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NJCAA Announces Future Championship Host Site for National Softball Tournament

St. George, Utah - The City of St. George and the St. George Area Sports and Events Commission are proud to announce that the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) has awarded St. George an additional three year contract to host the NJCAA Division I Softball National Championship Tournament at the Canyons Softball Complex. St. George has hosted the national championship tournament annually since May 2009. The City and County were pleased with the success of the event and submitted a bid to continue as the tournament host from 2012 – 2014. Proposals from several potential host cities were reviewed and St. George was awarded the bid by the NJCAA Championship Events Committee and Board of Directors at their 2011 annual legislative meetings recently in Tampa, Florida.

Sixteen regional champions from the U.S. will come together to slug it out for the right to the National Champion crown of the 510 teams nationally that participate in NJCAA softball.

“We are thrilled to have the NJCAA Division I Fast Pitch National Championships returning to St. George,” said Jeff Robbins, president & CEO of the Utah Sports Commission. “St. George has built a strong softball infrastructure making them a desirable location for softball events-rights holders.”

The Canyons Complex is an eight-time NSA “Complex of the Year” award recipient. It features seven championship softball fields on over 38 acres with two full-service concession stands and other park amenities. The complex also host a Division I tournament and the Adidas Futures All-

star tournament, as well as the Huntsman World Senior Games Tournament with a senior world record of over 340 teams!

In 2009 Yavapai College out of Prescott, Arizona beat drop down bracket winner Wallace State Community College from Hanceville, Alabama, in the "IF" game 2 – 1. In 2010 Miami Dade College, from Miami, Florida beat second time runner-up Wallace State Community College from Hanceville, Alabama, 7 – 0.

This year's tournament will be held on May 19 – 21. One team of local interest, Salt Lake Community College is currently ranked third in the nation with a record of 37 – 5. 2009 National Champions and 2010 third place winner Yavapai College is ranked number one nationally with a record of 43 – 2.

For more information please visit www.njcaa.org/sports or www.sgcity.org/recreation

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