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The California Collegiate League Expands to 11 Organizations, Adds Northern California's Sonoma Stompers

LOS ANGELES, CA – The California Collegiate League (CCL) is pleased to announce the addition of the Sonoma Stompers, a former professional independent organization based in Sonoma, Calif. The expansion proposal was presented at the CCL Board of Directors meeting in September and approved on October. With the addition of the Stompers, the CCL now boasts an 11-team league with five teams in the North Division and six in the South Division:

CCL North Division

Healdsburg Prune Packers, Lincoln Potters, Solano Mudcats, Sonoma Stompers, Walnut Creek Crawdads

CCL South Division

MLB Academy Barons, Arroyo Seco Saints, Conejo Oaks, Orange County Riptide, San Luis Obispo Blues, Santa Barbara Foresters

While many collegiate summer leagues around the country are contracting or folding, the CCL continues to experience growth. In 2019, the CCL added three organizations—the Healdsburg Prune Packers (2021 CCL State Champions), Lincoln Potters, and Solano Mudcats—and welcomed back the Walnut Creek Crawdads after having previously been a part of the league from 2014-17.

California Collegiate League Executive Director, Aaron Milam, feels the addition of the Stompers is another feather in the cap of the CCL. “We often receive inquiries from organizations that want to join the CCL and we are selective about who we choose,” Said Milam. “We don’t add teams just to add; we add to get better, and that’s what we’ve done with the addition of the Stompers.”

Eddie Mora-Loera serves as the Stompers’ general manager and cannot wait to get started. “On behalf of our ownership group, Managing Partner Jon Sebastiani, our staff and our players, we thank the CCL and its members for welcoming the Stompers,” said Mora-Loera. “The CCL provides top-quality collegiate summer baseball and we feel we will only add to the impressive mix already in place.”

Commissioner Rick Turner is looking forward to working with another quality organization that will add to the overall strength of the CCL. “Each year our league focuses on improvement, and I applaud our teams for continuing to make strategic decisions that are best for the league, our players, and our partners,” said Turner. “You can’t beat collegiate summer baseball in California. We’re excited to add Sonoma as another premier CCL destination.”

In 2015, a New York Times best selling book featured the Stompers. Written by Ben Lindberg and Sam Miller "*The Only Rule is it Has to Work*" detailed a first-hand look at the front office operations of the Stompers.

Learn more about the Stompers at www.stompersbaseball.com.

About

Founded in 1993, the California Collegiate League is one of America's premier college summer baseball destinations. Eleven teams canvas the golden state of California. Each year from June to August, top college baseball players from around the nation compete for the MLB Academy Barons, Arroyo Seco Saints, Conejo Oaks, Healdsburg Prune Packers, Lincoln Potters, Orange County Riptide, San Luis Obispo Blues, Santa Barbara Foresters, Solano Mudcats, Sonoma Stompers, and Walnut Creek Crawdads. Learn more about the CCL at www.calsummerball.com, or follow the CCL on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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