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# Press Release

## **USA Baseball Complex, Triangle Sports Commission's first major initiative, wins Community Enhancement Award from Triangle Business Journal**



**Raleigh, NC, May 1, 2008:** The USA Baseball National Training Complex, in Cary, North Carolina, has received the 2008 Community Enhancement Award from the Triangle Business Journal. The Community Enhancement Award is given to a public or nonprofit project that enhances the community through resulting economic growth, aesthetic appeal, improved quality of life, job creation and/or other positive impacts. Since opening last year, the USA Baseball National Training Complex has hosted the Tournament of Stars, a number of international games featuring Team USA National Teams, and top NCAA action while the facility serves as the temporary home of the nationally second-ranked University of North Carolina Tar Heels baseball team.

The Triangle Sports Commission was founded by Hill Carrow in 2001 with a mission of promoting the Triangle region as a major hub for Olympic and amateur sports, events, and activities. The Sports Commission targeted the relocation of the headquarters and National Training Center of USA Baseball, the U.S. Olympic Governing Body for the sport of baseball, as an initial goal of the organization. The Triangle won out over major finalist contenders, Atlanta, Baltimore (Cal Ripken complex), Orlando, and West Palm Beach.

"We are delighted that the USA Baseball National Training Center has won this prestigious award," said Hill Carrow, Triangle Sports Commission CEO. "These are exactly the types of positive community impacts we envisioned when we established the Triangle Sports Commission and first began pursuing USA Baseball. This is excellent recognition for our efforts and partners like the Town of Cary, the City of Durham, the Durham Bulls, and others who made USA Baseball's relocation such a success."

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**About the Triangle Sports Commission:** Incorporated in 2001 as a North Carolina non-profit organization, the Triangle Sports Commission is an all-volunteer sports commission based in Raleigh and serving the Triangle region. The TSC focuses primarily on Olympic and amateur sports and this summer will help host a stop on the Kick It 3v3 National Soccer Tour in Morrisville.

**About USA Baseball:** USA Baseball is the National Governing Body for the sport and represents baseball in America as a member of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). USA Baseball is responsible for promoting and developing the game of baseball on the grassroots level, both nationally and internationally. As the commissioner's office for amateur baseball, USA Baseball is a resource center for its various membership groups, fans, and players. Virtually every major national amateur baseball organization in America is united as a USA Baseball National Member. As a result, USA Baseball governs more than 12 million amateur players in ballparks and playgrounds throughout the country. USA Baseball is headquartered at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park in Durham.

**About the USA Baseball National Training Center:** The USA Baseball National Training Center features three major-league caliber practice fields, and a 1,754-seat stadium. The Complex was developed, and is owned by, the Town of Cary and is located at Thomas Brooks Park. The venue was designed by Heery International of Atlanta.