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MISSION STATEMENT

Excerpted from the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 6.1:

6.1 Mission Statement

The purpose of postconference competition (PC) is to reward excellence in individual and team sports through regional and state championship competition.

The goals of PC are:

- A. To provide an opportunity for outstanding teams and individuals to compete in championship events.
- B. To enable individuals and teams to display the values of sportsmanship, dedication, desire, discipline, and tenacity at a high level of competition.
- C. To conduct quality and cost-effective events that ensure optimal athletic performance with minimal disruption of academic programs.
- D. To provide a meaningful athletic experience that will create a positive lifelong impression on student athletes.
- E. To assure equal athletic opportunities and resources for PC events for athletes of each gender.
- F. To provide opportunities for positive educational experiences for participants of each event.
- G. To provide formats and facilities which ensure the health, safety, and welfare of participants.
- H. To provide formats which consider the unique qualities of each sport.

6.1.1 Mission Statement Guidelines

6.1.1.1 Regional Competition

- A. A team sport's regional format (north and south combined) shall allow participation of up to 40 percent of the total number of teams competing statewide.
- B. An individual sport's regional format (north and south combined) shall allow participation of up to 40 percent of the total number of individuals competing statewide.

6.1.1.2 State Championships

- A. A team sport's state championship format shall allow participation of up to 10 percent of the total number of teams competing statewide.
- B. An individual sport's state championship format shall allow participation of up to 15 percent of the total number of individuals competing statewide.

6.1.1.3 The following exceptions to the above guidelines may be approved through the normal legislative process:

- A. Emerging sports that are expected to grow annually.
- B. Challenged sports that have been in existence for more than five (5) years and have limited numbers and static or declining growth.

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INTRODUCTION

The following document is designed to provide participants, institutions, and event managers with the necessary information to qualify for, participate in, and/or, host a California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) postconference competition event. Please review the document carefully and thoroughly and contact the CCCAA Director of Championships with any questions.

All rules and regulations set forth in this handbook are subject to review and modification by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA).

1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1.1 CCCAA POSTCONFERENCE COMPETITION EVENT NAMING RIGHTS

The official name of all CCCAA-sponsored events shall include the following:

First, “California Community College Athletic Association” (or its acronym “CCCAA”) followed by the sport, then the event designation: ({Northern or Southern} Regional {Round 1, 2, or 3; or Quarterfinals, Semifinals or Final Championship[s]}, or State Championship[s]).

1.1.1 REQUIRED USAGE

The complete and accurate name must appear on all correspondence, advertisements, promotions, and apparel associated with the event.

Examples:

BASEBALL

Regional: **CCCAA Baseball (Northern or Southern) (Regional or Super Regional) Championship**

or

California Community College Athletic Association Baseball (Northern or Southern) (Regional or Super Regional) Championship

State: **CCCAA Baseball State Championship**

or

California Community College Athletic Association Baseball State Championship

TRACK AND FIELD

Regional: **CCCAA Track and Field (Northern or Southern) Regional Championships**

or

State: **California Community College Athletic Association Track and Field State Championships**

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1.2 DATES AND SITES *All tentative: CCCAA Board 6/17/10 Meeting:*

(See CCCAA Bylaw 3.11.)

CCCAA Softball Seeding Meeting

- April 28, 2012

CCCAA Softball Regional Round 1

- May 5–6, 2012
Site: Higher Seed
Event Manager: Host College Athletic Director

CCCAA Softball Super Regional (Round 2)

- May 11–13, 2012
Site: Higher Seed
Event Manager: Host College Athletic Director

CCCAA Softball State Championship

- May 18–20, 2012
Site: Bakersfield College
Event Manager: Sandra Taylor, Bakersfield College

1.2.1 SCHEDULING:

The 3CFCA Handbook shall be used as an operational guide for the scheduling and procedures for the State Tournament. All such procedures shall be consistent with the CCCAA Softball Championship Handbook and the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws.

- A. The dates for CCCAA Softball Regional Round 1 and CCCAA Regional Round 2 games shall be:
 1. CCCAA Softball Regional Round 1: second (2nd) Saturday-Sunday before the State Championship
 2. CCCAA Softball Regional Round 2: first (1st) Saturday-Sunday before the State Championship. 10/13/06 4/5/07
 3. Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather during the first round and/or second round of postconference competition, the event may be extended up to two (2) days after the originally scheduled date of completion. If the event cannot be completed, the highest seeded team left in the winners bracket of completed games will advance. If there have not been any games completed, the highest seeded team will advance. 4/5/07 (*Note: same wording is under heading "Rules."*)
- B. The dates for CCCAA Softball State Championship shall be:
 1. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the third (3rd) full weekend in May. 10/13/06

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2. Inclement Weather: In the case of inclement weather, the tournament may be extended up to two (2) days in length. If the facility is not available for additional days, an alternate site in the same area may be used provided the tournament committee does not incur any additional cost. If there are not any fields available, the tournament will be cancelled and will not be rescheduled. (*Note: same wording is under heading "Rules."*)

1.3 START TIMES

- A. All CCCAA Softball Regional Round 1 and Regional Round 2 game times shall be:
 - **Without lights:** First game Saturday at 2:00PM; first game Sunday at 12:00NOON, and if necessary, 2:00PM. 10/13/06
 - **With lights:** First game Saturday at 7:00PM; first game Sunday at 2:00PM, and if necessary, 4:00PM. 10/13/06
- B. CCCAA Softball State Championship (See Appendix A.)

Game times will be established by the tournament committee.

1.4 CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

There shall be 32 teams (16 north and 16 south) participating in regional events leading to an eight (8) **four (4)**-team state championship format. There shall be four (4) **two (2)** teams from the north and four (4) **two (2)** teams from the south. 10/13/06 **Cost Containment: 1/21/10-6/30/12**

- A. All Regional Round 1 and Regional Round 2 games shall be a best-of-three (3) games series. 10/13/08 4/5/07 **Cost Containment: 1/21/10-6/30/12**
 1. CCCAA Regional Round 1: There shall be 32 teams participating, 16 teams at eight (8) sites in the north and 16 teams at eight (8) sites in the south to be played at the field of the highest seeds. (See Appendix A for the brackets for CCCAA Regional Round 1.) 4/7/06
 2. Home team shall be the higher seeded college for game one (1). In subsequent games, a coin flip will determine the home team. 10/6/09

B. All Regional Round 2 games shall be double-elimination tournaments.

2. **1.** CCCAA Regional Round 2: There shall be 16 **eight (8)** teams participating, 8 **four (4)** teams at 4 **two (2)** sites in the north and 8 **four (4)** teams at 4 **two (2)** sites in the south to be played at the field of the highest seeds. (See Appendix A for the brackets for CCCAA Regional Round 2.) 4/5/07 **Cost Containment: 1/21/10-6/30/12**
 2. **Home team shall be the higher seeded college for game one (1). In subsequent games, a coin flip will determine the home team.** 10/6/09

- B.C. CCCAA Softball State Championship: Double-elimination tournament with four (4) **two (2)** teams from the north and four (4) **two (2)** teams from the south. (See Appendix A for the brackets for the CCCAA Softball State Championship.) **Cost Containment: 1/21/10-6/30/12**

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Home team shall be the higher seeded college for game one (1). In subsequent games, a coin flip will determine the home team.

1.5 HOST AND SITE SELECTION

1.5.1 ON-SITE HOST ADMINISTRATORS FOR POSTCONFERENCE COMPETITION EVENTS

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.12.)

1.5.2 Event Site (See CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.6 and 6.14.3.)

1.5.2.1 The postconference competition event site should have adequate campus security and suitable parking with minimal cost to the event budget. The competition area shall be draped to stage this prestigious event. Secure appropriate banners from the Office of the CCCAA Executive and corporate sponsors. Individual school posters are permissible but will withstand scrutiny of the CCCAA. Additional facility needs include adequate locker rooms, spectator seating, athletic training area, practice area, officials' dressing room, concessions area, space for ticket and program sales, and coaches/media hospitality room.

1.5.2.2 The official event scorekeeper/announcer's table should provide adequate seating for the following individuals: scorekeeper, announcer, scoreboard operator, statistics crew, CCCAA sport representative, and alternate official.

1.5.2.3 Grass infields are acceptable for host site postconference competition providing they meet the NCAA criteria.

1.5.2.4 Sites of the first (1st) round CCCAA Softball regionals shall be played at the home field of the top eight (8) seeds in the South and the top eight (8) seeds in the North, providing the college has submitted a Regional Round 1 and Regional Round 2 Event Site Agreement form by the seeding meeting to the 3CFCA President or President-Elect. (See Appendix B or the 3CFCA form section of the handbook.) 10/18/07

1.5.2.5 Sites of the second (2nd) round CCCAA Softball regionals shall be played at the home field of the top four (4) seeds in the South and the top four (4) seeds in the North, providing the college has submitted a Regional Round 1 and Regional Round 2 Event Site Agreement form by the seeding meeting to the 3CFCA President or President-Elect. (See Appendix B or the 3CFCA form section of the handbook.) 10/18/07

1.5.2.6 The site of the State Championship shall be determined two (2) years in advance at the 3CFCA Executive Committee meeting on the third Friday of August. Once the site is established and confirmed by the CCCAA Executive and CCCAA Softball Representative, it cannot be changed without the consent of the Executive Committee. Written proposals must be submitted on the 3CFCA Official Event and Site Agreement Form and must meet the criteria as indicated on this form. (See Appendix B.)

1.6 SPORTS COMMITTEE

1.6.1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

A. The tournament committee is designated in the 3CFCA handbook, and 3CFCA Constitution Section B.12. 9/6/07

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- B. The committee shall be chaired by the event manager.
- C. The committee shall have the responsibility for assisting in tournament planning, arranging all details, and assisting in the administration of the tournament.

1.7 ANNUAL FORMS

The following forms are available at <http://www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp>:

- Event Contract
- Softball Proposed Budget
- Softball Final Financial Statement
- Softball Participating Team Expense
- Event Manager Checklist

2 DETERMINATION OF COMPETING INSTITUTIONS

2.1 CONFERENCE COMPETITION AND REPRESENTATION

- A. All conference competition, including any season-ending tournament, play-off, or tie-breaker, shall be completed no later than 12:00 midnight on the last Thursday in April. (See CCCAA Bylaw 3.11.)
- B. It is the responsibility of the conference to determine its representatives to postconference competition.
- C. Each conference shall select an executive committee representative and a seeding representative to attend their respective postconference meetings. These names shall be forwarded to the 3CFCA President or president-elect in the respective region.

