



2017 National Team Identification Series Fan Guide

The 2017 NTIS takes place in Cary, N.C. at the National Training Complex

Event Overview

The 2017 USA Baseball National Team Identification Series (NTIS) is the most comprehensive player identification program offered by Team USA. Players from across the country will participate in selection events and tryouts on the regional level with the aim of ultimately being named to their regional team. Those regional teams will then compete in their respective age groups against the 15 other regions from across the country at the culminating NTIS event at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina, in the fall of 2017.

The program includes six separate men's age groups - 11U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U and 17U. From the final NTIS event, USA Baseball will invite a minimum of 62 players to future National Team Trials, National Team Development Program (NTDP) and Tournament of Stars opportunities with the ultimate goal of being selected to represent our country as a part of Team USA in 2018.

Event Information

Schedule

Event Schedule:

Please click here to view the event schedule*: [2017 NTIS](#)

All registration days will take place at the National Training Complex in Cary, NC.

- 13U NTIS: August 9 – 13
 - Note: August 9th is registration day, games start August 10th
- 15U & 16U NTIS: August 17 – 20
 - Note: August 17th is registration day, games start August 11th
- 11U, 14U, & 17U NTIS: August 24 – 27
 - Note: August 24th is registration day, games start August 25th

**Schedule is tentative and subject to change*



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Schedule Updates:

For schedule updates, changes due to inclement weather and general event information please follow USA Baseball on Twitter [@USABaseballNTIS](https://twitter.com/USABaseballNTIS).

Tickets

General Ticket Info:

There are no advance ticket sales for the National Team Identification Series. Tickets can be purchased on-site, at the gate. Cash or credit cards are accepted. USA Baseball accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card.

Ticket Prices:

Daily Pass: \$10
Tournament Pass: \$40 (13U NTIS) & \$30 (11U, 14U, 15U, 16U, and 17U NTIS)
Scout Pack*: \$50
Kids under 12: Free

As official event participants, players and staff members listed on the team roster will be credentialed for the event upon their arrival to Cary.

**Scouts will need to present a business card at the ticket booth in order to receive a tournament pass, program, and link to player information.*

Re-Entry Policy:

Fans can re-enter the National Training Complex by showing their daily pass wristband or tournament pass.

Rules

The National Federation (NFHS) Baseball Rules will be used for the duration of the National Team Identification Series. Games will be 7 innings or 2 hour 15 minutes, whichever comes first.

In accordance with USA Baseball's assimilation of Pitch Smart guidelines, the National Team Identification Series will use a hard pitch count as the standard for setting pitcher use limitations for the 2017 tournament. An attachment for further specification can be found on the NTIS Homepage.



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Bat Guidelines:

The 2017 NTIS Bat Guidelines can be found as an attachment and on the NTIS Homepage.

Approved bat list is reflected in the Washington State Approved bat list is reflected in the Washington State University: [Sports Science Lab, NCAA and NFHS BBCOR Approved Baseball Bats](#)

Merchandise

USA Baseball's team store will be open during the entire event. All major credit cards are accepted: Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover Card. For additional Team USA merchandise please check out the [official online shop](#).

Event Program:

The 2017 USA Baseball National Team Identification Series is produced by USA Baseball and will be available at the USA Baseball Team Store for \$2.

Photos:

Official team or event photos will be available for purchase on [USABaseballPhotos.com](#). Participants will receive a password via email to gain access to the event album.

Regional team photos as well as individual player photos will be taken on registration day, the first day of the event.

Facility Information

USA Baseball National Training Complex (NTC)*

7445 Green Hope School Road
Cary, NC 27519

[Google Map](#)

**During the 11U NTIS the games will be played at [Thomas Brooks Fields](#). These fields are at the same location as the National Team Training Complex but at the back end of the park.*

Please be advised that I-540 is a toll road. There are no toll booths, all tolls are taken electronically and will be billed via mail. If driving a rental vehicle, please inquire about the specific rental company's toll billing procedure.



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**Parking:**

There is no cost for parking at the National Training Complex, Green Hope High School (15U & 16U NTIS only) or Jordan High School (15U & 16U NTIS only).

Prohibited Actions & Items at the National Training Complex:

The following are prohibited in the USA Baseball National Training Complex:

- Outside food, beverage and coolers
- Smoking
- Animals except for service animals
- Alcoholic beverages
- Weapons
- Skateboards, rollerblades and scooters
- Umbrellas are limited to grass seating
- Tents

Smoking Policy:

The National Training Complex is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is permitted in the parking lot, outside the National Training Complex gates.

Foul Balls:

Please be aware of foul balls at all times while at the National Training Complex. USA Baseball will be offering a pack of baseball cards from Panini in exchange for each foul ball returned to the USA Baseball Team Store.

ATM:

There is no ATM on-site at the National Training Complex.

Wireless Internet Access:

There is no wireless internet access available on-site at the National Training Complex.

Bag Search:

All bags are subject to a bag search upon entering the National Training Complex.

Concessions:

Concessions will be open for the duration of the event.

Lost and Found:

Please check the USA Baseball Team Store or the on-site Town of Cary offices (located inside the First Aid building, on the 1st base side of the Stadium Field) for any lost items.



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**First-Aid:**

A certified athletic trainer will be on site through the entire event. In case of emergency, the closest hospital is Wake Med Cary.

Wake Med Cary

1900 Kildaire Farm Road

Cary, NC 27518

919-350-2300

[Google Map](#)

Alternate Locations (15U & 16U NTIS Only)

For the 15U & 16U weekend some games will be played at multiple facilities. The following two high schools are the facilities being used in addition to the National Training Complex.

