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The Field is Set for the PCB College Baseball Classic *Tournament Play Coming February 2023*

[PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla.] November 21, 2022 – Gulf Coast State College and Publix Sports Park (PCB) will be hosting the second annual Panama City Beach College Baseball Classic in Panama City Beach, FL, February 3-5, 2023.

The PCB College Baseball Classic will be a three-day preseason tournament. This tournament will consist of 16 of the top junior college baseball teams from around the country. Seven of these teams finished the 2022 season ranked in the top 20. Three players who participated in last year's tournament were drafted in the first four rounds of the 2022 Major League Baseball Draft.

"We are thrilled to partner with GCSC and Visit Panama City Beach to bring the PCB College Baseball Classic back for a second year. This is a great opportunity to see top-level major-league prospects first-hand," says Mike Higgins, General Manager of Publix Sports Park. Publix Sports Park opened in July of 2019 and has become one of the most prominent sports complexes in the country.

Gulf Coast State College will once again serve as the tournament host. "The Panama City Beach College Baseball Classic is a great opportunity for us and the other schools to play high-level competition at a great venue. We were pleased with how the first year went and are excited to give it a go again in 2023," said Tyler Younger, Head Coach of Gulf Coast State College.

The 2023 PCB Baseball Classic is presented by Visit Panama City Beach and supported by Perfect Game. Perfect Game will once again broadcast games nationally on their PerfectGame.TV network.

The participating teams for the 2023 PCB College Baseball Classic are Gulf Coast State College (FL), San Jacinto College (TX), Delgado Community College (LA), Wallace-Dothan Community College (AL), Florence-Darlington Technical College (SC), Coastal Alabama Community College (AL), Chattahoochee Valley Community College (AL), Florida Southwestern State College (FL), Northwest Florida State College (FL), Wabash Valley College (IL), State College of Florida (FL), Miami Dade College (FL), Andrew College (GA), Meridian Community College (MS), Chipola College (FL), and McLennan Community College (TX). This tournament will be extremely competitive as Wabash Valley College, San Jacinto College, and McLennan Community College played in the 2022 JUCO World Series.

About the Panama City Beach College Baseball Classic

The tournament will begin on Friday, February 3rd and will finish up on Sunday, February 5th. It will take place at Publix Sports Park in Panama City Beach, Florida. You can purchase tickets at <https://www.playpanamacitybeach.com/upcoming-events/college-baseball-classic/buy-tickets/> or at the sports complex. The sixteen-team bracket begins Friday, February 3, with the championship game on February 5. Tickets are available at \$10 per session or \$25 for the tournament. Perfect Game will be streaming the action on their platform. You can access the stream by visiting PerfectGame.TV.

About Publix Sports Park

The Publix Sports Complex is the premier destination for travel sports tourism in the Florida panhandle. The facility features 13 rectangular fields including 9 with artificial surfaces and two championship fields with seating for up to 1,500 spectators. The flexible design allows for soccer, lacrosse, rugby, football, and flag football, as well as baseball and softball to be played. The Publix Sports Complex is a member of the [SF Network](#), the Nation's largest and fastest growing network of sports facilities and is operated by the industry-leader in outsourced operations, [The Sports Facilities Companies](#) (SFC). For more information, visit: www.playpanamacitybeach.com.

About Visit Panama City Beach

Visit Panama City Beach is the official destination marketing organization for Panama City Beach, Florida. The award-winning organization has earned industry accreditation (DMAP) from Destinations International, the world's leading authority in destination marketing, and exists to drive economic opportunity, job creation, community sustainability and quality of life for its residents through marketing, promotion, and stewardship of the destination's REAL.FUN.BEACH. brand and attributes, tourism development, special event production, and managing beach re-nourishment and maintenance programs.

About Sports Facilities Companies

The Sports Facilities Companies (SFC) are the nation's leading resources for managing and developing sports, recreation, wellness, and events facilities. As a turn-key solution for community leaders and developers alike, SFC services span the gamut of sports and recreation needs from sports tourism & recreation master planning, program planning, and feasibility through professional facility management services. Our 30+ managed venues and 1500+ team members, represented by the SF Network, welcome more than 25 million guest visits and produce over \$250 million in economic impact each year. To learn more, please visit SportsFacilities.com and theSFNetwork.com.

About Perfect Game

Perfect Game promotes the game of baseball now and in the future by hosting the highest quality amateur events while providing meaningful opportunities and information to players, families, MLB organizations, college coaches, and fans. The PG database and scouting reports, as well as the PG player rankings, have been proven to be a valuable resource for all College Coaches and MLB scouts.

About National Junior College Athletic Association

The NJCAA governs and fosters a competitive environment for two-year college athletics. The NJCAA recognizes the diverse nature of its membership, always providing a consistent and inclusive governance structure that provides opportunities for all stakeholders and emphasizes the academic, athletic, and community involvement goals of all student-athletes.