



## 2017 Northern Exposure Fall Classic Showcase

**USA Elite Training, LLC**

[www.usaeliteshowcases.com](http://www.usaeliteshowcases.com)

**Welcome to the 17th Annual Northern Exposure Showcase Tournament  
18U Gold, 18U and 16U**

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 17 years.

**DATES:** Saturday, September 9, 2017, through Sunday, September 10, 2017

Games will begin on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 1pm and continue until the afternoon of Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

Panthorn Park - 485 Burritt Street, Plantsville CT 06479

Thorpe Ave Complex - 402 Thorpe Ave, Meriden CT 06450

**Tournament Director:** Jen Hapanowicz, 203-314-7802, [jen@usaelitetraining.com](mailto:jen@usaelitetraining.com)

**Asst. Tournament Director:** Kelly Mitchell 203-305-2708

**Thorpe Field Director:** Joyce Harold, 313-428-8484

### **Recruiting Events and Locations**

- **Unsigned Senior Event**
  - Friday, September 8, 2017 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
  - USA Elite Training LLC Training Center, 280 Schoolhouse Rd, Cheshire CT 06410
  
- **Individual Player Recruiting Camp**
  - Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 8:00 AM-12:30PM
  - Panthorn Park, Plantsville CT 06479



Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Exposure Showcase September 9-10, 2017 located in Southington, CT and Meriden CT**. The tournament is being co-sponsored by the Southington Girls Softball League and Shock Softball team. The tournament schedule will be posted on [www.usaeliteshowcases.com](http://www.usaeliteshowcases.com)

USA Elite Showcases 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 at least 1 hour before your first scheduled game. There will be team check in at each field location. At this time we will provide your players with their color coded wrist bands. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 2) Please be prepared with your team **insurance certificate**. You may also email a copy of your both the insurance certificate and contact sheet prior to the start of the tournament to [jen@usaelitetraining.com](mailto:jen@usaelitetraining.com).
- 3) **The winning team will report the scores for each game to the tournament table 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 and posted on [www.usaeliteshowcases.com](http://www.usaeliteshowcases.com)**
- 4) For inclement weather, please refer to the tournament rules 12

#### **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 16th Annual Northern Exposure Fall Classic Showcase. Enjoy the games!

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Hapanowicz*  
USA Elite Training, LLC

## **Showcase Format:**

Round Robin Exhibition Games. Each team will have 4 Showcase games. **1 hour and 25 minutes drop dead.** If time expires before the inning is completed, the batter is finished and then game is over immediately (Drop Dead) and the score will revert to the last complete inning, unless the home team is up to bat and are ahead in the score or have tied the score.

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 2017**

1. **USA Softball Rules** will be followed with some showcase exceptions which are

1) Free substitutions 2) Unlimited batters

2. **Time Limit – 1 hour and 25 minutes drop dead.** If time expires before the inning is completed, the batter is finished and then game is over immediately (Drop Dead) and the score will revert to the last complete inning, unless the home team is up to bat and are ahead in the score or have tied the score.

**3. Order of Finish: 1) Win/Loss records, 2) Run-Allowed and 3) Head to Head 4) Coin Toss-** will be used to determine first place finishers in each bracket. All scores must be reported by winning team to the USA Elite Training LLC Table. If scores are not reported, bracket winners will be determined by whatever means available to the tournament director.

**4. Teams Must Be game ready and at the fields at least 15 minutes before scheduled start time.** To keep on schedule umpires will be starting games early if possible.

5. **Wristbands:** Coaches will receive 1 wristband per player in their coach packets to be used throughout the entire tournament. The wristbands will indicate the player's 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 player's graduation years are entered correctly.

### Wristband Color Codes

Black = signed player

Green= Senior / grad year 2018

Blue = Junior /grad year 2019

Orange =Sophomore / grad year 2020

Purple = Freshman & 8th / grad year 2021/2022

6. **College Coach Areas:** There are areas designated for *College Coaches Only* parking and sitting area at each field. Please be sure your players, coaches, and fans do not occupy or park in any areas that are designated College Coaches Area Only.

7. **Forfeits** are to be avoided at all cost. If you are having an issue, you **must** contact the tournament director or check with the team check in tent. 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.

8. USA Elite Showcase is not responsible to provide the 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.

9. **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 Southington and Meriden and their respective Softball organizations.

10. 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.

11. 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 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.

12. 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.

13. Panthorn Park and Thorpe Park Complex Rules: **NO Smoking, NO Dogs and NO Hitting info Fences**

### **Refund Policy:**

Teams that cancel after being accepted in the tournament will not receive any refund. If no games are played teams will receive \$200 refund.

## **Directions to Panthorn Park**

### **For GPS: 485 Burritt Street, Plantsville, CT 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, our 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 Playscape will be on your right. If you continue up the road, the Southington Girl's Softball fields along with the Lacrosse 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, our 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 Playscape will be on your right. If you continue up the road, the Southington Girl's Softball fields along with the Lacrosse Fields are at the top.

## **Directions to Thorpe Ave Softball Complex**

### **For those with GPS insert 402 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. ½ 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=Eyq\\_S\\_zIBMGBIAeVwsjzBg&sa=X&oi=geocode\\_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CAcQ8gEwAA](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=Eyq_S_zIBMGBIAeVwsjzBg&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CAcQ8gEwAA)