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USA BASEBALL SWINGS INTO PALM BEACH COUNTY

Palm Beach County, FL-USA Baseball swings into Palm Beach County this week with its National Team Championships scheduled to take place at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter and the Santaluces Athletic Complex in Lantana, from June 19-26, 2013. This prominent baseball tournament serves as the Eastern Region Championship, which takes place simultaneously with the Western Region Championship in Arizona. The Palm Beach County Sports Commission is partnering with Roger Dean Stadium and Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation to host baseball's leading organization and one of the most prestigious amateur baseball tournaments in the nation.

USA Baseball will introduce a 14U age group in addition to the 17U age group that was featured during the 2012's edition of their National Team Championships. Overall, the National Team Championships will bring 69 teams and 1,200 athletes from across the nation, with over 260 baseball games being played during the week-long tournament, making it one of the largest baseball events of the summer.



The USA Baseball National Team Championships will serve as a selection vehicle for the 14U and 17U National Team Development Programs. Athletes for each age group will be invited to the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Carey,

North Carolina, to join athletes that were recruited during the West Championships. Selected athletes will have an opportunity to represent the United States during international competitions.

Since 1978, USA Baseball has been the National Governing Body (NGB) for amateur baseball, governing over 12 million amateur baseball players annually. It represents the sport in the United States as a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and internationally as a member of the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). USA Baseball is also responsible for promoting and developing the game of baseball on the grassroots level, both nationally and internationally. Since 1999, USA Baseball has been selecting teams of professional-level minor and major league players to represent the United States in various international competitions, including the World Baseball Classic and the IBAF Baseball World Cup



This year will mark the 13th consecutive year that USA Baseball has made Palm Beach County its home. The event is expected to generate more than 3,000 hotel room nights and \$1.5 million in direct visitor spending. In addition to world-class baseball, the USA Baseball National Team Championships provides a significant boost to the local economy and promotes Palm Beach County as the premier youth baseball destination in Florida.

Games start at 8am each day at both Roger Dean Stadium and the Santaluces Athletic Complex. For more information on the USA Baseball National Team Championships or to obtain a complete schedule of games, please contact Kayla French, Director of Marketing, at (561) 233-3122 or kfrench@palmbeachsports.com