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Columbus, Georgia to host NCBA Division II World Series

*Pittsburgh, PA. – December 29, 2011* –The National Club Baseball Association (NCBA) is thrilled to announce that the 2012 NCBA Division II World Series will be held at Golden Park in Columbus, Georgia from May 18th through the 22nd. The NCBA has become quite familiar with the city of Columbus, Georgia over the last few years. Currently, Columbus hosts the NCSA World Series, NCBA South Atlantic Regional Tournament and the NCBA Division I World Series. The outstanding facilities, restaurants, and nightlife along with the southern hospitality provided by the Columbus Sports Council make Columbus an ideal location for this National Championship tournament.

NCBA Vice President of Division II Baseball Operations, Christian Smith is extremely excited that the NCBA DII World Series will be held in Columbus. “The entire procedure of finding an ideal location for this event has been a very long process. I want to thank all the Division II teams for their patience; we were hoping to have a decision made a long time ago,” Smith said. “After speaking with dozens and dozens of cities over the course of the past few months, I came to the realization, that there is no better city to host this event than Columbus. That’s why I’m so excited that we were able to come to an agreement with the city. I know the teams are going to love the ballpark and the surrounding area, and I feel strongly that this is going to be the best Division II World Series to date.”



Located on the Chattahoochee River in Downtown Columbus, Golden Park is a 5,000-seat baseball-only stadium that opened in 1926. Multiple minor league teams have called Golden Park home over the years, including the Columbus Astros (1970-1988) and most recently, the Columbus Catfish (2004-2008). Mickey Mantle, Ty Cobb, Stan Musial, Cal Ripken Jr., Hank Aaron, and Frank Thomas, a Columbus native, are just a few of the Hall of Famers that have played at Golden Park.

In addition to the on-field accommodations offered by Golden Park, Columbus Georgia offers plenty of attractions off the field as well. With over 500 restaurants in Columbus, players and fans can enjoy everything from southern style barbecue to the world-famous Scramble Dog, a local favorite! For fun and exciting nightlife, Uptown Columbus offers a variety of bars, fine eateries, unique and trendy boutiques, and fun-filled events and concerts in a one-of-a-kind atmosphere. “After speaking with family and fans at last years Division II World Series, it was a common criticism, that there was nothing to do away from the ballpark. With the NCBA’s familiarity of the surrounding Columbus area attractions, I know that that will not be a problem for the players, family and fans this year,” Smith said. Other attractions in the area include the [National Civil War Naval Museum](#), the [National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center](#); the [Coca-Cola Space and Science Center](#); and the [Chattahoochee Riverwalk](#). For more information on activities to do in the Columbus area, check out [www.visitcolumbusga.com](http://www.visitcolumbusga.com).

More information on this championship tournament will be released as the event draws closer and will be announced at [www.clubbaseball.org/div2](http://www.clubbaseball.org/div2). Any questions regarding the 2012 NCBA Division II World Series can be directed to NCBA Vice President of Division II Baseball Operations Christian Smith at [Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com](mailto:Christian.Smith@CollClubSports.com) or at (412) 321-8440 x104. Lastly, for those interested, the NCBA Division I World Series will also be held at Golden Park in Columbus and will begin on May 25<sup>th</sup>, three days after the Division II Champion is crowned.

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