Green Hope High School

2500 Carpenter Upchurch Rd

Cary, NC 27519

[Google Maps](#)

Jordan High School

6806 Garrett Road

Durham, NC 27707

[Google Maps](#)

At Green Hope High School, please park in the front of the school and follow the large sidewalk behind the school toward the track. The baseball field is located to the left of the track when walking from the parking lot.

At Jordan High School, please park in the back parking lot. To access the parking lot, turn into the school's athletic field entrance off Garrett Road. The baseball field is located behind the school and football field. Please follow the road – you will walk past the football field on your right until you reach the entrance to the baseball and softball fields.



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Media and Press:

Credentialed Media:

If you are an accredited member of the press and wish to obtain a USA Baseball media credential, please fill out the **credential form** or email **mediarelations@usabaseball.com**.

Social Media:

Like and follow USA Baseball via social media on **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **Twitter**.

For NTIS specific updates, check out [@USABaseballNTIS](https://twitter.com/USABaseballNTIS) on Twitter.

Photos:

Official team or event photos will be available for purchase on **www.USABaseballPhotos.com**.

Cameras & Video Equipment:

USA Baseball has adopted the following policy regarding camera lenses (including telephoto and zoom lenses) for any of the organization's events at the USA Baseball National Training Complex. Spectators are not permitted to bring telephoto or zoom camera lenses into the National Training Complex. Cameras may be brought in to the facility so long as they are not accompanied by these types of lenses. Only USA Baseball personnel and credentialed members of the media are permitted to have possession of telephoto and zoom lenses. This policy is in place to ensure that all of our players, coaches and fans have a positive experience at our events.

Event Partner



Gatorade Prime Energy Chews, Gatorade Prime Fuel Bars, Gatorade Thirst Quencher and Gatorade Recover Protein Bars will be available to athletes for the duration of the National Team Identification Series to help fuel their performance on the field. Gatorade Prime products provide carbohydrates for energy without caffeine, while Gatorade Thirst Quencher has fluids to rehydrate, electrolytes to replenish, and carbs to refuel. Gatorade Recover Protein Bars have the high quality protein athletes need to help muscles recover. To learn more about the science behind Gatorade, visit www.Gatorade.com.



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Education

Pitch Smart:

League Baseball and USA Baseball have teamed up to help young players reduce arm injuries through Pitch Smart, a comprehensive resource for safe pitching practices. Pitch Smart offers a series of practical, age-appropriate guidelines to help players, parents and coaches avoid overuse injuries and foster long, healthy careers. The guidelines were developed throughout the 2014 regular season, as MLB and USA Baseball collaboratively sought to pool the recommendations of many leading medical authorities in the sport in conjunction with baseball officials.

PitchSmart.org serves as the program's online home and is accessible via MLB.com and USABaseball.com. The site offers pitch count and rest recommendations, statistics on Tommy John surgery, risk factors, awareness tips, published research and videos from experts like Dr. James Andrews and USA Baseball's medical safety committee chairman, Dr. Glenn Fleisig. USA Baseball, the national governing body for amateur baseball, will use PitchSmart.org as a major resource to educate the amateur baseball community on pitcher safety.

USA Baseball Online Education Center:

Supported by Major League Baseball, the USA Baseball Online Education Center is a new learning platform that emphasizes a culture of development, safety and fun within the sport through free online training courses and programs focused for players, parents, coaches, and umpires. USA Baseball Online Education aims to continue to enhance the game of baseball for all constituents through online educational courses.

Each of the educational courses are hosted by the most-esteemed professionals within the game. The current course offerings include *The Confident Baseball Coach*, hosted by Manager of the Chicago Cubs, Joe Maddon; *Introduction to Pitch Smart*, hosted by Hall of Fame pitcher, John Smoltz; *Coaching the Fundamentals of Infield*, hosted by Hall of Fame shortstop, Barry Larkin; *Coaching the Pitching Delivery*, hosted by Pitching Coach for the Cleveland Indians, Mickey Callaway; *Baserunning Fundamentals*, hosted by Manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Dave Roberts; and more.

The Online Education center is also home to USA Baseball's Sport Development Blog, The Amateur Resource Center, and the USA Baseball Mobile Coach Application, as well as many more features. The online training center can be found at **USABaseball.Education**.



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High School Coaches Education Courses:

As the national governing body for baseball in the United States, USA Baseball in partnership with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), has developed "Coaching Baseball," "Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment," "Positive Sports Parenting" and "Sportsmanship" are courses that can assist in creating a positive environment for your team at USA Baseball events and beyond. All of these courses are completely free of charge and can also be found at www.nfhslearn.com.

SafeSport:

In 2010, the USOC convened the Working Group for Safe Training Environments and charged it with the task of developing a set of recommendations concerning misconduct in sport. The diverse group included individuals from the Olympic family as well as outside experts. The SafeSport program is the culmination of the sustained work on the part of these passionate individuals, addressing misconduct in sport by providing information, training, and resources, while focusing on four primary objectives:

Addressing sexual and physical misconduct in sport.

Reviewing the guidelines across sports and other related organizations for responding to these issues.

Assessing the needs of athletes, coaches, staff, National Governing Bodies (NGBs), clubs and other sport organizations.

Developing a set of recommendations to promote athlete well-being.

The resources of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) have been made available to our sport, and as such USA Baseball is committed to providing a safe environment for its members, participants, coaches, officials and volunteers. Sexual, physical or emotional abuse and harassment in any form by a USA Baseball member, participant, coach, official, or volunteer is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. When any member, participant, coach, official, staff or volunteer is subjected to sexual, physical or emotional abuse or harassment in any form, it undermines the mission and values of USA Baseball. USA Baseball advocates building strong self-images among the athlete participants, strives to promote good sportsmanship throughout the organization and encourages qualities of mutual respect, courtesy and tolerance.

For more information, log on to www.safesport.org



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