2.2 CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION

The 16 teams from the north and 16 teams from the south shall be selected with the top two (2) from each conference, plus four (4) at-large berths. 4/3/08

2.3 SEEDING COMMITTEE AND QUALIFYING PROCEDURES

- A. Upon completion of conference competition, there shall be scheduled meetings for the purpose of seeding conference representatives to the state championship playoff.

There shall be a meeting in the north and a meeting in the south at 8:00AM on the last Saturday in April. Whenever possible, the CCCAA Softball Representative and the CCCAA Executive or designee will attend appropriate meetings as resource people.

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- B. Each conference shall have an elected representative at their respective seeding meeting. Attendance at the seeding meeting shall be limited to the seeding representatives only; except, a seeding representative who is in her/his last year may be accompanied by the seeding representative elect and incoming president elect, who will attend as an observer. The 3CFCA President and president-elect shall chair their respective seeding meetings. It is the responsibility of each seeding representative to be familiar with the teams to be seeded from their area prior to the seeding meeting with emphasis on their conference. 4/7/07, 10/6/09, 3/31/11
- C. Each conference shall seed its own teams in order. As a first order of business, each conference representative shall present its two (2) automatic qualifiers. They shall be noted visibly and kept by the meeting chair. 9/6/07, 10/30/09
- D. The following criteria, not in a set order, shall be used to seed colleges. Each of the criteria shall be equally weighted: 10/13/06
1. **Overall record** expressed as a winning percentage. For example, if Team A was 32-14 at the end of the year, its winning percentage would be .696 (32/number of games played = .696). 10/13/06
 2. **Head-to-head competition** expressed as total number of wins against all teams being considered to the group (at-large teams, seeds 1-4, seeds 5-8, seeds 9-12, and seeds 13-16). For example, if Team A is 3-0 and Team B is 4-6, Team B would win that category based on total number of wins. 10/18/07 4/3/08
 3. **RPI** (using ratings percentage index) 10/13/06, 3/31/11
 4. **Record vs. automatic qualifiers** expressed as total number of wins against automatic qualifiers. For example, if Team A is 4-2 and Team B is 3-1, Team A would win that category based on total number of wins. 10/18/07, 3/31/11

When comparing teams numerically if Team A has beaten Team B, Cc and D in 3 or more categories Team A will get the higher seed. 10/18/07

- E. The seeding committees shall first select the at-large teams one (1) through four (4) in the north and one (1) through four (4) in the south using a nomination process and the criteria in D above. 10/18/07

Each Seeding Committee shall seed its region's top 16 teams. The top seeded team shall be number one (#1) and the lowest seeded team shall be number sixteen (#16).

- F. The Seeding Committee shall follow the procedures listed below. 10/18/07
1. For the purpose of seeding, seeding representatives shall nominate their conference team(s).
 2. In order to establish the top 16 seeds, the following selection group order shall be used:
 - a. First—Select the at-large team(s).

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- b. Second—Seed teams 1 through 4, 5 through 8, 9 through 12, then 13 through 16. The ranked order will be revealed after all 16 teams have been seeded. 10/30/09
 - c. In each group (at-large teams, seeds 1-4, seeds 5-8, seeds 9-12, and seeds 13-16), the criteria in D above shall be used to determine the seeds.
- G. Where ties occur in the seeding process, the following tie-breaking procedures shall be used in the order listed below until the tie is broken. The committee shall: 10/18/07
- 1. Compare the tied teams' results of head-to-head competition. (See Appendix C for Head-to-head Seeding Criteria Worksheet.)
 - 2. Compare the tied teams' RPI.
 - 3. Seed the team with the higher final conference standing.
 - 4. Seed the team with the higher overall won-loss record.
 - 5. Administer a coin toss to break the tie.
- H. The Seeding Committee shall establish first round games according to the following guidelines: (See Appendix C for Seeding Criteria Worksheet.)
- 1. Whenever possible, teams from the same conference shall not play each other in the first round of play.
 - 2. In order to reduce expense, travel, lodging, and to enhance competition, the Seeding Committee may adjust the first round games by moving seeding match-ups not more than one (1) slot up or down. If adjustments place conference teams together, continued adjustments may be made for the first round of play only.
 - 3. For all postconference games, the order of the seeds shall remain intact. The highest winning seeds shall advance in their original seeded order (i.e., if the number 16 seed upsets the number 1 seed, number 16 remains as no higher than the number 8 seed). 4/5/07
 - 4. In regional round one (1), home sites shall be assigned to colleges seeded one (1) through eight (8) in the north and south who have completed the Regional Round 1 and Regional Round 2 Event Site Agreement forms (in the 3CFCA Handbook and in CCCAA Softball Championship Handbook, Appendix B). 10/13/06 4/5/07
- I. Results of the seeding process shall be available for press release at the conclusion of the seeding meeting. The chairperson of each seeding meeting shall inform the Office of the CCCAA Executive of the seeding results for public dissemination to all media.

2.4 CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY

Only student athletes certified eligible under CCCAA Bylaw 1.4 may compete in CCCAA Championships.

3 INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS

3.1 AWARDS

(See CCCAA Bylaw 7.2.)

3.1.1 AWARDS VENDOR

The CCCAA Awards Committee has selected a vendor (**Josten's**) to supply awards for a five-year period, ending with the **2010-11** academic year. **Josten's** will provide medals and trophies which meet specifications provided by the CCCAA Awards Committee.

3.1.2 CCCAA AWARDS—Ordered by the Office of the CCCAA Executive:

The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) has authorized a specific number of individual and team awards to be presented at each sport championship. This activity is to honor those who have reached the highest levels of achievement in CCCAA-sanctioned activities:

CCCAA SOFTBALL REGIONAL AWARDS

- There shall be no awards presented at regional events.

CCCAA SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- 2 Trophies: 1st and 2nd place teams
- 21 medals: 1st place team
- 21 medals: 2nd place team

3.1.3 SHIPMENT

As directed by the CCCAA Awards Committee, the Office of the CCCAA Executive shall submit specific information to the awards vendor to include the event site, date, and manager.

3.1.4 PAYMENT OF AWARDS

The cost of awards is part of the event budget. The regional invoice will be paid by the event budget through the Office of the CCCAA Executive. The state championship awards invoice shall be paid through CCCAA sponsorship. For additional clarification of awards administration, call the Office of the CCCAA Executive. The CCCAA Board has authorized payment for specific awards. Additional awards (MVP, All-Tournament, etc.) not listed shall not be paid through the CCCAA-approved budget.

3.1.5 AWARDS DISPLAY

The event manager is encouraged to establish a secure situation to view awards at a banquet or in an awards case on site of the championship event.

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3.1.6 AWARDS CEREMONY PROCEDURES

AWARDS CEREMONY—The awards ceremony is planned to honor athletes who have reached the highest levels of achievement in CCCAA-sponsored events. The event manager shall organize an appropriate ceremony utilizing the CCCAA sport representative and Executive Director in conjunction with the host institution designee; i.e., district chancellor or college president, dean, athletic director, or event manager. If the event is cosponsored, the sponsor's representative shall be included.

3.1.6.1 AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

- The CCCAA sport representative, event manager, and sport coaches association representative will organize an awards table and ceremony.
- Individual and/or team awards should be presented by an official from the CCCAA and/or the host college and include a representative from the sponsoring organization.
- The event manager will coordinate presentation of awards by sponsor representative as per directions from on-site CCCAA representative or Office of the CCCAA Executive, where applicable.
- Be sure to properly introduce (example):

“Now presenting is (Name, Title) representing (CCCAA corporate partner name) and (local name of local sponsors), located at/in (location).”
- Order of Presentation—Awards and team awards shall be presented in the order of finish, with first-place presented last.
- Recognition: All-Tournament Team or MVP (if provided by the Coaches Associations).

Any additional awards shall be paid for by the 3CFCA Tournament Committee.

A. If certificates are presented, they shall be provided and funded by the 3CFCA.

B. Recommended awards are as follows:

1. Individual awards: one (1) Most Valuable Player, one (1) Most Valuable Pitcher, and one (1) Best Hitter.
2. Twenty (20) certificates may be awarded to the All-Tournament Team as follows:

3-Pitchers, 4-Infielders, 2-Wild Cards, 2-Catchers, 4-Outfielders, 1-MVP, 1-First Baseman, 1-Utility, 1-Most Valuable Pitcher, 1-Golden Glove

The announcer will recognize the names of the individual all-tournament team members. Each member will individually approach the awards table to be visually recognized, receive an award, and walk to the center of the facility.

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3.2 BANQUET

A banquet may be held in conjunction with the postconference competition. The sport coaches association will administer all banquet functions; however, the event manager may facilitate room availability with the hotel arrangements. The event budget **shall not** reflect any costs for coaches association activities.

Communication with the sport coaches association representative and CCCAA sport representative will facilitate the banquet scheduling.

3.3 COACHES ASSOCIATIONS

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.6.)

3.3.1 3CFCA

The softball coaches are represented by the California Community College Fastpitch Coaches Association (3CFCA).

3.4 UNIFORMS

(Not addressed for this sport.)

3.5 PARTICIPATING TEAM TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

(See CCCAA Bylaws 8.1.3.8 through 8.1.3.11.)

4 INSTRUCTIONS TO EVENT MANAGERS

4.1 EQUIPMENT

The official ball for all postconference competition shall be the Diamond California Fastpitch Softball.

4.2 EVENT CONTRACTS

The event contract must be signed by the host college president, athletic director, and designated event manager and received by the Office of the CCCAA Executive no later than February 1.

An event contract is available at <http://www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp>.

4.3 EVENT MANAGER

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.)

- A. In order to ensure the highest possible standards in community college athletics for men and women, it is imperative to have careful, committed oversight of postconference competition. This managerial and supervisory responsibility rests with the host site athletic administration.
- B. The president of the host site institution shall designate the athletic administrator, or other appropriate college administrator/director knowledgeable of CCCAA rules, who will be responsible for the administration and supervision of all aspects of the postconference competition event held on their campus. The designee must be in attendance to provide leadership and expedite all concerns under CCCAA guidelines.
- C. Administrative oversight should not be the concern of the coaches. Their primary focus should be the welfare of their team. If postconference competition is to be held in the best possible environment and under CCCAA guidelines, then an athletic administrator, or other appropriate college administrator/director knowledgeable of CCCAA rules, must be in attendance.
- D. If an institution is unable to have an athletic administrator, or other appropriate college administrator/director knowledgeable of CCCAA rules, in attendance, the CCCAA Management Council will move the event to the opponent's site or to an alternate site.
- E. There shall be an event manager selected by the 3CFCA Executive Committee.
- F. Event manager's duties are listed in the 3CFCA handbook and CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.

