



**MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION
DIVISION III HEAD COACHES COMMITTEE**

April 4, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 12 p.m. ET by NFCA Division III Board Rep Renae Hartl.

Participants were Hartl (Luther) and NFCA Division III liaison Dave Hines; Atlantic Region representative John Byrne (Moravian); Central Region representative Josie Henry (Case Western Reserve); East Region representative Lindsay Freitag (Misericordia) and alternate Margie Acker (Kean); Great Lakes representatives Tiffany Prager (Illinois Wesleyan) and Meghan Roman (Illinois College); Midwest Region representative Jody Gabriel (Macalester); New England Region representatives Kelly Bevere (Middlebury), Kate Bowen (Springfield) and Diana Pepin (Eastern Connecticut State); Northeast Region representatives Hannah Shalett-Quintana (Skidmore) and Sara Curran-Headley (Oneonta); West Region representatives Janet Lloyd (Chapman) and Jessica Hollen (George Fox); NCAA associate director of championships and alliances Jan Gentry; NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor Vickie Van Kleeck; and NCAA national umpire coordinator Craig Hyde.

1. Roll call
2. NCAA rules
 - a. Ms. Van Kleeck said the 12 to 14-question NCAA rules proposal survey will be available from April 8-May 3.
 - i. She said she recognizes that this is a busy time for everyone, but it is very important that coaches weigh in, and participate in the process.
 - ii. Last year's survey had a good response, so she's hopeful for that again.
3. NCAA update
 - a. Ms. Gentry said the NCAA Softball Committee had its first practice ranking today, and said that they've had a number of good planning calls with host Texas-Tyler.
 - b. She made another call for postseason umpire recommendations, with the list set to be finalized and sent to Mr. Hyde in the coming weeks.
4. 2020 NFCA Division III Leadoff Classic (March 6-8, 2020)
 - a. Mr. Hines reported that following the invitations being sent out two weeks ago (March 21), nine schools have accepted, while one school has declined.
 - b. Schools have until June 1 to accept or decline, at which point additional schools will be invited, if necessary, from a secondary invitation list or a wait list.
 - c. Schools have a Sept. 1 deadline to pay the tournament fee. Payments not received by that date may cause that school's Leadoff spot to be released.

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5. Scheduling Google document

- a. There were no objections to starting a scheduling Google document to provide Division III coaches with a place to find matches for their game openings.
 - i. The form and the spreadsheet will be created as soon as possible to help schools fill current openings due to cancellations and postponements.
 - ii. The introduction of the document will be via an email to head coaches, while long-term the document will be available anytime for future scheduling needs via their NFCA.org Coach's Box.

6. All-Region/All-American

- a. Mr. Hines clarified the NFCA's official position on Texas-Tyler (like any other NFCA member school transitioning to another level), which is that their personnel are eligible for honors in the division in which they currently play, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Top 25
 - ii. All-Region
 - iii. All-American
 - iv. Coaching Staff of the Year
 - v. All-Academic
- b. Schools may choose to not vote for those teams or individuals, but is the NFCA's hope that coaches would vote for the most deserving candidates.
- c. Coaches of those institutions remain eligible to serve on NFCA committees (i.e. Texas-Tyler's Mike Reed may continue to participate as the West Region representative on the NFCA Division III All-America Committee).
- d. Ms. Hartl, as the All-America Committee chair, and Mr. Hines, as its liaison, will coordinate on the release of a timeline and information about the All-Region/All-America awards process to coaches in mid-April.

7. New business

- a. There was no discussion of any new business.

8. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. ET.

9. Next call

- a. The next conference call is scheduled for noon ET on May 2. Please send any items for the agenda to Ms. Hartl and/or Mr. Hines by April 30.

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