

**MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION
NCAA DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA AND
COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE**

December 11, 2008

Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Marco Island, Florida

Chair Danielle Penner, Barry, called the meeting to order at 7 a.m. with nine people in attendance. Those attending were: Penner representing the South Region, Jeff Franquet, Georgian Court, East Region; Brandon Duncan, Lander, Southeast Region; Kelley Green, Lock Haven, Atlantic; Don Kennedy, Missouri S&T, Midwest; Bill Gray, Missouri Southern State, South Central; Paula U'Ren, St. Cloud State, Central; Frank Cheek, Humboldt State, West; and Amy Hughes, NFCA Director of Media Relations and NCAA Division II liaison.

- I. Introduction of all members
- II. Responsibilities of all members
 - a. Send e-mails to non-member coaches in your region, encouraging them to join the NFCA so their student-athletes can be recognized through the All-America program
 - b. Remind regional coaches of upcoming deadlines for nominations and voting
 - c. Keep an eye out for nominations or ballots with issues as they come in, rather than waiting until the deadlines for each step.
- III. Mechanics of the All-America process
 - a. Brief explanation of the process for the All-America conference call
 - b. Committee members may contact coaches within their region asking for non-statistical information to present on the conference call, but information should be kept to on-field regular season achievements.
 - c. Review of how many players are on each Regional and All-America team, as well as deadlines for each step in the process.
- IV. 2009 Timeline
 - a. All-America: One player at the following positions: 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, DP, UT/P, UT/Non-P, AT-LARGE. Two catchers, Three pitchers, Three outfielders
 - 1. March 30: Letters sent out to all NFCA member coaches in your region. Labels provided by the NFCA office. Duplicate sent via email is not required, but encouraged.
 - 2. April 24-May 6: Nominations are open on the NFCA.org website

3. May 7-12: Voting takes place on NFCA.org website. Be on the look-out for incorrect ballots so they can be rectified prior to the deadline.
4. May 13: Final tabulation of All-Region teams. Each region's list must be sent to Amy Hughes, preferably via email
5. May 14: All-Region teams released/posted by Hughes at NFCA.org
6. May 17, time TBA: Conference call to determine All-America national teams
7. May 19: All-America teams released/announced by Hughes at NFCA.org

b. Coaching Staff of the Year

1. You will receive votes for a region other than your own
2. May 28: Regional Coaching Staff of the Year ballots available online at NFCA.org
3. June 5: Regional voting closes
4. June 8: Regional winner for the region that you have tabulated must be submitted to Hughes
5. June 9-16: National Coaching Staff of the Year balloting open at NFCA.org. National ballots tabulated by Hughes.
6. June 17: NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year announced by Hughes

V. Selection Criteria and Procedures

- a. Members may nominate up to six players per team.
- b. Pitchers must throw a minimum of 100 innings for their team
- c. Student-athletes must play at least 50% of their team's game at a specific defensive position in order to qualify at that position
- d. Student-athletes must play a minimum of 33% of games at other positions in order to qualify at either of the Utility positions
- e. The At-Large positions on the NFCA All-America teams are chosen by the committee after the three All-America teams have been filled.

VI. Recommendations

- a. Ms. Green suggested an increase in the maximum number of allowed nominees to an All-Region team. After a brief discussion, the Committee voted 8-0 to recommend to the Division II Caucus that the maximum number of nominees for the All-America process be increased from six to eight student-athletes
- b. A second conference call will be scheduled as soon as possible following the NCAA Championship Game in order to select the Golden Spikes award winner and the Honda Award nominee

- c. Hughes will contact the people who administer the Honda Award voting regarding their timeline so this additional call can be completed in a timely manner.

VII. Adjournment. Penner adjourned the meeting at 7:59 a.m.