4.3.1 PERSONNEL

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.14.)

The event manager is responsible for enlisting personnel to assist postconference competition event administration. A pre-planning committee, its timeline, and staff responsibilities should be completed to identify key people and utilize their best efforts. Depending on the postconference competition event, the number of people will vary. Besides the positions designated by the event manager, it is best to have additional individuals who can fill in at a variety of the following places:

- Scoreboard operator
- Scorekeeper
- Statisticians
- Ticket sellers
- Ticket takers
- Concession workers
- Campus security
- Hospitality room hosts

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- Locker room attendants
- Custodians/groundskeepers as appropriate
- Program and t-shirt sales
- Announcer:

The announcer is a key ingredient to a successful championship event. The announcer should have experience in the specific sport. The event manager and CCCAA sports information director should assist the announcer prior to the competition with typed information on statistics, interesting notes about participating teams or individuals, and announcements; i.e., schedule of next day's competition, promotional materials, sponsor appreciation, etc.

It is very important that the announcer:

- Prepare all information 24 hours before competition begins.
- Learn accurate name pronunciation of all individuals involved.
- Have statistical information and postconference competition records available for filler spots.
- Be unbiased.
- Work in advance with Office of the CCCAA Executive on required scripts to be read during event.

Instruction Protocol

Whenever possible, utilize the abilities of an announcer experienced in the sport you're planning. Check with the host college for an announcer experienced with their equipment and facility.

Provide these guidelines to all announcers:

A. Welcome

B. Introduction of Teams

1. Affiliation (Conference and how teams advanced to finals)
2. Win/loss record
3. Number of times in CCCAA championship events

C. Introduction of Team Personnel

1. Starters in numerical order
2. In alternating order when appropriate
3. Coaching staff

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4. Support staff
- D. Introduction of Officials
- E. National Anthem
- F. Immediately prior to start of every game, meet, or match: read CCCAA decorum statement
- G. Time Out Announcements
 1. Use this time to share insightful information about individual players. SID should provide CCCAA, team, and individual information prior to the event.
 2. Sponsors
 3. Program and t-shirt sales
 4. Concessions
 5. Other CCCAA events when available
- H. End of Competition Announcements
 1. Summary of event's activities, next day's activities, or awards ceremony
 2. Thank audience for their attendance

PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS (AT EVENTS)—Verify that the public address announcer is reading the sponsorship message according to the script.

Additional message scripts for state events will be provided by CCCAA.

Ensure that the messages are being read with enthusiasm!

Guidelines for Public Address Announcers:

Excerpted from the NCAA Media Guide August 1995 & Adopted by the CCCAA April 1997:

The primary duty of the public address announcer is to fairly and accurately communicate the necessary information to enhance the enjoyment of the contest for both the home and visiting fans. The following are recommended procedures for public address announcers.

- A. Be FAIR and IMPARTIAL.
- B. Do not attempt to be a cheerleader or the home team's super fan.
- C. Use language that is in good taste, inoffensive, and reflects the high standards of an institution of higher education. Remember that this is a collegiate game not a professional game.

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- D. Do not use language or an approach that could inflame or adversely influence a crowd.
- E. Do not anticipate plays or official rulings aloud.
- F. Give only necessary information. Excessive talk is soon “tuned out” by the crowd.
- G. Familiarize yourself with the layout of the stadium or arena so that accurate directions can be given in the event of an emergency. You should be furnished with a drawing of the area and a listing of any emergency procedures. (If not furnished, ask for one.) Announce convenient routes for leaving the stadium or arena and caution the crowd to drive carefully.
- H. Do not allow anyone, except those authorized by the event manager, to use the microphone. The announcer is responsible for whatever is said over the public address system.
- I. Do not criticize officials’ decisions directly or indirectly.
- J. Remember, it is still possible to be enthusiastic and yet be fair and impartial. You are there to assist in running the championship event not root on the home team. Always be accurate, fair, and enthusiastic.

4.3.2 OFFICIALS

(See CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.4 and 6.8.5.)

- A. The President and president-elect of the 3CFCA shall be responsible for umpire assignments. An NCAA umpire-in-chief will be appointed to each region to assign umpires for regional rounds and state championships in alternate years.
- B. By March 15, six (6) umpires from each conference shall be nominated and then forwarded to the Executive Committee member responsible for officials.
- C. An official umpire coordinator will be selected from each region and will receive all information on umpires before the regional seeding meeting. There shall be an adequate pool of twelve (12) umpires.
- D. Game umpires shall hold a current NCAA rating and must have worked at the community college or higher level in order to be assigned to postconference competition.
- E. When possible, umpires should not be assigned the home plate position on familiar home sites for the championship game.
- F. During all postconference competition events, three (3) umpires will be used. 10/18/07
- G. CCCAA Softball Regionals. (See CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.4 and 6.8.5.)
- H. CCCAA Softball State Championship—Umpires shall be paid a fee that is ten dollars (\$10.00) more than the fee paid by the colleges in the geographical area in which the CCCAA Softball State Championship Tournament is being played.

4.3.3 SECURITY 11/2/10

The event manager must consider the security needs for postconference competition events. Develop communication with campus security and community police regarding the postconference competition event schedule. It is important to budget correctly for the cost of security and crowd control. Utilize student personnel for crowd control.

4.4 EVENT SPONSORSHIP

When postconference competition is cosponsored by a corporate or voluntary agency, it is important that consideration be given to that group. In order for the sponsorship to be effective, there shall be a letter of agreement written by the Office of the CCCAA Executive. The event manager shall be provided with a summary of the agreement. The agreement shall be followed with respect for the investment made by the outside agency (ies).

4.4.1 LOCAL SPONSORS

Event managers are advised to seek local sponsorship from sources not competitive with other CCCAA sponsors. It is important that the Office of the CCCAA Executive be informed of all funding options.

4.4.2 SPONSORSHIP MATERIALS

In order to properly support the corporations sponsorship the CCCAA, site directors, tournament directors, event coordinators and all volunteers for all regional and state championship events are asked to be aware and verify the following sponsorship obligations are delivered throughout the entire competition. The material listed below will be supplied to you by the Office of the CCCAA Executive.

- P.A. Announcements: An official roster of authorized announcements will be provided to event managers approximately six weeks prior to the state championship. The CCCAA requires that any additional announcements being considered receive prior approval of the CCCAA Executive Director. Airing unauthorized announcements is prohibited at CCCAA sanctioned events.
- Banners: Hang CCCAA partner banners visible to spectators and/or television cameras in prime locations with priority over other sports specific sponsor banners. The CCCAA will forward the authorized banners approximately six weeks prior to the state championship event.
- Media Releases: All sport specific media releases to include event name in title. The CCCAA will provide the full and accurate championship name to each event manager in advance of postconference competition.
- Results Sheets, Media Reports, Stat Sheets, Score Sheets, Signage, Score Logs: *All* to include CCCAA corporate partner logos where feasible.
- Radio and TV Media: Request copies of all coverage be sent to the Office of the CCCAA Executive.
- LOGOS & PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENTS—*To be provided within sixty (60) days of your championship by Office of the CCCAA Executive.*

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- Please use all logos and camera-ready program advertisements supplied by CCCAA. If you have production deadlines, please contact the CCCAA with ample time to transmit material to you.
- Please provide the CCCAA on-site designate with twelve (12) copies of the official souvenir program upon adjournment of the event and samples of all other promotional material, T-shirts, etc.

PRODUCT DISPLAY/SALES/SAMPLES/COUPONS (AT EVENT SITE)—

- The CCCAA may be asked to provide space or assist in displays, sales, sampling or coupon distribution opportunities for sponsors with those attending the event.
- Coordinate product display with sponsor representative through CCCAA as per instructions received from the Office of the CCCAA Executive, where appropriate. This may include but not be limited to product display tables, car displays, hospitality area, etc.
- Verify that product samples and coupons are distributed as per instructions received from the Office of the CCCAA Executive, where applicable.

4.4.3 SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVE

Please provide your best efforts in assisting with the following arrangements for sponsor representatives attending regional and state championship events.

PARKING PASSES—Provide parking passes to sponsor representatives per direction from / Office of the CCCAA Executive, where appropriate. If it is not possible to provide parking passes, please provide reserved space and notify the Office of the CCCAA Executive or CCCAA's on-site designate.

PROPERLY WELCOME ANY SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE—

- Provide them with a souvenir program and any other reasonable courtesy (e.g. merchandise sample, meal voucher, free of charge)
- Tickets, if no courtesy CCCAA pass available
- Show them to their special seating area
- Offer refreshments free of charge

4.4.4 COLLATERAL ELEMENT, SAMPLE COLLECTION, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Please collect samples of collateral elements showing sponsor logos such as:

- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Caps
- Souvenir Programs
- Awards
- Tickets

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- Score Sheets, Stat Sheets, Logs
- Tickets
- Correspondence

Please direct the official photographer to take photographs at events showing the following:

- Crowds
- Staff wearing sponsor logo jackets
- Sponsor banners
- Sponsor representatives in attendance
- Collateral elements showing sponsor logos

Please send three (3) samples of each to the Office of the CCCAA Executive at finish of each sport season. Your assistance with these items is greatly appreciated and will help in the process of documenting visibility in order to secure sponsorship renewals, as well as additional new sponsors.

4.5 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

(See CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.3, 6.14.1, 6.15, and 8.1.3.1–8.1.3.7.)

4.5.1 BUDGET INFORMATION

Colleges hosting the postconference competition events shall provide a proposed budget to their CCCAA Softball Representative and the Office of the CCCAA Executive by **February 1**. Proposed budget forms are available at www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp.

A proposed budget is developed through a combination of gate receipts and corporate or voluntary contributions. All postconference competition events are designed to be “cost free” to host colleges; however, without sponsorships, entry fees may be used to defray event administration costs.

- A. The CCCAA authorizes expenditures as specified in CCCAA Bylaws 6 and 8 and the approved proposed budget. Any additional expenditures shall not be reimbursed through event funds. For authorized game expenses, please see CCCAA Bylaws 6.8.3, 6.15, and 8.1.3.
 1. The proposed budget shall not include expenditures for the production and/or sale of items such as T-shirts, souvenir programs, concessions, or the purchase of meals for coaches or students as part of coaches association activities.
 2. When budgeting for an athletic trainer, be advised that there will be no cost to the event budget during the employee’s regular work hours. The event budget will include the cost of an athletic trainer when the athletic trainer completes the regularly assigned college work time. (See CCCAA Bylaw 6.16, Medical Guidelines for Postconference Competition.)

