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### **Shula's Hotel & Golf Club named official hotel for the Sun Conference**

**Miami Lakes, FL** – Shula's Hotel & Golf Club is proud to announce they have been selected as the Official Hotel for The Sun Conference. Shula's, most commonly known for its great steaks, also boasts expertise in accommodating both collegiate athletic teams as well as professional sports teams. "It was an easy choice for us to select Shula's to be our Official Hotel; our conference knows that they have the experience to provide our student-athletes with the accommodations and amenities necessary for their academic and athletic success," shared Mark A. Pope, Commissioner of The Sun Conference. Over the years, Shula's has been the official hotel of the Miami Hurricanes and the Miami Dolphins, as well as the headquarter hotel for several Major League baseball teams and accommodating the football teams of Duke University, Florida State University and Boston College, to name a few.

"Being the official hotel for the Sun Conference gives us a distinct advantage over our competitors for securing the teams stay when playing in South Florida. It is all very exciting for our entire team at Shula's, said General Manager, David Healy. Besides having the experience with sports teams, the hotel has the largest and most extensive fitness facility in the state and possibly the country with over 40,000 sq feet of space with a full range of cardio equipment, top of the line weight training equipment, a cross training and stretching hub as well as full size under air basketball court and 9 tennis courts.

The agreement begins September 1<sup>st</sup> and is anticipated to be a long and prosperous partnership.

**The Sun Conference** is heading into its 22<sup>nd</sup> season of competition and continues to be one of the most successful intercollegiate conferences in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The conference is composed of 11 institutions, located throughout Florida (9) including Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona, FL), Webber International University (Babson Park, FL), Warner University (Lake Wales, FL), Saint Thomas University (Miami, FL), Johnson and Wales (Miami, FL), Florida Memorial University (Miami, FL), Northwood University (West Palm Beach, FL), Ave Maria University (Naples, FL), Georgia (1) Savannah College of Art & Design (Savannah, GA) and South Carolina (1) University of South Carolina –Beaufort (Beaufort, SC) and continues to grow with 2 additional partners joining in the near future. The league was established as a conference for small independent institutions within the NAIA and sponsors championships in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, and women's volleyball.

**Shula's Hotel and Golf Club** is located in Miami Lakes and is owned and operated by The Graham Companies. The property includes a 205 room hotel, The Original Shula's Steak House, Shula's Steak 2, Vie De France Bakery, The Spa at Shula's, Shula's Athletic Club and Shula's Golf Club. 305.821.1150.

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