



USA Elite Training, LLC

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Welcome to the 8th 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 15 years.

DATES: Friday July 13, 2018, through Sunday, July 15, 2018

Games will begin on Friday, July 13th at 8am and continue until the afternoon of Sunday, July 15th. Teams must be prepared to play at any of these times. Teams must be on the field and **ready to play at least 15 minutes prior to game time.**

LOCATIONS:

Thorpe Ave Complex - 402 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

West Side Field - 4 South Street, Wallingford, CT 06492

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Asst. Tournament Director: Bri Sawicki, (860) 302 -0939

Recruiting Events and Locations **(Please share with your players)**

- Individual Player Recruiting Camp
 - Thursday, July 12, 2018, 8:00 AM-2:30 PM
 - Thorpe Complex, Meriden, CT
- Next Level Skills Clinic
 - Thursday, July 12, 2018, 4:00-8:00 PM
 - Thorpe Complex, Meriden, CT
- All Star Games
 - Friday, July 13, 2018 at 7:30 PM
 - Pragemann Park, Wallingford, CT

2018 Northern Exposure Showcase Tournament

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us at the **8th Annual Northern Exposure Showcase July 13-15, 2018 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.

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, USA Softball Registration (see memo in packet) 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 8th Annual Northern Exposure Showcase. Enjoy the games!
Sincerely,

Jennifer Hapanowicz

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 2018:

1. **USA Softball Rules** will be followed with some showcase exceptions which are:
a) Free substitutions b) 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 to be played 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, complete USA Softball registration (see attached memo) 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 player 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 your players graduation years are entered correctly.

Wristband Color Codes

Black = Signed Player

Black w/red stripes = Transfer or Unsigned 2018

Green= Senior / Grad Year 2019

Blue =Junior / Grad Year 2020

Orange = Sophomore / Grad Year 2021

Purple = Freshman, 8th, 7th / Grad Year 2022-2024

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 as 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 directors or check with the 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 a concession stand 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. The refund policy is posted on the showcase website.

MEMORANDUM

To: Travel Team Coaches – July 2018 Northern Exposure Showcase
From: Jennifer Hapanowicz, USA Elite Training LLC
Date: April 12, 2018
Subject: Must be completed for July Tournament

As of 2017, USA Elite Showcase events are being required by the towns to meet specific Insurance requirements for use of their fields. As a result, the tournament is now a USA Softball (formerly ASA) sanctioned Showcase event which requires all participating teams to be registered with USA Softball. Being a showcase event, teams that are not already currently registered with USA Softball will have to pay a \$30 sanctioning fee per team. Given the fact that this is a showcase event, teams will **not** have to complete a USA Softball roster form only pay the \$30 fee to USA Softball.

IF your team is **already USA Softball registered** in your current state, then you are all set and your team does not need to pay the sanctioning fee again. If this is the case, please email us back to confirm that your team is already registered and who your USA Softball commissioner is.

IF your team is NOT USA Softball registered in your state then please do the following:

- Visit our website (www.usaeliteshowcases.com) and download the USA Softball Membership form.
- Complete the form and bring it to the field at your check in location at before the first game of the tournament.

Thank you.

Jen Hapanowicz

2018 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 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.

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.
- 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.

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.

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

Directions to West Side Field

For those with GPS insert:

4 South St. Wallingford, CT 06492

Directions from I-91(Both ways)

- Take exit 13
- Right at the end of exit
- Follow South Colony Rd to John St
- Left on John Street (Across from Dodge dealership); go over the Railroad Tracks
- Follow to East Street
- Field will be on your left corner Marsh

NORTHERN EXPOSURE COLLEGE SHOWCASE
JULY 2018

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 by July 10, 2018 or bring to the field after July 10 and hand in at check in table.

Thank you.