B. How Entry Fees Are Determined:

When entry fees must be utilized to defray event administrative costs, use the following formula:

1. Develop a proposed event budget according to the appropriate guidelines of CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.3, Budget Preparation and Participating College Reimbursement.
2. To arrive at the entry fee, divide the proposed budget's total expenses by the number of participants (teams and/or individuals); i.e., proposed budget expenses @ \$2,000 divided by the number of participants @ 40 = individual entry fee of \$50.
3. If the entry fee is insufficient, then the proposed budget expenses must be adjusted to balance with the available entry fees.
4. All entry fees are to be paid, or official college verification that payment is being processed shall be provided prior to the competition. If the appropriate fees are not paid or official college verification that payment is being processed is not provided, the competitor/team will not be allowed to compete. The host college will be responsible for any money due from allowing teams or individuals to participate without paying entry fees first. 4/1/08

4.5.2 TICKETS AND PASSES

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.16.)

An individual from your business office should be identified to work with the budget and ticket administration process. This individual will be responsible for overseeing the fiscal process and signing financial forms.

Excerpted from the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 6.8.16:

6.8.16—Ticket Administration: The administration of the sale of event tickets is crucial to the financial success of the event in order to reduce costs to participating colleges. The following ticket practices shall be used:

- A. All tickets shall be numbered.
- B. Ticket sellers shall be assigned tickets by number.
- C. Ticket inventory shall be completed by comparing the exact number of tickets sold with those not sold and the cash on hand.
- D. The price of admission for all postconference competition shall be a minimum of:
 1. \$8.00 General Admission (Daily)
 2. \$5.00 for identified students, faculty, staff, senior citizens age 60 and over, and children less than 12 years of age. (Daily) (Amended: April 6, 2007; Effective July 1, 2007)
 3. \$18.00 Tournament Pass (CCCAA State Championship Only)

4. Complimentary
 - a. Bands, cheerleaders, and spirit crew members who are in uniform and accompanied by their supervisor(s).
 - b. Coaches with up-to-date sport coaches association membership cards.
 - c. CCCAA Board and CCCAA MC members and conference commissioners.
 - d. CCCAA Lifetime Pass holders.
 - e. Athletic Directors with up-to-date CCCADA membership cards. 4/1/08
5. No conference, staff, or parent booster passes shall be honored.

4.5.3 FINAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Excerpted from CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaws 6.8 and 8.1.3:

Upon completion of the postconference competition event, an actual revenue-expense (final financial) statement shall be prepared and submitted to the CCCAA sport representative and the Office of the CCCAA Executive within 30 days. Final expenses shall not exceed the approved proposed budget. Expenses not covered by income shall be the responsibility of the host college.

If the final financial statement is not received within 30 days of the event, a letter will be sent to the college president explaining that if the statement is not received within the next 30 days, a \$25.00 per day late charge will be assessed for each day after the 60-day deadline. A chief business officer and athletic director's signature will be required on all expense forms. Final Financial Statement forms are available online: www.cccaasports.org/forms.asp.

It is understood that it takes time for some institutions to obtain checks from offices outside of the athletic department. If this is the case at your institution, you must anticipate your financial needs and begin the process sooner.

For those who may be host sites, it would be effective to begin developing your event management procedures well in advance. Plan ahead!

Please feel free to request additional information or to address any problems to your conference commissioner, CCCAA representative, or the Office of the CCCAA Executive.

4.6 INSURANCE

Excerpted from the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 6.2.3:

6.2.3—Host institutions and sponsoring agencies of postconference competition events shall have in place primary comprehensive general public liability insurance coverage with combined single limits of at least \$1 million per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and shall provide the Office of the CCCAA Executive with the appropriate insurance certificate upon request.

4.7 LODGING

(See CCCAA Bylaw 8.1.3.11.3.)

As feasible, coordinate event housing with the CCCAA's official hotel partner, Choice Hotels. Visit <http://www.cccaasports.org/choicehotels.html> for more information.

Check the availability of hotels or motels in your area when you submit your event contract. A team rate should be secured at two (2) or three (3) properties as a comparison of the best possible rates.

When working with the hotel/motel, try to block individual team rooms in the same vicinity or at least on the same floor. The most appropriate arrangement would be to house opposing teams in different areas; i.e., each team on a different floor or wing of the hotel/motel.

Prepare a guide to available hotels/motels in the area along with pricing to be sent to participating colleges as soon as they are determined. The financial limits of CCCAA Bylaw 8 shall be considered when securing hotel/motel accommodations.

4.8 MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS

4.8.1 SPORTS INFORMATION

Where event funds are available, it is permissible to arrange for sports information personnel for postconference competition. For further information, contact the CCCAA Director of Communications/Media Relations. Sports information personnel should plan press releases, brochures, statistical summaries, and human interest items about the event. A successful media conference can be planned to enhance the sale of tickets to the event. All publications should include information outlining the role of the CCCAA and include sponsors when applicable. All event results must be reported to the Office of the CCCAA Executive immediately after each day's events.

4.8.2 MEDIA

The sports information director should announce the selection of the college as the host institution as soon as the host site has been selected. Individual contact with media personnel to generate a feature article or column prior to competition is important. Don't forget the local or campus paper! Accommodate the media whenever possible. Make space available to them near the playing surface or near the scorekeeper's table. Statistics should be distributed as quickly as possible. A formal process to deal with results and information services for media should be developed. Fax and modem services should be made available. Telephone use with credit card only access is important to the success of the event.

Agencies wishing to sponsor television or radio broadcasts of games shall make arrangements with the tournament director. There may be a cost for these productions. The Executive Director shall establish such costs. Radio broadcasting facilities will be available at the game site. To broadcast, stations must request credentials and make their own arrangements for installation of lines from the telephone company.

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4.8.3 MEDIA PASSES

The only media passes honored shall be regular press passes according to host college policies or the CCCAA Media Pass, which can be obtained from the Office of the CCCAA Executive. Media credentials for the event should be available through a will-call system at the ticket booth.

4.8.4 MEDIA ROOM/PRESS BOX

Establish a room for media personnel to encourage a working environment. Have telephone, fax and computer lines available. The media room should also function as a hospitality room where refreshments should be available throughout the event.

4.8.5 STATISTICS

Keeping statistics is an integral part of the success of the postconference competition event. Every effort should be made to develop an efficient and knowledgeable staff. The best location of statistics personnel is at the scorekeeper's table. Members of each crew should be seated next to one another.

The event manager shall assign a person, typically a sports information director, to organize the statistics crew and to be responsible for working with the crew in completing all final statistical forms. All statistics should be completed within 30 minutes following the end of each competition and sent to the Office of the CCCAA Executive at the end of each day's competition. Copies of all statistics are to be distributed to Tournament Manager, Media, Coaches and game staff.

4.8.6 PROMOTIONS

To assist the event manager in promoting the event, develop a plan to deal with all issues regarding public relations. Promotions and public relations are vital to the enhancement of an event of this caliber. Suggestions for promoting the postconference competition event follow:

- Distribute fliers on campus and in a variety of local businesses.
 - Advertise in local and campus newspapers.
 - Provide public service announcements for radio and television.
 - List the event in the calendar of events of local businesses and newspapers.
 - Place notification on bank or community electronic boards.
 - Provide all publicity information to the Office of the CCCAA Executive website electronically.
- A. Official statistics will be available to the press and coaches. (See Appendix C for The Final Team Statistic Form.)
- B. Agencies interested in sponsoring television or radio broadcasts of games shall make arrangements with the event manager. There may be a cost for these productions. The CCCAA Executive shall establish such costs.

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4.9 MEDICAL COVERAGE

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.16 and Bylaw 9.)

4.10 MEETINGS

Sport coaches associations meet annually in conjunction with the state championship. Event managers should secure a meeting room in the tournament headquarters hotel. The event manager may be asked to arrange meals and/or hospitality room arrangements. Request all meeting rooms, banquet space, and room accommodations at the same time to secure the best possible rates.

The costs of the coaches association meeting rooms, meals, and/or hospitality rooms shall not be a part of the event budget. Establish communication with the sport coaches association liaison for meeting room needs.

Excerpted from the CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 6.8.18:

6.8.18—Coaches Meetings: Event managers should be prepared to provide time and space for Sport Coaches Association meetings, meals, or hospitality rooms during the event. The costs of these activities shall not be a part of the event budget. Costs for coaches meetings, meals, and hospitality rooms shall be paid by the respective coaches association.

4.11 PRACTICE

(See 4.12, Pregame Schedule.)

4.12 PREGAME SCHEDULE

- A. Teams will be allowed only one (1) full infield warm-up prior to first game played per day. For subsequent games, if time permits, a short five (5)-minute infield is permissible. No time available means no infield.
- B. Fielding—Pregame ground balls must be taken in foul ground (if applicable) or behind bases if no room in foul ground is available but not on field of play. If conditions allow, each team will be permitted a maximum of eight (8) minutes of defensive warm-up on the game field. 10/13/06
- C. Batting—If batting practice is desired and conditions allow, the visiting team must be allowed a minimum of 30 minutes of batting practice beginning no less than 60 minutes and no more than 90 minutes before the game, as scheduled by the host team. Whether the game field or alternate facilities are used, the visiting team shall be given equal access to these areas (e.g., batting cages, field space) along with the use of such pitching machine(s) and machine balls, screens, and tees are available to the home team. 10/13/06
- D. Pitching—Each bullpen must be in satisfactory condition for pregame warm-up for the home and visiting teams. If the visiting bullpen is not comparable to the home team's bullpen, the visiting team's pitcher(s) shall be allowed to warm up in the home team's bullpen for up to 20 of the final 30 minutes before the game. 10/13/06

(See NCAA Softball Rules and Interpretations, Rule 5, Section 3, for clarification.)

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4.13 PROGRAMS/T-SHIRTS/CONCESSIONS

(See CCCAA Bylaw 6.8.17.)

The production and sale of souvenir programs and t-shirt sales are the responsibility of the sport coaches association or the host college. Providing these items is an option of first, the coaches association, and then the host college. Neither the costs nor profits shall be part of the proposed event budget or final financial statement. However, contractual agreements with cosponsoring agencies may require special advertisement as directed by the Office of the CCCAA Executive.

