCBBA staff for his inaugural season on which is predicted to be a competitive one.



Name: Ethan Stewart
League: NCBBA
Region: Great Lakes
Hometown: Carrollton, KY
Alma Mater: Kentucky



A 2015 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in science concentrated in kinesiology. Go Cats! Ethan is now in graduate school at the University of Kentucky pursuing his master's in science with a concentration in biomechanics. While an undergrad, Ethan was a player on the club baseball team for three years and was an executive and player for the club basketball team for one year. Ethan is staying active in the collegiate club sports world by taking on the role of conference coordinator for the Great Lakes Conference within the National Club Basketball Association.

NCSA

Signs On for Two More in Columbus

The Columbus Sports Council has partnered with the NCSA to bring the World Series back to Columbus, Georgia in 2016 and 2017. The 2016 NCSA World Series is scheduled for May 20-22, 2016 and the 2017 World Series will be held May 19-21, 2017.

"I am extremely excited that we will once again be partnering with the Columbus Sports Council to host the 2016 and 2017 NCSA World Series," said NCSA VP of Softball Operations, Savannah Ahrens. "The South Commons Softball Complex has proven to be nothing short of perfect since moving the event to Columbus in 2010. I look forward to our annual visit and experiencing that one-of-a-kind southern hospitality that the Sports Council provides. I couldn't think of a better place to crown our national champions."

The South Commons Softball Complex was the site of the 1996 Olympic Women's Fastpitch Softball Competition. It is an eight field complex, which includes a five-field hub with a roundhouse and a three field fan with a stadium, indoor score booths, concessions, and restrooms.

"The Columbus Sports Council and City of Columbus is excited to have the NCSA World Series back to our beautiful city," said Columbus City Sports Council Event Manager, David Boyd. "Personally, for me it's like an annual family reunion with the amazing NCSA Staff as well as the players and families that I've had the pleasure of getting to know over the years. I can only say as history has shown, it just keeps getting better every year and we love being a part of it."

With over 500 restaurants located in Columbus, players and fans can enjoy everything from southern style barbecue to the world famous Scramble Dog! For fun and exciting night-life, the area also offers a variety of bars, fine eateries, trendy boutiques and fun-filled events and concerts in a one-of-a-kind atmosphere.

