USA Elite Training, LLC
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Welcome to the 6th Annual Northern Exposure Showcase Tournament
14U, 16U, 18U, and 18U Gold

USA Elite Training, LLC is dedicated to providing an opportunity for prospective college-bound student athletes to be evaluated by college coaches. USA Elite Training has been hosting showcase tournaments and events in CT for the past 14 years.

**DATES:** Friday July 15, 2016, through Sunday, July 17, 2016
Games will begin on Friday, July 15th at 8am and continue until the afternoon of Sunday, July 17th. Teams must be prepared to play at any of these times. Teams must be on field and ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to game time.

**LOCATIONS:**
Thorpe Ave Complex - 300 Thorpe Ave, Meriden CT 06450
Panthorn Park - 500 Burritt Street, Plantsville CT 06479
Pragemann Park - 31 Oak St, Wallingford CT 06492
North Haven Complex - 222 Maple Ave, North Haven CT 06473

**Tournament Director:** Jen Hapanowicz, 203-314-7802, jen@usaelitetraining.com
**Asst. Tournament Director:** Kim Gwydir 786-251-9598, kim@usaelitetraining.com
**Thorpe Field Director:** Stu Sachs, 305 495-3862

**Recruiting Events and Locations**

- **Individual Player Recruiting Camp**
  - Thursday, July 14, 2015 from 8:00 AM-2:30PM
  - Thorpe Complex, Meriden, CT

- **Next Level Skills Clinic**
  - Thursday July 14, 2015 from 4:00-8:00 PM
  - Thorpe Complex, Meriden, CT

- **All Star Game**
  - Saturday, July 16, 2015 at 7:30PM
  - Pragemann Park, Wallingford CT
Welcome!
Thank you for joining us at the **6th Annual Northern Exposure Showcase July 15-17, 2016 located in North Haven, Meriden, Wallingford, and Southington CT.** Enclosed is a list of tournament rules, rainout policy and directions to the fields. The team schedule and team list can be found on [www.usaeliteshowcases.com](http://www.usaeliteshowcases.com).

USA Elite Showcase's objectives are to provide an opportunity for prospective college-bound student athletes to be evaluated by college coaches. This includes educating the student-athlete and their families on the college recruiting process and NCAA recruiting regulations.

**Check-In Reminders:**
1) You must check in at the registration table on Friday at the field your game is at, at least 1 hour before your first scheduled game. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2) Please be prepared with your team insurance certificate, and contact sheet (attached). You may email a copy of both your insurance certificate and contact sheet prior to the start of the tournament to jen@usaelitetraining.com.
3) **The winning team will report the scores for each game to the tournament desk at each field.** In each team’s check in packet, score card sheets are provided and are to be used throughout the weekend to report scores. These scores will be updated electronically using Tourney Machine app. Go to the usaeliteshowcases.com web site under schedule tab and download the app. Please read the direction carefully.
4) For inclement weather, please refer to the tournament rule 11

**Code of Conduct:**
Coaches are responsible for their entire team including players, coaches, managers and fans by complying with the following:

- Respect the decisions of the umpires, do not argue calls
- Respect the dignity of the game with a courteous attitude
- Be in control of the players on their teams throughout the tournament. Ejections of players, coaches, managers and spectators by any umpire or the Tournament Director are for the entire tournament.

Your full cooperation is very much appreciated. The entire USA Elite Training staff thanks you for participating in the 6th Annual Northern Exposure Showcase. Enjoy the games!

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Hapanowicz*
USA Elite Training, LLC
Showcase Format:

Round Robin Exhibition Games. Each team will have 5 Showcase games. **1 hour and 25 minutes drop dead.**

- Pitching Mounds will be at 43’
- 2 umpires per game
- Game balls are provided
- Mercy Rules: 15 runs after 3 innings, 12 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings

TOURNAMENT RULES 2016

1. **ASA Rules** will be followed with some showcase exceptions which are 1) Free substitutions 2) Unlimited batters

2. Round Robin Exhibition Games. Each team will have 5 Showcase games. **1 hour and 25 minutes drop dead.**

3. **Team Check-In:** All teams must check in at least 1 hour prior to their first game at the check-in table on Friday at the field where your games are located at and be **ready to play 15 minutes prior to each game.** If possible games will be started early to keep schedule on time. At check-in, all teams must submit a copy of their team insurance and provide a working cell number that they can be reached at during the tournament. At this time coaches will receive their team packet, which will include their players’ wristbands, scorecards, local vendor info and other important information.