The event manager should check with campus/venue personnel to determine appropriate product distribution for concession needs. The same procedures used with souvenir programs and t-shirts should be considered for concessions.

4.14 SCORING

(See NCAA Rulebook.)

4.15 RULES

(See CCCAA Bylaw 4.)

All California community college regional and state championship softball competition will follow this handbook. NCAA rules apply to all softball situations not covered in this section.

- A. For regional round one (1) and regional round two (2), the home team shall be the higher seeded college for game one (1). In subsequent games, a coin flip will determine home team. 10/18/07
- B. Dugouts
 - 1. CCCAA Regional games: Dugouts shall be assigned. During regional games, the higher seeded college shall have the choice of dugouts for each game, except for games played on consecutive fields. Dugouts shall not be changed when one (1) team plays on the same field for consecutive games; the new team shall occupy the empty dugout.
 - 2. CCCAA State Championship games: the team on top of the bracket shall occupy the third base dugout. 10/18/07
- C. In case of inclement weather: During the first and second round of regionals, the event may be extended up to two (2) days after the originally scheduled date of completion. If the event cannot be completed, the highest seeded team left in the winners bracket of completed games will advance. If there have not been any games completed, the highest seeded team will advance. 4/5/07 (Note: same wording is under heading "Dates.")
- D. In case of a tie at the end of seven (7) innings, play shall continue until a winner is determined.
- E. Misconduct (See CCCAA Bylaw 4.)

Excerpted from CCCAA Constitution and Bylaws, Bylaw 4:

CCCAA BYLAW 4.4—DECORUM

- 4.4.1 DECORUM—Is the CCCAA code of behavior for all participants in sponsored athletic events. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:
- A. PARTICIPANT—is a player, coach, team member, team attendant, official or college staff member.
 - B. EVENT—is defined as the time a team or participant arrives at the event site, until the time the team or participant leaves the event site.
 - C. EJECTION—Removal from a scrimmage/game/meet/match of a participant for the remainder of the event.
 - 1. Sport rulebook infraction. Removal from the event for actions not under the jurisdiction of this policy, but are covered by the rules of the sport.
 - 2. Decorum violation: Removal of a participant for verbal or physical misconduct, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - a. Verbal misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to, unsportsmanlike tactics, such as using profanity or vulgarity, taunting, spitting on an opponent, ridiculing, finger pointing, making obscene gestures, throwing gang signs, baiting an opponent, inciting undesirable crowd reactions, persistent arguing with officials, or aggressive behavior toward officials.
 - b. Physical misconduct is defined as, but not limited to, any attempt by a participant to contact another participant in a combative manner unrelated to the sport. Such acts include striking or attempting to strike a participant whether or not there is contact.
 - 3. All ejections will be reviewed by the conference commissioner, who will determine if the ejection was a sport rulebook infraction or a decorum violation.
 - a. A decision that a decorum violation has occurred may be appealed to the conference appeals board.
 - b. An appeal does not set aside the sanction while the appeal is being deliberated.
 - c. All decorum violations will result in at least a next event suspension.

(Adopted April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)

- 4.4.2 Where official rule books (see Bylaw 4.1.1) and the CCCAA decorum rules differ, the most stringent rules shall apply. *(Adopted April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)*

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CCCAA BYLAW 4.5—SANCTIONS FOR DECORUM VIOLATIONS

4.5.1 The following are minimal sanctions. Other sanctions may be imposed by the college, the conference commissioner, the conference, or the conference appeals board:

- A. FIRST VIOLATION: Suspension from the next event.
- B. SECOND VIOLATION (in the same season): Suspension from all events for the remainder of the sport season, including postconference competition.
- C. LEAVING THE BENCH AREA OR POSITION: Participants entering the field of play, or leaving their position in the field of play, in reaction to a confrontation shall be ejected and sanctioned as outlined in Bylaw 4.3.

If, in the judgment of the official(s), a coach entering the field of play was helpful in the effort to control participants, the sanctions against the coach may be waived by the conference commissioner. Otherwise, sanctions are mandatory.

- D. PHYSICALLY ASSAULTING AN OFFICIAL(S): Physically assaulting or attempting to physically assault an official shall result in immediate ejection and the participant shall be suspended from participation in CCCAA athletic events for a period of sixty (60) months.
- E. TOBACCO AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE: The use or possession of any form of tobacco, alcohol, or other controlled substances by any participant during a CCCAA event shall result in an ejection. (See Bylaw 4.3.1 for when an event begins and ends.)

- 1. Tobacco or substance abuse violations shall be considered decorum violations.
- 2. Sanctions shall be applied as in Bylaw 4.4.

F. Ejected participants must leave the confines of the playing site and grandstands immediately. (Adopted & effective June 13, 2011)

G. Suspended participants may not: (Adopted & effective June 13, 2011)

- 1. Be dressed in game uniform.
- 2. Communicate with any team personnel or officials.
- 3. Take part in any pregame activities at the site of the competition.
- 4. Be in the confines of the playing site once pregame activities have started.

H. Coaches or team attendants sanctioned by any of the above bylaws are prohibited from participation in the event only, not from carrying out assigned non-event responsibilities.

(Adopted April 3, 2009; effective July 1, 2009.)

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CCCAA BYLAW 4.6—REPORTING OF REMOVALS

- 4.6.1 Each removal must be reported to the athletic director within 24 hours.
- A. The athletic director shall immediately inform the conference commissioner.
 - B. Failure by the coach to report within 24 hours shall result in an automatic one (1)-game suspension.
 - C. Failure to report by the athletic director shall result in disciplinary action against the athletic director or the sports program by the conference commissioner.

(Adopted April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)

CCCAA BYLAW 4.7—DECORUM UNDERSTANDING

- 4.7.1 Each person participating in a CCCAA event shall receive a copy of the decorum policy, and provide written acknowledgment of understanding the rules contained therein.
- 4.7.2 Failure of the institution to conduct decorum training for all coaches shall result in the entire sports program being placed on probation.

(Adopted April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)

CCCAA BYLAW 4.8—PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF BYLAW 4

- 4.8.1 See Article 7.4.12.

(Renumbered April 3, 2009; Effective July 1, 2009)

APPENDIX A

BRACKETS

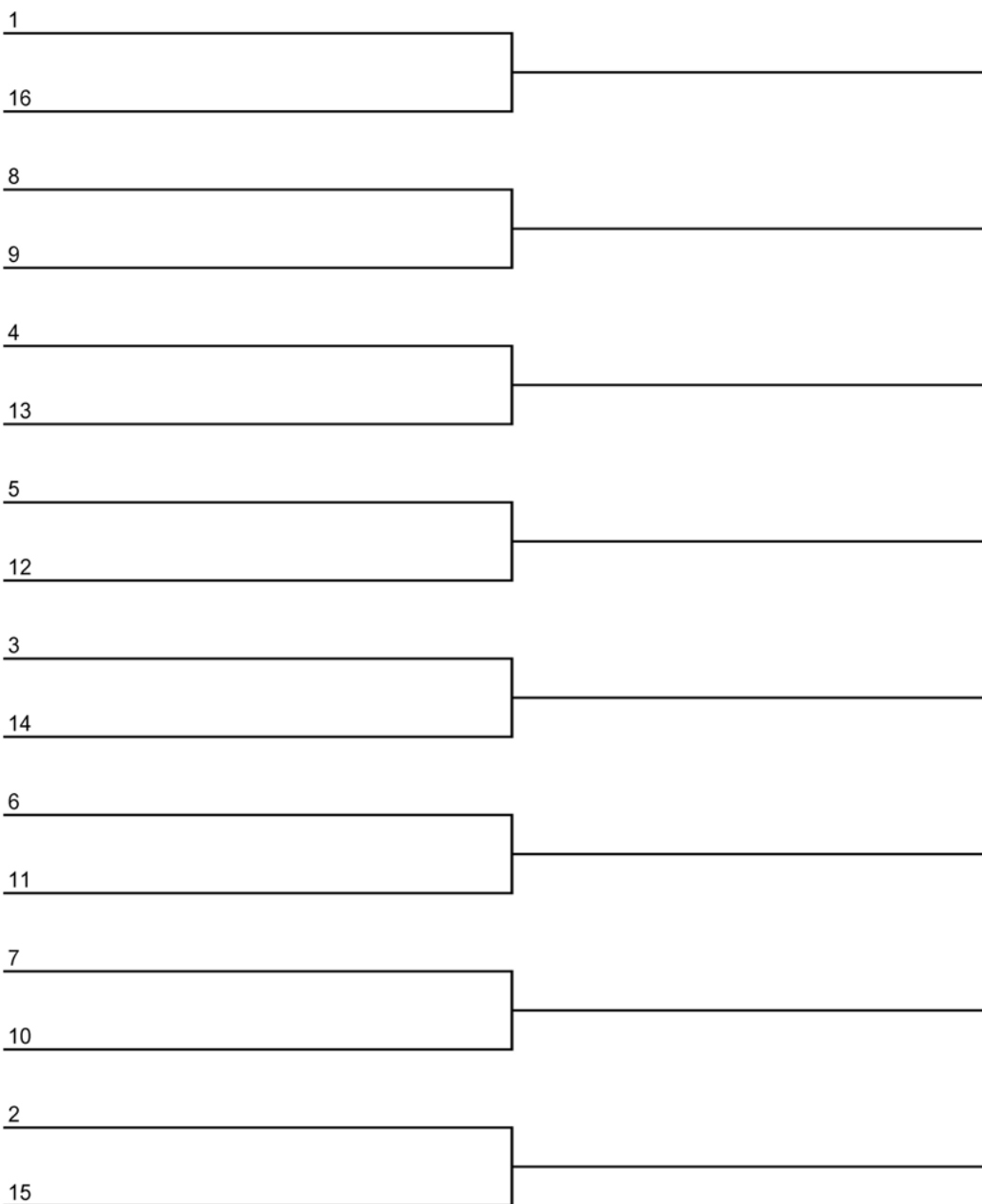
CCCAA SOFTBALL REGIONAL ROUND 1

Round 1

Best of three series

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To Round 2



CCCAA Softball Super Regional (Round 2)

