



Triangle Sports Commission Newsletter

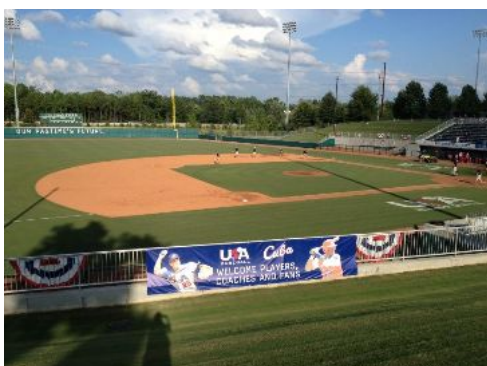
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Monumental Moment for USA Baseball

USA Baseball conducted a national search and bid process for a new home in 2001, announced the selection of the Triangle and began their move to the area in 2002, opened their National Training Complex in Cary in 2007, and just finished hosting the US vs. Cuba Friendship Series in Cary and Durham last week. These are considered among the top moments of USA Baseball's dozen years of history in the Triangle.

"From the time we started the pursuit of USA Baseball in 2001," said Hill Carrow, CEO of the Triangle Sports Commission (TSC) and Chair at the time of the Triangle's USA Baseball Bid Committee, "We talked to them about the possibility of hosting a US versus Cuba game in the region." The two countries have the most storied teams in Olympic baseball, so TSC leaders realized it could make for a very exciting and attractive marquee matchup. Also, given the extreme challenges of hosting any activities with Cuba in the US, the TSC team knew such an event if successful would mark an important and historic milestone.



Obviously it took longer than anyone imagined to bring Team Cuba to the US, with this year's series marking the first trip for the Cubans to America in over 17 years! But USA Baseball, the Town of Cary, and the City of Durham rolled out the red carpet for the visitors, treating their Cuban guests to two delightful nights of Carolina-style summer baseball weather on Monday, July 22 at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, and on Tuesday, July 23, at Durham Bulls Athletic Park in Durham. Supportive and enthusiastic crowds, top collegiate stars from across the US including Carlos Rodon and Trea Turner (NC State) and Skye Bolt (UNC), fan-pleasing autograph sessions, a U.S. sweep of the series, and a concluding fireworks show all made for an unforgettable occasion.

Hats off to Paul Seiler, CEO; David Perkins, COO; and their staff and interns at USA Baseball who were excellent hosts and who organized this momentous event. We are all hoping it does not take another 17 years for a return engagement!

Olympic Day Celebration



Olympic Silver Medalist Jamill Kelly and NC State played host to Olympic Day 2013

On June 25th, the Triangle Sports Commission celebrated Olympic Day with the help of Olympic Silver Medalist Jamill Kelly, the Raleigh Boys & Girls Club, and N.C. State University.

Fifty-four boys at the Boys and Girls Club attended Olympic Day activities on the campus of N.C. State at the Weisiger-Brown Athletic Center. Featured speaker was Jamill Kelly who won the silver medal in Wrestling at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, and who serves as Assistant Wrestling Coach at NCSU. Jamill spoke to the boys about the Olympic Games and Olympic ideals, showed videos of exciting Olympic Wrestling action including Jamill's own road to the silver medal in Athens, conducted actual wrestling demonstrations with the help of NC State wrestlers, and signed autographs for all attendees.

Olympic Day is a worldwide commemoration of Baron Pierre de Coubertin's June 23, 1894 convening of the first International Olympic Committee at the Sorbonne in Paris, and the founding of the modern Olympic Games. National Olympic Committees throughout the world celebrate Olympic Day each year. As one of only 10 national Community Olympic Partners of the United States Olympic Committee, the Triangle Sports Commission is an avid supporter and host of the Triangle Olympic Day Celebration on an annual basis.

Vote for the State Games of NC for National Award

The State Games of North Carolina, our state's largest annual sports event, has been nominated for a national award and your vote can determine the winner! The State Games is nominated as Best Multi-Sport or Multi-Discipline Event. The Best Multi-Sport Event Award is one of several highly prestigious awards presented by Sports Travel Magazine annually at the T.E.A.M.S. Conference, the largest trade show in the sports tourism industry.

You can vote for the State Games by visiting the Sports Travel Magazine website [here](#). To vote, you must make your selections, enter your name and email address, and then click on the link confirming your vote when you receive the email. The deadline for submitting your vote is September 15th at 8:00 pm EST.



The State Games of North Carolina were founded in the mid- 1980's by Hill Carrow , current CEO of the Triangle Sports Commission. The first State Games of North Carolina were held in the Triangle in 1986 and involved over 3,000 athletes. The State Games celebrated their 25th Anniversary in 2011 with Hill and Olympian Mechele Lewis carrying the State Games Torch and lighting the Games Cauldron at Opening Ceremonies.

Through the years, North Carolina Amateur Sports (NCAS), which owns and operates the State Games, has grown State Games participation to over 13,000 athletes, and the State Games of North Carolina now ranks as one of the longest-running and most successful State Games competitions in the country. The Triangle Sports Commission is proud to be an affiliate of North Carolina Amateur Sports and congratulates Chuck Hobgood, Executive Director, and the NCAS staff and Board on this great accomplishment.

Triangle Sports Commission Annual Report

The Triangle Sports Commission has published its Annual Report and you can access a copy on the TSC website [here](#).

The TSC Annual Report highlights the organization's numerous activities during 2012 including Olympic Trials, international events, the North Carolina Sports Summit, Olympic Outreach activities, the North Carolina Olympic Celebration, and the Triangle NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Coaches Luncheon, among others.

In addition, the Annual Report features the important roles that TSC's leaders have played both in building the



Triangle's sports facility infrastructure and in founding and developing the sports tourism industry trade organizations on a state and national level. The TSC's status as Community Partner for both the U.S. Olympic Committee and U.S. Masters Swimming is included, as well as the Sports Commission's special relationships with North Carolina Amateur Sports and with USA Baseball, the only national sports governing body headquartered in the Triangle region. The Annual Report details a variety of TSC initiatives ranging from national soccer tournaments to international multi-sport events, and describes the Triangle's standing as the most prodigious host of NCAA Championships in the country.

Save the Date!

September 20 - North Carolina Sports Summit
October 9 - Women's Basketball Tip-Off Luncheon

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