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## **News Release**

# **Durham to Host 2015-18 ACC Baseball Championships**

**Cary**, **N.C.** – The ACC announced today that Durham Bulls Athletic Park has been named host of the ACC Baseball Championships through 2018.

"We are pleased to announce that the Durham Bulls Athletic Park will be the home of the ACC Baseball Championship through 2018," said ACC Commissioner John Swofford. "The park, local organizing committee, and the City of Durham have been great partners and we look forward to a bright future and long term partnership.

"Our membership had a desire for the championship to find a home, and through its bid, Durham displayed its abilities to be that home. They showed a commitment to enhancing the event with their facility upgrades and their extensive promotional campaign with the **Triangle Sports Commission** and Capitol Broadcasting."

The ACC Baseball Championship has been held in Durham eight times previously, including three of the past five years. In 2013, tournament records for single-game attendance (11,329) and championship game attendance (8,697) were set. The 2013 championship drew 58,454 fans, the fourth highest total in league history.

"We appreciate the vote of confidence from the athletic directors," said Jim Goodmon, President and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Company. "I would like to think that this is just the beginning, that Durham and the Triangle will prove over the next four years that our community can be the permanent home of the ACC Baseball Championships."

"The Durham Bulls, along with parent company Capitol Broadcasting Company, the Durham Chamber of Commerce, the Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Triangle Sports Commission, are pleased that the ACC has understood our strong desire to serve as the home of the ACC Baseball Tournament. We cannot wait to show the participating teams and their fanbases just how welcome they will be in Durham."

#### **About the Triangle Sports Commission**

Incorporated in 2001 and based in Cary, NC, the Triangle Sports Commission is a North Carolina charitable non-profit organization and an all-volunteer sports commission serving the Triangle region. The TSC seeks to host events and carry out projects that involve collaboration and cooperation among Triangle communities and build the Triangle brand. The TSC led the Triangle's recruitment effort for the relocation of USA Baseball from Arizona that resulted in USA Baseball's new headquarters at Durham Bulls Athletic Park and their National Training Complex at Thomas Brooks Park in Cary. With its strong focus on Olympic and amateur sports, the TSC is one of only 10 US Olympic Community Partners. In recent years the Triangle Sports Commission has hosted multiple Olympic Trials for Table Tennis, national soccer tournaments, Olympic Day activities, the Women's Basketball Tip-Off, the North Carolina Sports Summit, and the US Masters Swimming High Performance Camp, among others. For more information on the Triangle Sports Commission, visit www.trianglesportscommission.com.

#### **About the Atlantic Coast Conference**

The Atlantic Coast Conference, now in its 61st year of competition and 15 members strong, has long enjoyed the reputation as one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate conferences in the nation. ACC members continue to build upon the cornerstones on which the league was founded in 1953 with a consistent balance of academics, athletics and integrity. For more information, visit the ACC.com and follow @the ACC and on facebook.com/the ACC.

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