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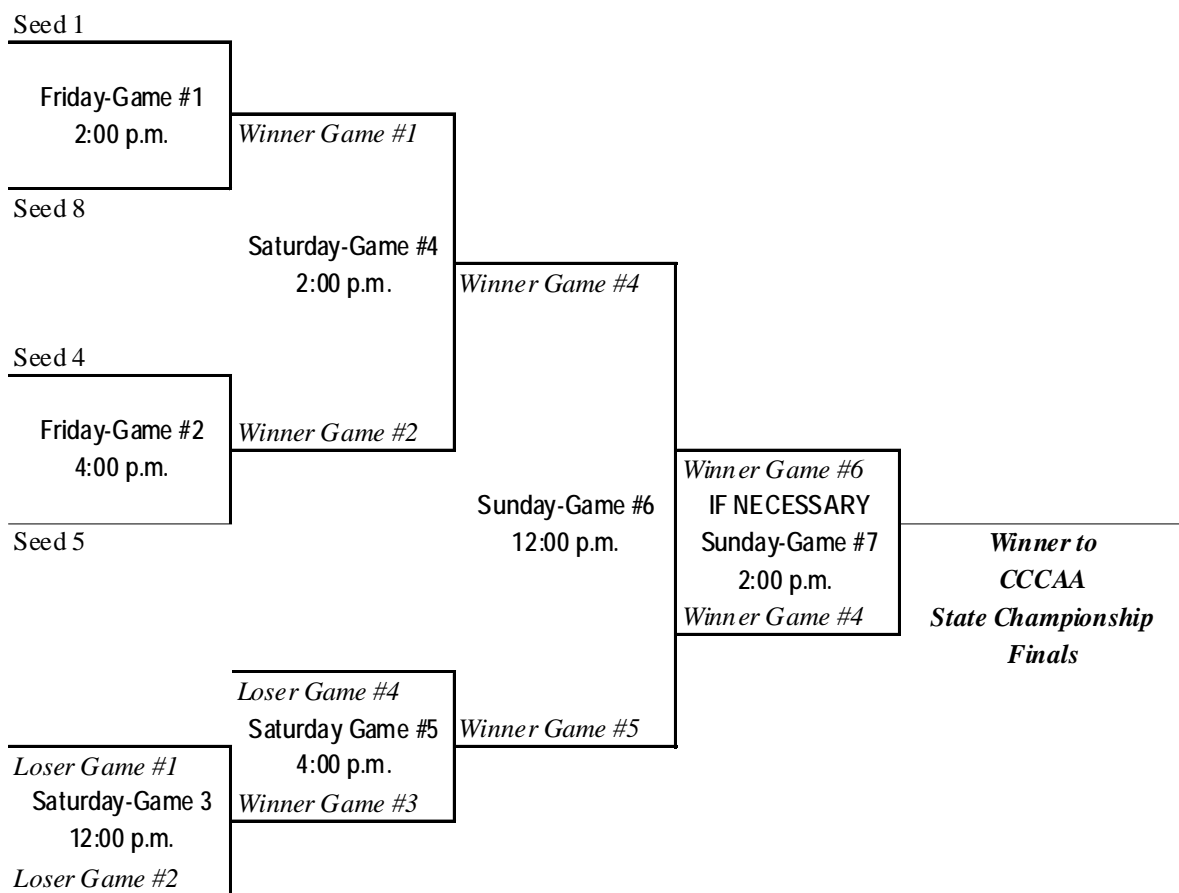
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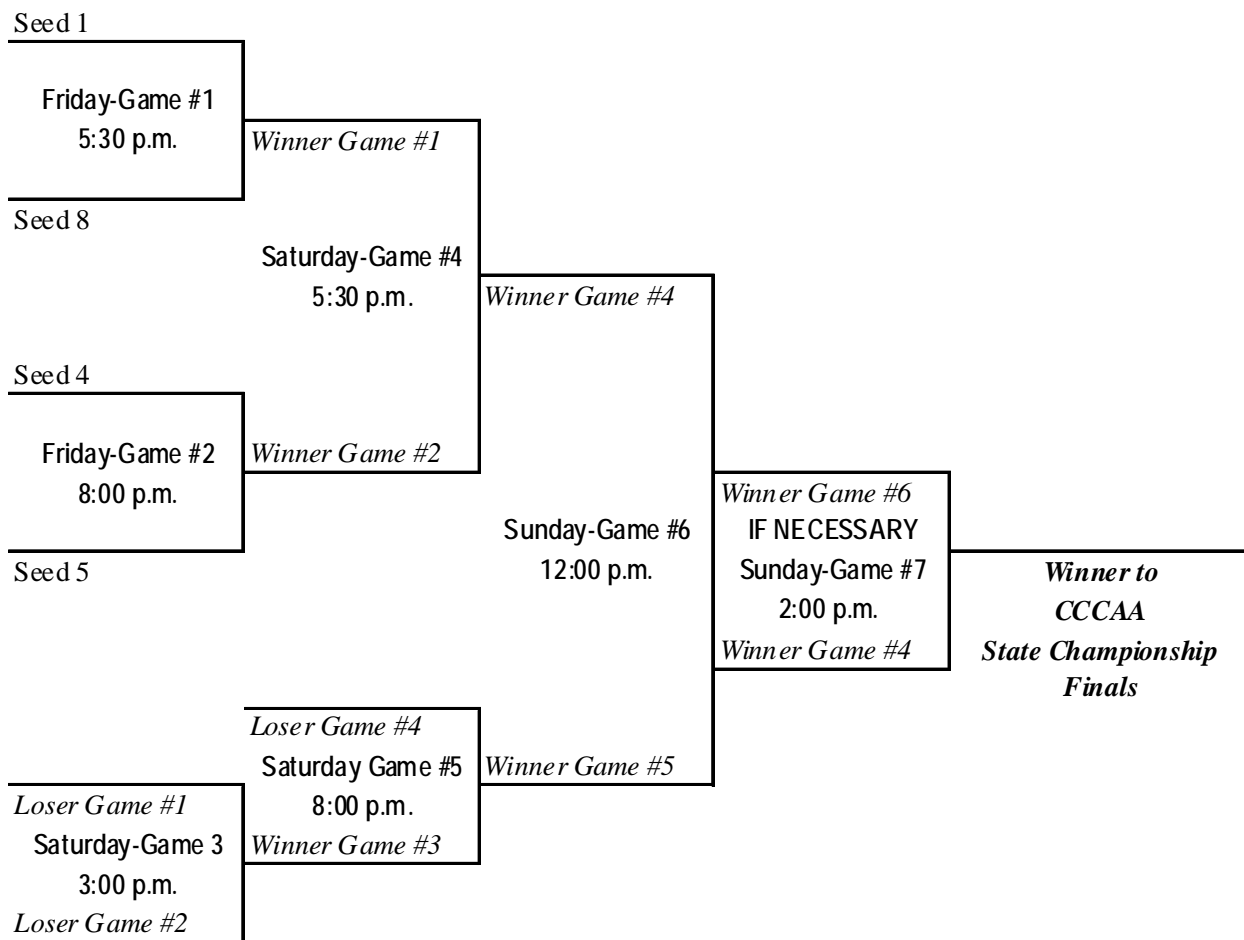
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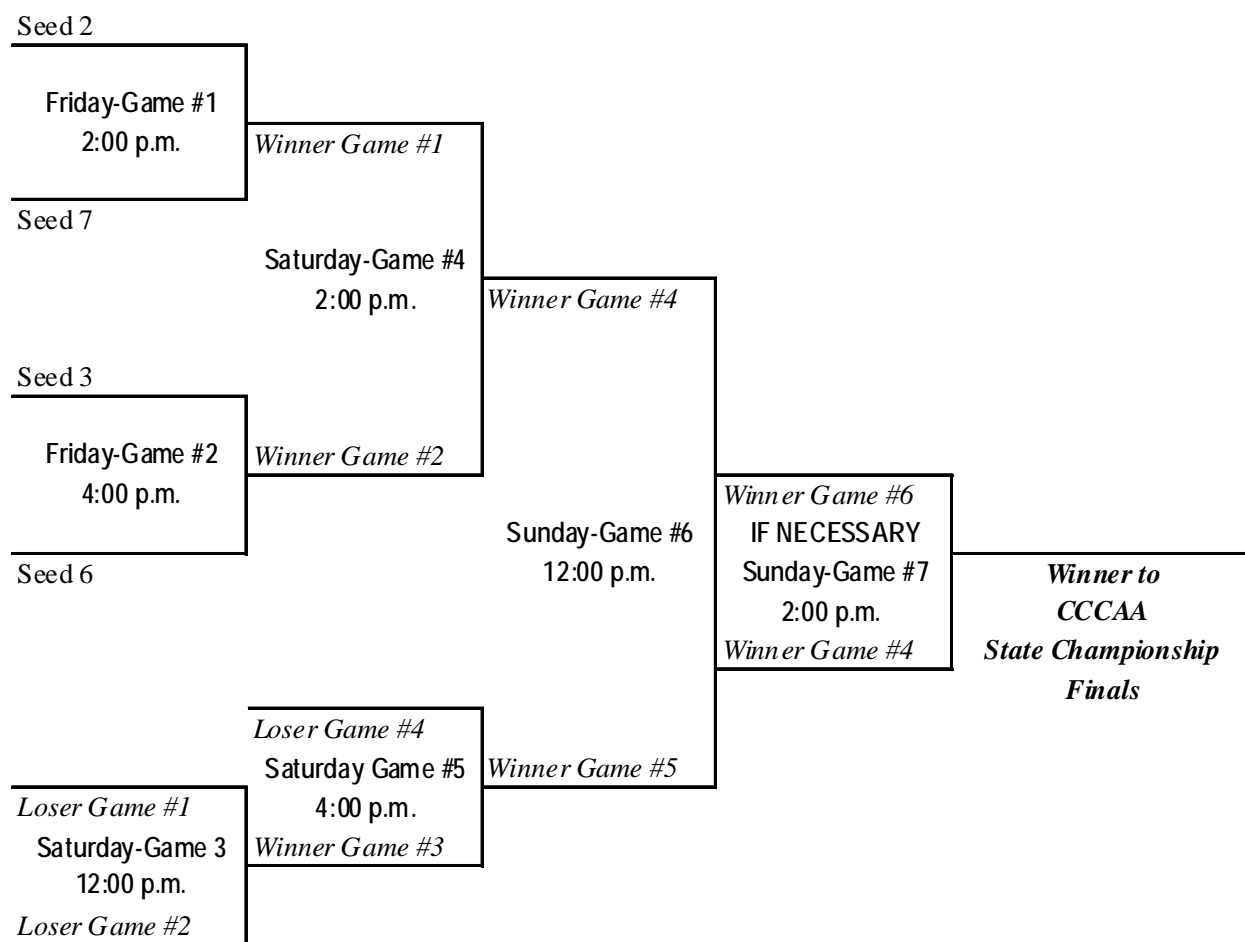
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CCCAA Softball Super Regional (Round 2)