4. **Wristbands:** Coaches will receive 1 wristband per player in their coach packets to be used throughout the entire tournament. The wristbands will indicate the players graduation year to college coaches. Graduation year will be taken directly off of the rosters that are entered by the coaches online, so please be sure that all your players graduation years are entered correctly.

  Wristband Color Codes
  - Black = signed player
  - Black w/ red stripes = Transfer or unsigned 2016
  - Green= Senior / grad year 2017
  - Blue =Junior / grad year 2018
  - Orange =Sophomore / grad year 2019
  - Purple = Freshman, 8th, 7th / grad year 2020-2022
5. **College Coach Areas**: There are areas designated for *College Coaches Only* at each field as well as a College Coach Hospitality Tent. Please be sure your players, coaches, and fans do not enter any areas that are designated College Coaches Area Only.

6. **Forfeits** are to be avoided at all cost. If you are having an issue, you must contact one of the tournament director or check with tournament table at the Complex. If necessary, you may borrow a player from another team in order to allow the game to be played. The college coaches have come to see teams play. If your team does forfeit a game, your team will not be allowed into another USA Elite Showcase event. It is each team’s responsibility to ensure enough players so that the games will be played. USA Elite Training is not responsible for finding replacement players.

7. USA Elite Showcase is not responsible for providing supplies for individual teams during the tournament. All teams must bring their own water/Gatorade/ice/first aid supplies. There will be concession stands at each field location.

8. **DUGOUTS**: Teams are responsible to clean out dugouts after each game. There will be trash bins at each field. It is important to respect the fields and the property of the Towns of North Haven and Meriden.

9. There is absolutely **NO HITTING ANY TYPE OF BALLS** (including light flights or wiffle balls) into the fences at any of the showcase complexes. Please use pop-up hitting nets for hitting off batting tees.

10. College Coaches will be invited by USA Elite Showcases. We cannot guarantee the attendance of any coaches. We will list all coaches that RSVP as they are received on our website. **To ensure that more college coaches attend, we recommend that players also contact the college(s) that they are interested in to let them know that they will be at this showcase event**. College coaches have more incentive to attend a showcase event if they know that there are players who are interested in their program.

11. The tournament director will make every effort to bring the tournament to a successful completion, but reserves the right to cancel, reschedule, or change the time limits of games to accomplish this goal.

**Refund Policy:**

Teams that cancel after being accepted in the tournament will not receive any refund. Also, there will be no refund of entry fees due to uncontrollable circumstances such as weather and not complying with tournament rules. If no games are played teams will receive $250 refund.
2016 JULY NORTHERN EXPOSURE
TOURNAMENT FIELDS

Directions to Panthorn Park
For those who use a GPS insert:

500 Burritt Street Plantsville, Connecticut 06479

From Hartford/MA:
• Take I-84 West through Southington; Take Meriden-Waterbury Road Exit (Route 322); At end of ramp, turn right.
• Go to next light and turn left onto Ruggles Road. Go to the stop sign, turn left onto Burritt Street.
• Go over the I-84 overpass, continue downhill about ¼ mile and entrance to Panthorn Park will be on your right-hand side. As you enter the park, Maintenance Building will be directly in front of you. Continue into the Park and you'll see the picnic area, pond, tennis courts and softball field. Handicap-accessible Continue up the hill, the Southington Girl's Softball fields are at the top.

