



**National Fastpitch Coaches Association  
NJCAA Caucus Minutes  
New Orleans Marriott- Balcony J**

*Thursday, December 8, 2016*

*8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CST.*

Joe Yegge, NJCAA representative called the meeting to order at 8: 35 a.m.

- I. Welcome- Mr. Yegge (Kirkwood Community College) introduced himself to the group and NFCA liaison Michelle Vasquez addressed attendees with limited agendas as well as NFCA Convention App encouragement to download.
- II. NJCAA Meetings
  - a. Mr. Yegge attended the 2016 NJCAA meeting in April in which he brought up two topics specifically.
    - i. Proposals- 2015, the caucus had questions and was confused about how to properly submit a proposal to the NJCAA.
      1. Proposals need to be submitted in writing 30 days prior to deadline (December 31<sup>st</sup>.)
      2. Submissions can come from any NJCAA membership school
    - ii. Current NJCAA system
      1. A selection committee comprised of administrators and coaches from different sports.
      2. Viewed as All-Americans are selected based on one weekend.
      3. It's viewed as many players are selected strategically as to not have too many from one region.
    - iii. Mr. Yegge submitted a proposal on behalf of NJCAA Division II regarding the NJCAA All-American process.
      1. The coaches' association should take over or they need coaches from each region to represent the whole country.
- III. NFCA All-American process
  - a. Maria Winn-Ratliff (Tyler Junior College) addressed the group regarding the NFCA All-American process. Main topic of conversation was the NJCAA I, II, III timelines
    - i. Ideally would like to:
      1. Push the timeline back
      2. Streamline NJCAA I & II
      3. Revise PRESTO (NJCAA issue, not NFCA)
    - ii. This dialogue spared a great deal of communication from the group with a potential revamp of the process as a whole. Several motions were unanimously passed.
      1. Motion 1 (Tommy Ramos, Midland): to restructure more regions at NJCAA division I
        - a. Motion passed unanimously by NJCAA Division I
      2. Motion 2 (Tommy Ramos, Midland): Push the timeline for NJCAA Division I & II to after May 16<sup>th</sup>
        - a. Motion passed unanimously

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3. Motion 2a (Tommy Ramos, Midland): Season stats to include post season EXCEPT national tournament (THIS IN MOTION FOR 2017)
  - a. Motion passed unanimously
4. Motion 3: To get more coaches representation at the NJCAA level
  - a. Motion passed unanimously
5. Motion 4 (Doug Chance, Butler): Utility position- must have played at least two positions and reduce the criteria to a minimum of 30% of the season.
  - a. Motion passed unanimously
6. Motion 5 (Tommy Ramos, Midland): To replace the DP All-American position with At-Large- implement for 2017 season
  - a. Motion passed unanimously

#### IV. Guest appearances

- a. NFCA Executive Director Carol Bruggeman stepped into the caucus to listen and address a few issues regarding awards.
  - i. The NFCA offers All-American awards in addition to the Schutt Junior College Player of the Year award. There was thought to eventually move this award into each junior college division, however with the low representation of membership we will more than likely keep it for the 2017 season.
  - ii. It was communicated the possible elimination of the NJCAA III All-Americans, as NJCAA III has the lowest membership.
    1. NJCAA Membership (Head coaches):
      - a. NJCAA I- 92
      - b. NJCAA II- 47
      - c. NJCAA III- 16
  - iii. Carol will reach out to the new NJCAA representative once named.

#### V. Tournaments

- a. NFCA Leadoff Classic
  - i. Every odd year
  - ii. 2017 Columbus, GA will host 22 team tournament
- b. Canadian Cup
  - i. Would like to get back this year but looking at moving it to a two-year cycle.
  - ii. July 7-17<sup>th</sup> are the 2017 dates
- c. NJCAA National Tournament
  - i. Would like to have the National Tournament at one location for all three divisions.
  - ii. Would like to extend the tournament by one day for inclement weather
  - iii. Would like to webcast the whole tournament
  - iv. Current bids for national tournament
    1. St. Louis
    2. St. George
    3. Clinton, Mississippi

#### VI. Player Transfers

- a. HOT TOPIC (Softball Summit)
- b. Would like a proposal for mid transfer students, need to communicate with coaches.

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