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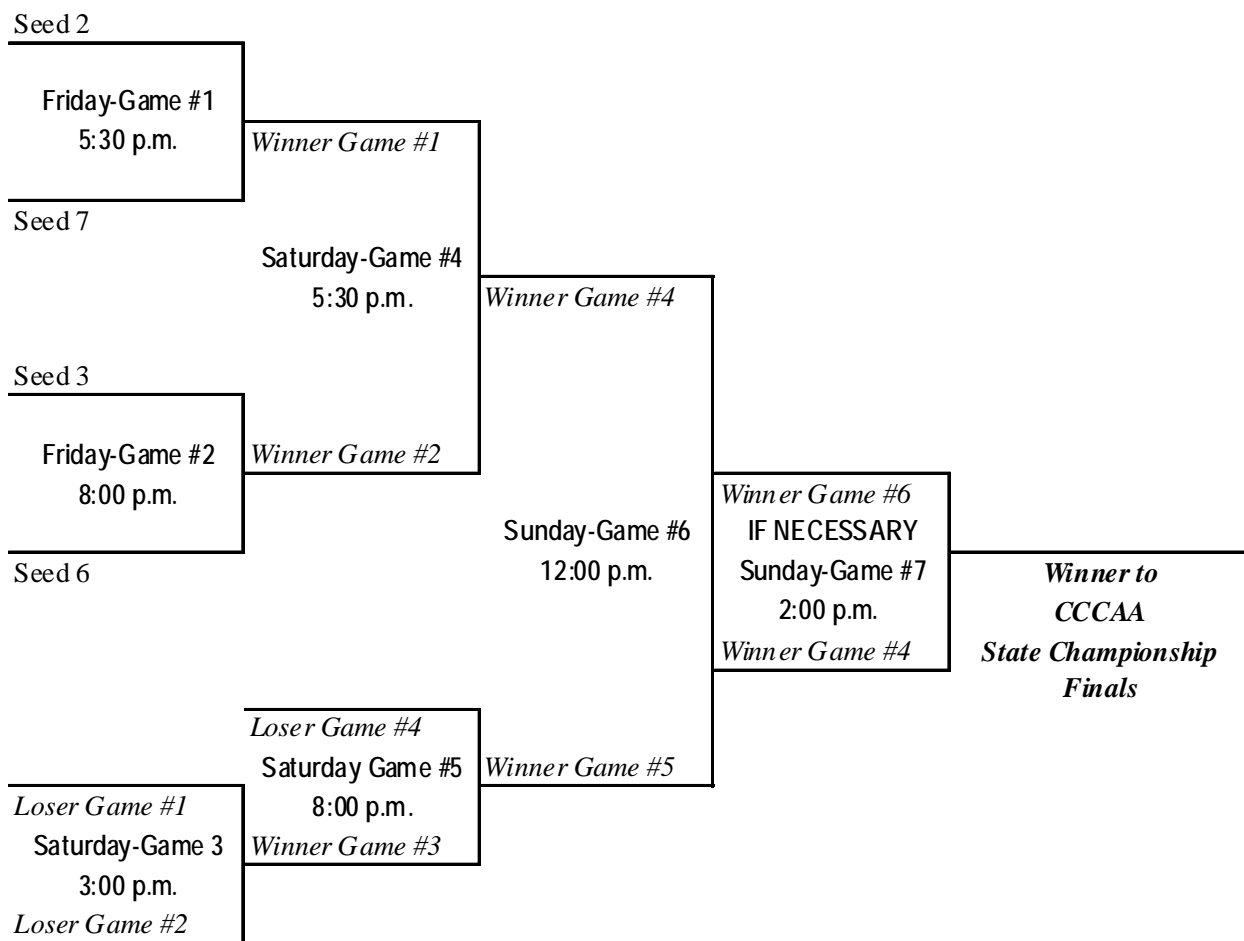


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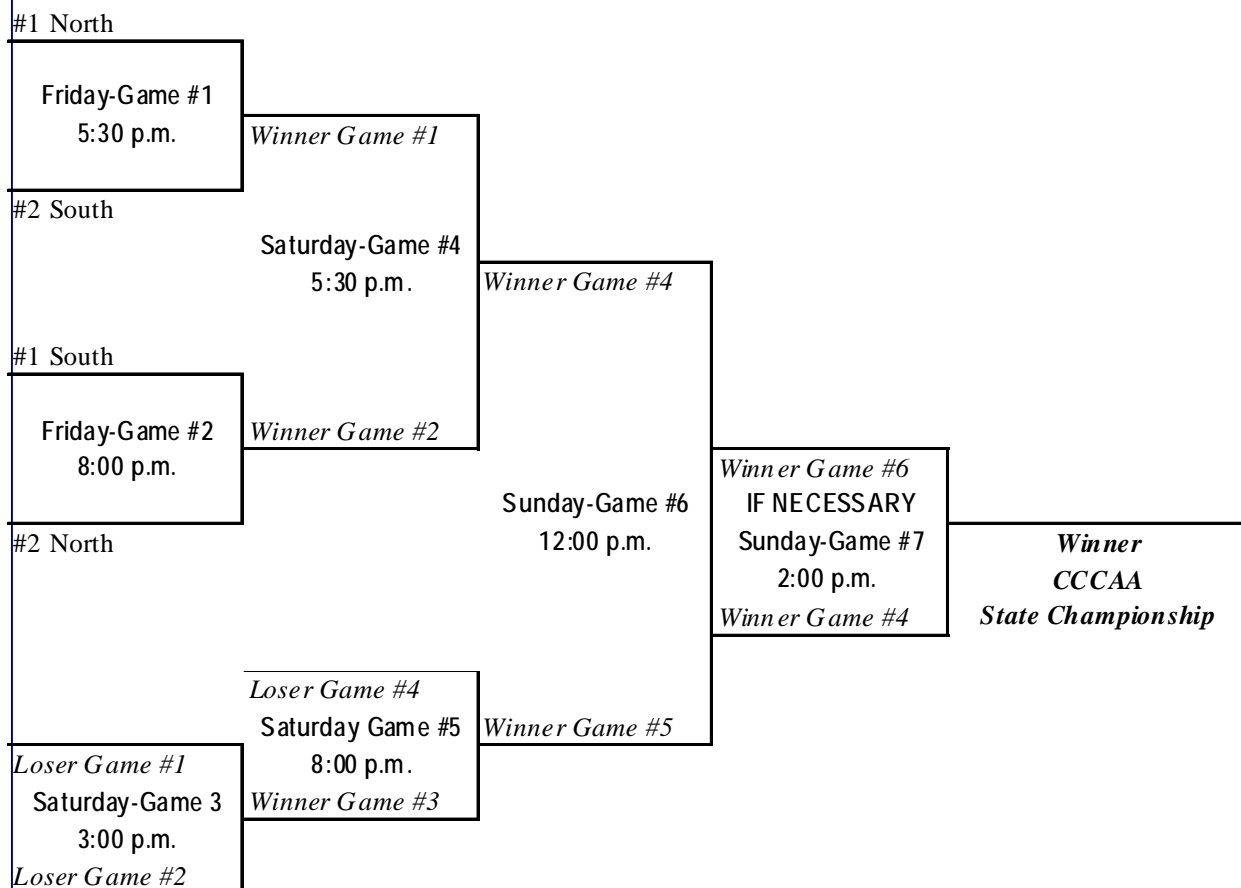
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CCCAA Softball State Championship

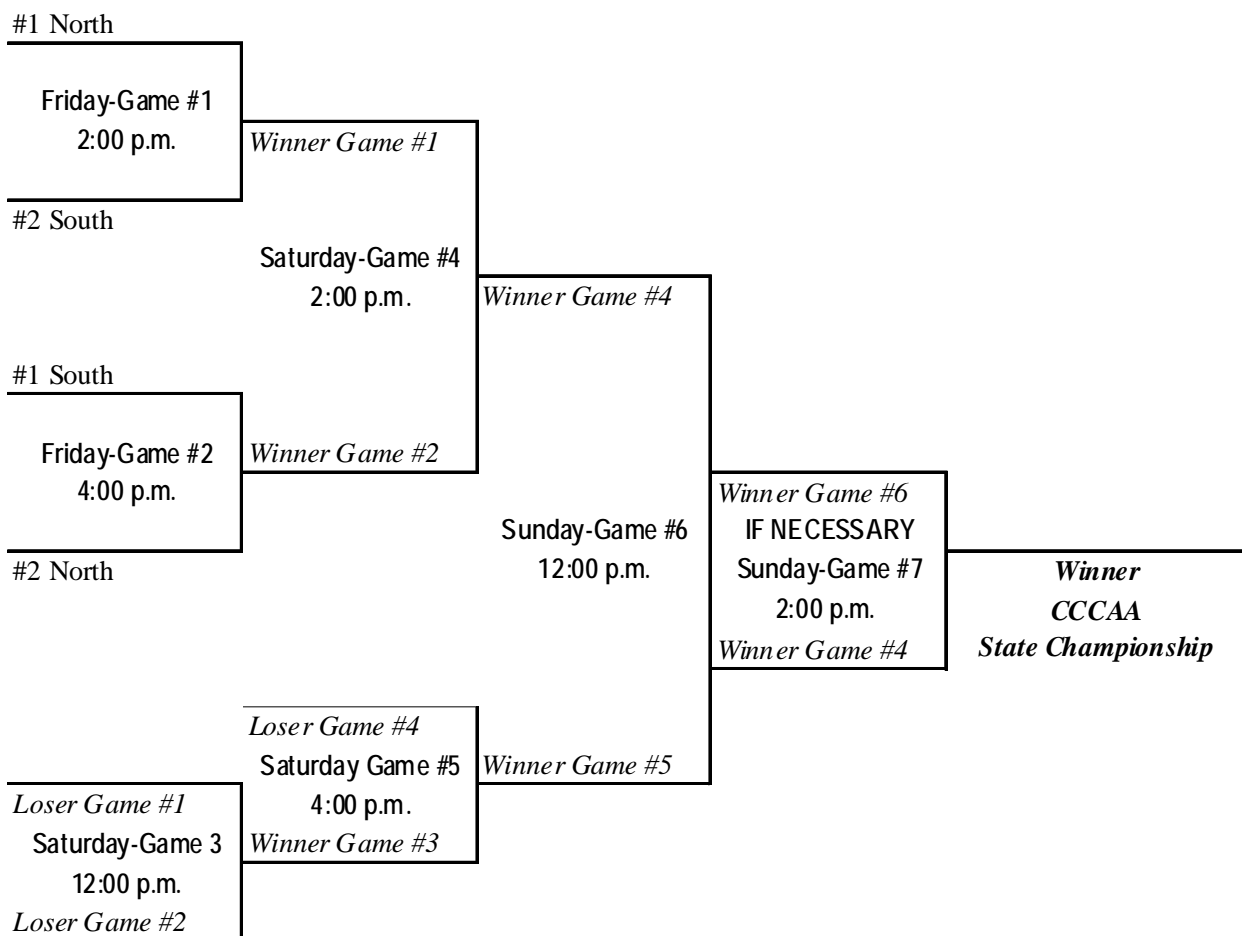
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Note: Effective for cost containment—January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012.

