



### **Cincinnati Collegiate and Community Collaborative submits 12 bids to host future NCAA Championships**

CINCINNATI (September 16, 2013) – Athletic directors from Miami University, the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University, along with officials from the Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation, Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau, Western & Southern Open and U.S. Bank Arena today announced their collaborative effort to submit 12 bid proposals for NCAA Championships.

The following bids were submitted today for future NCAA post-season events:

- Division I Women's Volleyball, Finals: 2017
  - Collegiate Host: Xavier University
  - Host Location: U.S. Bank Arena
- Division I Women's Basketball, First/Second Rounds: 2015
  - Collegiate Host: Xavier University
  - Host Location: Cintas Center
- Division I Men's Hockey: 2016, 2018
  - Collegiate Host: Miami University
  - Host Location: U.S. Bank Arena
- Division I Women's Basketball, Regionals: 2015
  - Collegiate Host: Xavier University
  - Host Location: Cintas Center
- Division I Men's & Women's Tennis, Finals: 2015, 2017 and 2018
  - Collegiate Hosts: University of Cincinnati and Xavier University
  - Host Location: Lindner Family Tennis Center, home of the Western & Southern Open
- Division I Women's Lacrosse, Finals: 2016, 2017 and 2018

- Collegiate Host: University of Cincinnati
  - Host Location: Nippert Stadium, University of Cincinnati
- Division II Sports Festival: 2016
  - Division II Men's and Women's Tennis
  - Division II Men's and Women's Golf
  - Division II Women's Lacrosse
  - Division II Softball
  - Collegiate Host: Great Midwest Athletic Conference
  - Host Location: Lindner Family Tennis Center, home of the Western & Southern Open; University of Cincinnati, College of Mt. Saint Joseph

A bid to hold the first/second round NCAA men's basketball games at U.S. Bank Arena will be submitted later this fall once the RFP is released by the NCAA.

"The Cincinnati area has had a long history of being the host for top-flight professional and collegiate sporting events," said Dan Lincoln, CEO & President, Cincinnati USA Convention and Visitors Bureau, the primary funder of the Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation. "We are looking forward to the opportunity to bring even more events to Cincinnati USA.

"Our bid process has been a collaborative effort among a passionate and enthusiastic group of local officials," said Leslie Spencer, executive director of the Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation. "We believe our bids are competitive and we are excited to welcome future NCAA Championships and the participating student-athletes in our city and our college campuses."

Cincinnati's bid effort and the selection of sports on which to bid were directed by a facility audit based on NCAA Championship specifications led by internationally-recognized firm TSE Consulting and commissioned by the Cincinnati USA CVB and the Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation.

Also in June, members of the Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation traveled to Indianapolis to attend the NCAA's Symposium on NCAA Championships to better understand the bid process and to network with NCAA officials.

All bids for NCAA Championships require a collegiate host that is an NCAA member institution. For Cincinnati's bid effort, the athletic directors from Miami (David Saylor), University of Cincinnati (Whit Babcock) and Xavier University (Greg Christopher) were instrumental in leading the bid effort.

The NCAA will spend the fall reviewing bid packets and conducting site visits. Host cities are scheduled to



be announced by the end of the year.

In March 2014, Cincinnati will host the Division I men's ice hockey regionals at U.S. Bank Arena.

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About the Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation:

Founded in 1989, the Greater Cincinnati Sports Corporation serves to identify, bid, acquire and manage sporting events in the region as the only dedicated sports commission in Cincinnati USA. Over the past 10 years, GCSC has been a top producing segment for Cincinnati USA, booking 256,000 total room nights for a combined economic impact of \$76 million. In 2014, GCSC will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as one of the oldest sports commissions in the United States. To learn more, visit [www.CincySports.com](http://www.CincySports.com).

About the Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau is an aggressive sales, marketing and service organization whose primary responsibility is to positively impact Hamilton County's and the City of Cincinnati's economy through convention, trade show and visitor expenditures. The travel and tourism industry traditionally has been a \$4.1 billion industry in Cincinnati USA, employing 94,000 people in a variety of fields and, historically, bringing 22.7 million visitors to the region in 2011. To learn more about Cincinnati USA, visit [CincyUSA.com](http://CincyUSA.com).