



### **About the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA)**

Founded in 1983 by coaches, for coaches, the NFCA represents the interests and provides educational growth opportunities for thousands of fastpitch coaches across the country. The NFCA currently serves a membership of over 4,600 dedicated members consisting of coaches from youth, travel ball, high school, international, professional, and collegiate coaching levels. Our purpose: *to support fastpitch softball coaches in their quest for excellence, while uniting together to advance the sport we love.*

### **Office Structure**

Located in the heart of Louisville's Crescent Hill district, the NFCA currently has nine (9) full-time and two (2) part-time employees. Our staff is comprised of events, membership, finance, marketing, publications, education and media personnel.

### **Member Benefits**

The NFCA is a membership-based organization and we currently offer a range of benefits to include various awards and recognition opportunities for athletes and coaches, discounts on NFCA sponsored courses, events, and on purchases made in our on-line store. Our monthly newspaper publication Fastpitch Delivery, features stories on coaches, instructional coaching articles, and other game news. Numerous educational opportunities are available through online drills, weekly podcasts, and coaching courses and clinics offered in different locations year-round.

### **Events**

We run numerous events throughout the year consisting of athlete camps, clinics, tournaments, and our annual convention. Athlete camps where aspiring collegiate athletes can showcase their skills in front of coaches occupies the summer and in the spring, we host tournaments for college teams as they prepare for their upcoming seasons. Our biggest event is our annual convention held in December. The convention is a four-day event with speaker line-ups, committee meetings, mentoring sessions, social activities and an exhibit show. We will also run (8) separate coach's clinics in a variety of cities December – January. For the annual convention and the coach's clinics, some of the top softball minds in the country provide instruction, tips, drills, and strategies in an effort to educate and grow the game.

### **Sponsorship and Marketing**

The NFCA is continually seeking to explore and expand our sponsorship and marketing opportunities. Our current partnerships include relationships with Wilson, New Balance, and USA Softball. Each partnership agreement is unique and is tailored to help meet the needs of both the sponsoring company and the NFCA.

### **Internship Opportunities**

The NFCA has year-round internship opportunities available in Events, Marketing, Media Relations, Membership, Finance and Marketing. Availability in a specific area may depend on semester and/or time of year. If your internship with the NFCA is a "for credit" internship and requires a "major project", we will work with you to develop a meaningful project that will meet your course need as well as benefit the NFCA.

To learn more about potential internship opportunities, please contact Carol Bruggeman at [carol@nfca.org](mailto:carol@nfca.org) or call 502-409-4600 or visit [NFCA.org](http://NFCA.org)

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