CCCAA Softball State Championship

Without Lights



Note: Effective for cost containment—January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012.

APPENDIX B

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FASTPITCH SOFTBALL REGIONAL ROUND 1 and ROUND 2 EVENT SITE AGREEMENT FORM

The following information must be submitted to the 3FCA President or President-Elect by the seeding meeting in order to be considered for a regional home site.

1. Bleacher Seating Available
2. Field preparation for each game throughout the round
3. Security Control
4. Gate and admission control
5. Field enclosed (defined as homerun fence and appropriate field boundaries as defined by the NCAA rule book)
6. Restroom facilities available
7. Visible scoreboard
8. Concession available
9. Appropriate Warm-up Facilities available for both teams per the COA/CCCAA Softball Championship Handbook and the NCAA rulebook.
10. The 3FCA strongly encourages and suggests the field meets the NCAA field dimensions as stated in the NCAA rule book

We at _____
are committed to hosting the CCCAA Softball Regional Round 1 and/or Regional Round 2 of the playoffs. We understand that profits from this tournament are to be returned to the CCLC/CCCAA. It is further understood that our college will be responsible for any financial losses incurred. Costs to be considered include, but are not limited to: Umpires, Field maintenance crew, athletic trainers, ticket takers, etc. It is also understood that participating teams, including the host school, must pay \$150 entry fee to host school to help defray tournament expenses.

Signature, Athletic Director

Date

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SEEDING MEETING FORMS

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APPENDIX D EVENT MANAGERS' CHECKLISTS



EVENT ADMINISTRATION CALENDAR

The following is a calendar that provides deadlines for the smooth administration of the CCCAA Softball State Championship:

EVENT AGREEMENT CHECKLIST

Reviewed prior to agreeing to host a CCCAA Softball State Championship.

EVENT CONTRACT

Completed and submitted to the CCCAA Director of Championships prior to February 1.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Submitted to the CCCAA Softball Representative for review and signature and forwarded to/received by the CCCAA Director of Championships prior to February 1.

ADVANCE PLANNING CHECKLIST

All tasks on advance planning checklist should be completed eight (8) weeks prior to event.

AWARDS CHECKLIST

Completed two (2) weeks prior to event.

WEEK PRIOR TO EVENT CHECKLIST

Completed one (1) week prior to event.

MEDIA CHECKLIST

Completed one (1) week prior to event.

SPONSOR CHECKLIST

Completed one (1) day prior to, during, and immediately following event.

FINAL RESPONSIBILITIES CHECKLIST

Begin completion immediately following event.



ADVANCE PLANNING CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist eight (8) weeks prior to the CCCAA Softball State Championship:

FACILITY

Confirm dates for use of facility and arrange preparation of competition surfaces and practice times for athletes. Consider the facility's appearance—determine if additional items are needed to “dress up” the facility or championship competition.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Secure hotel/motel team rates (negotiable) and reserve an adequate number of sleeping and meeting rooms for the event.

PERSONNEL

Make preliminary arrangements for all necessary personnel.

SCHEDULE

Prepare a tentative schedule for competition, meeting(s), banquet, and other event activities.

CONCESSIONS/T-SHIRTS/PROGRAMS

Identify costs and sales potential for programs, T-shirts, and concessions. Contact the CCC Softball Coaches Association President regarding arrangements for t-shirts. Make arrangements for the publication of souvenir programs with consideration given to content, advertising, CCCAA sponsor representation and production.

MEDIA

Develop a promotional publicity plan for the event. Define how media credentials are to be obtained.

SPONSORSHIP

Work in advance with CCCAA to prospect sponsors for the event and to secure funds and/or product for the event. Check with the Office of the CCCAA Executive to ensure prospects are not in conflict with current sponsors.

TICKET PRICES

Admission shall be charged. Determine ticket prices for the event (see Softball Handbook) and develop a marketing plan for ticket sales. All ticket prices should be publicized well in advance of the event.

MEDICAL COVERAGE

Contact Athletic Trainer regarding coverage of the event.



TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO EVENT CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist two (2) weeks prior to the CCCAA Softball State

COMMUNICATE

With the CCCAA Sport Representative, CCCAA Director of Championships, and CCC Softball Coaches Association president with any questions and thoughts.

PERSONNEL

Review staff assignments with key college personnel:

- Security
- Ticket taker/seller
- Concession workers
- Locker room Attendants
- Public Address Announcer
- Statistician
- Athletic Trainers
- Onsite Host Administrator
- Awards Ceremony: Presenters

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Confirm training room arrangements, expendable items, and arrangements for a physician.

TICKET ADMINISTRATION

Define ticket taker/seller schedule, provide media credentials for admission, arrange for passes for participants and officials.

AWARDS

Confirm arrangements for awards presentation. Check accuracy of awards shipment, assemble trophies if needed, arrange to have photographer at awards ceremony.

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION PACKET/FACT SHEET

Prepare and distribute tournament information to participating teams, media, CCCAA Softball Representative and CCCAA Director of Championships. Packet/Fact Sheet should include:

- Schedule of events
- Practice site/times
- Schedule of meetings for coaches and for officials
- Order forms for team members for t-shirts and souvenir programs
- Awards program
- Medical guidelines, training supplies, emergency medical care information (local hospitals, assigned doctor, etc.)
- List of local restaurants,
- Local area map, directions to playing site, parking instructions

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Confirm arrangements for social activities; i.e., meal functions, hospitality suite, coaches meeting(s).

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Discuss publicity, media, souvenir program, statistics, and the awards ceremony with the Sports Information Director.

SPORTS INFORMATION

Make arrangements for final results to be immediately reported and emailed to:

- Office of the CCCAA Executive: info@cccaasports.org.
- Participating Colleges
- Media
- Coaches Association Designees



AWARDS CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist one (a) week prior to the CCCAA Softball State Championship. See CCCAA Constitution Bylaw 7.2.5 Authorized awards for CCCAA-sponsored state championships.

BUDGET

The cost of state championship awards is included as its own item in the proposed event budget. Awards will be ordered by the CCCAA Director of Championships and paid for by the Office of the CCCAA Executive. Therefore, the expense for the awards should also be listed under income, “sponsorship” (CCCAA awards).

CEREMONY

An awards ceremony should be planned to utilize the CCCAA Softball Representative, CCCAA staff, college VIP’s, representatives of sponsoring agencies, community leaders, etc.

RECEIVED COPY OF ORDER

Spring sport event managers should receive a copy of the awards order by March 1.

DELIVERY

Awards should be received no later than one (1) week prior to the event (*trophies may be shipped unassembled). **Carefully check delivery** against order giving specific attention to quality, engraving accuracy, and quantity. Any damaged or missing items should be immediately reported to the CCCAA Director of Championships.

DISPLAY

Designate and set up an appropriate place to showcase the awards at banquet and/or event sites.

PAYMENT

State championship awards are paid for by the CCCAA.

DUPLICATES

In case of ties where duplicate awards are needed, submit a written request by fax or email for additional awards to the CCCAA Director of Championships immediately following the event.



MEDIA CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist one (1) week prior to the CCCAA Softball State Championship:

PRE-EVENT PUBLICITY

Ticket information (prices, where to purchase, all-event pass), press release on event, key contact names of CCCAA-assigned media relations director and event manager.

EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

Telephone, electrical outlets, facsimile units.

MEDIA ACCOMMODATIONS

Seating, working press room, results/statistics compilation, media credentials, hospitality.

PARTICIPANT INTERVIEW

Press conference quotes, feature procedures, locker room policy.

MEDIA PERSONNEL

Statistics crew, copy machine operators, record keeper, media room security.

PUBLICATIONS

Souvenir programs, team media guides/up-to-date statistics, press packets, sponsor advertisements (check with Office of the CCCAA Executive).

PHOTOGRAPHER



SPONSOR CHECKLIST

Please do all that is possible to support our sponsors!

Important Note: All sponsors must be preapproved by the CCCAA.

Souvenir Program:

- Include all advertisements received from the CCCAA.

One day prior to contest:

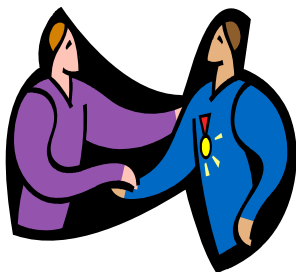
- Hang banners according to instructions received from the CCCAA.

Prior to and during each contest:

- Welcome any sponsor or sponsor's representatives who are in attendance.
- Verify that the P.A. announcer is reading the sponsor's announcements.
- Maintain security of banners.

At the conclusion of the event:

- Collect and secure all banners. After they have been collected do not leave them in an unsecured area.
- Return all banners to the Office of the CCCAA Executive or the onsite designee.
- Complete the accountability report and return it to the Office of the CCCAA Executive within seven days of the completions of the event.



FINAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The event manager's responsibilities are completed after the following details have been finalized:

LETTERS

Send letters of appreciation to sponsors, VIP's, banquet speakers, etc. Copy the CCCAA Executive and CCCAA Softball Representative in all correspondence.

FINAL RESULTS

Email final results to info@cccaasports.org.

EVALUATION:

Complete and send the Postconference Competition Evaluation Form, Form P, to the CCCAA Softball Representative and CCCAA Director of Championships.

FINAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Send the final financial statement, along with net profit, to the CCCAA Director of Championships no later than 30 days after the event. If the report is not received by the deadline, a letter will be sent to the college president, explaining that if the report is not received within the next 30 days, a \$25 late fee will be assessed for each day after the 60th day following the event. Send to:

CCCAA DIRECTOR OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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QUESTIONS? Please contact the CCCAA Director of Championships: 916-444-1600.

Thank you and your staff for all of your efforts in hosting this event!

