## MCAC Clay Target, Club Division Proposal:

What are the differences between the **MCAC Clay Target Club & Varsity Divisions?:**

- Varsity Clay Target teams will begin their MCAC season no later than September 1, 2019. Club teams will begin their no later than September 11, 2019.

- Varsity Clay Target teams will be divided into two divisions, based on roster size (larger/smaller). The MCAC will recognize the Division champion and runner-up in both varsity Divisions with a plaque. Club teams will be in one division, regardless of roster size. No end-of-season MCAC awards shall be issued in the Club Division.

- Varsity Clay Target teams will be invited and encouraged to participate in the MCAC Fall Championships, held in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on Oct. 14, 2019. Club teams will not attend the Fall Championships as a team; however, each club team may send up to four (4) individuals to compete at the Fall Championship. Depending on total club participants, individuals from club teams will either compete in a separate Club Division scoring format, or be included in the composite scoring at the Fall Championship.

- Varsity student-athletes in MCAC Clay Target will be eligible for Athlete-of-the-Week honors. Club teams shall be exempt from Athlete-of-the-Week.

What are the similarities of **MCAC Clay Target Club & Varsity Divisions?:**

- All student-athletes and coaches of both levels will be required to follow USA Clay Target protocol and registration processes by the designated date for that year. This includes any individual and/or team fees which are a part of the liability and insurance procedures.

- Both seasons shall be fall seasons and conclude on the date of the MCAC Fall Championship.

- Both seasons shall use the designated USA Clay Target scoring methodology.

**Additional information regarding MCAC Clay Target Club Divisions?:**

- The option for Club status in the MCAC Clay Target season is designed to allow for schools which are interested in forming a team that will eventually compete as a varsity program in the MCAC. Club status is designed to assist schools which may be in the formation process of securing a coach, locating a facility, established a roster, etc. It is acknowledged that these processes are not always achievable within the current season calendar for registration.

- Member colleges are limited to no more than two consecutive seasons of club designation. Colleges with multiple campuses may have a varsity team on one campus and a club team on other campus(es). The consecutive two-year limit on club status shall apply to each team as they move forward in the MCAC.

- Colleges may compete as a club team for up to two seasons no more than once in any five-year time frame. For example a college which competes as club in 2019 and 2020, but does not go varsity in 2021, shall wait until 2024 before re-joining the league as a club team. As with other NJCAA-sanctioned sports, colleges may elect to go varsity at any time.