From Waterbury/NY:
• Take I-84 East and take the Meriden-Waterbury Road Exit (Route 322).
• At light, go straight across to Ruggles Road. At stop sign, turn left onto Burritt Street.
• Go over the I-84 overpass, continue downhill about ¼ mile and entrance to Panthorn Park will be on your right-hand side.
• As you enter the park, Maintenance Building will be directly in front of you. Continue into the Park and you'll see the picnic area, pond, tennis courts and softball field. Continue up the hill, the Southington Girl's Softball fields are at the top.

Link on Google Maps
https://www.google.com/maps/place/Panthorn+Park/@41.5722053,-72.9135472,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89e7c7f9e4f10c85:0x806b71f2f315fd68m2!3d41.5722013!4d-72.9113585

Directions to Thorpe Ave Softball Complex
For those with GPS insert:

300 Thorpe Ave. Meriden, CT 06450

From I-91 North:
• Take exit 16, East Main St. Meriden. Take right at the end of exit.
• Go 7/10th mile to a five street intersection.
• Take the second right (it’s 25 feet after the first right) onto Cone Ave. (it leads into Thorpe).
• Go straight 8/10th mile and the entrance to the complex is on your left.

From Rt. 15 North:
• Take exit 67 (this exit merges with the I-91 exit above) and follow the bold print directions above.
From I-91 South:
• Take exit 17 to RT 15 South.
• 1/2 mile take exit 67, East Main St.
• Take left at end of exit, go 9/10th of a mile and follow bold print directions above.

For Rt 15 South:
• Take exit 67 and follow I-95 S. directions above.

From RT 66 West:
• Take East Main St exit (left exit) at the beginning of the divided highway.
• Go straight off of exit to the first light.
• Take first left at five-way intersection, go 8/10th of a mile, and entrance to complex on left.

From I-691 East:
• Take Preston Ave., Exit 12. At end of exit go right.
• At next intersection (5 way mentioned above) take road that is across and slightly to the left.
• This is Cone Ave. (which merges into Thorpe Ave.) Go 8/10th mile to entrance on left.

Link on Google Maps
http://maps.google.com/maps?client=safari&rls=en&q=354+Thorpe+avenue+06450&oe=UTF-8&um=1&ie=UTF-8&hq=&hnear=354+Thorpe+Ave,+Meriden,+CT+06450&gl=us&ei=Eyg_S_zIBMGBlAEwsiBzBg&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CAcQ8gEwAA

Directions to North Haven Complex
For those with GPS insert:
222 Maple Ave, North Haven, CT 06473

I-91 North:
• Take exit 9- Montowese Avenue
• At end of ramp take a right onto Montowese Avenue go to light and take a left onto RT 103 (Quinnipac Ave) follow north through one light (Sacket Pt Rd) becomes Maple Avenue at the next light (blinking) take a left into the driveway of the North Haven Athletic Complex.

I-91 South:
• Take exit 12 (Washington Ave)
• Turn left onto RT 5 south. Continue on RT 5 around the Town Green (Turns into Maple Ave). Go through the next traffic light and at the next light (blinking light) take a right into the driveway of the North Haven Athletic Complex

Link on Google Maps
https://www.google.com/maps/place/222+Maple+Ave,+North+Haven,+CT+06473/@41.3740399,-72.8541725,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89e7d05523115bc3:0xcb028c8b726e8d87!8m2!3d41.3740399!4d-72.8519838
Directions to Pragemann Park
For those with GPS insert:
    31 Oak St. Wallingford, CT 06492
I-91 North
    • Take exit 15, Rt 68
    • Take Rt 68 to Rt 150
    • Take next right onto Oak Street
    • The fields are on the right

Link on Google Maps
https://www.google.com/maps/place/Pragemann+Park/@41.4999086,-72.8237983,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89e7c943f9566b55:0xe4929f9cd6fe31f8m2!3d41.4999046!4d-72.8216096

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TEAM CONTACTS:

TEAM NAME/ AGE GROUP: ____________________________________________

HEAD COACH: _____________________________________________________

CELL PHONE: _______________________________________________________

Alternate Contact:

NAME: _____________________________________________________________

CELL PHONE: _______________________________________________________  

Please complete and bring with you to check-in Table or scan and send to jen@usaelitetraining.com prior to the tournament.

Thank you.