



## Amateur Baseball Report

### Who is the Amateur Baseball Report?

The Amateur Baseball Report (ABR) was developed by ABW Sports. The ABR is the scouting partner for USSSA Baseball.

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The Amateur Baseball Report (ABR) was developed to provide High School and Youth Baseball participants a way to measure National player status, gauge yearly progression, and provide an opportunity to gain national recognition and exposure from College Coaches and Scouts. ABR's final ingredient in its comprehensive program lies within the USSSA All-American Games and the "Journey to the Dream" regional qualifiers; thus providing a venue for personal recognition and achievement on an International basis that no other competitor offers. Through the orchestration of ABR Events, media content, and interactive Player Profiles, ABR provides individuals of all levels the ability to track national player progress and offer constructive feedback on specific areas of the game.

With the involvement of USSSA (United States Sports Specialty Association), the International Programs, ABR's interactive website, & the ABR National Magazine, the ABR stands alone as the most comprehensive exposure vehicle available to the High School & Youth baseball community today.

ABR's main focus is helping individuals reach their fullest potential. Our programs constantly evolve based upon assessed feedback from players, parents, coaches & scouts.

*Our priority is the player.*

### What Products does ABR Offer?

- ABR Magazine
- ABR Prospect ID Camps
- ABR Clinics
- ABR Scouted Events
- ABR State Teams (9U-13U)
- ABR "Journey to the Dream" Regional Events
  - Qualifies 14U-17U individuals for the USSSA All-American Games
- ABR Showcase Tournaments
- ABR Tournament Qualifiers
  - Qualifies 15U teams for the 15U USSSA Summer International Championships and 16U & 18U teams for the USSSA World Championships
- Interactive website featuring ABR prospects nationwide
  - Event evaluations are posted to each individual's player profile

### What is the ABR Interactive Website?

The ABR website provides a venue for ABR participants to track their player progress and follow other members nationwide. With the advanced search engines and profile capabilities, the ABR website and player profile pages provide members with additional exposure opportunities to college coaches and scouts.

The interactive website includes the following features:

- Members have the ability to search and follow players via the utilization of a field specific search engine including:
  - Name
  - State
  - Position
  - Velocity
  - Pop-time
  - Class
  - GPA
  - ABR Event

- Members have the ability to access the following:
  - individual skills rankings & percentile rankings
  - National Player Rankings
  - Video & Photo upload
  - Recap stories & articles
  - Informational articles written by renowned industry specialists
  - Player messaging
- Members have the ability to edit player information on their player profile pages including:
  - Season statistics
  - Basic profile information (i.e. height, weight, high school, etc)
  - Videos & photos
  - Post upcoming event & game schedules
  - Interested Schools & additional information

### **What are the ABR "Journey to the Dream" Regional Tryouts?**

The top regional prospects at the 14U-17U division are invited to a regional event. Participants may qualify for a regional invitation via one of the following methods:

1. ABR Prospect ID Camp
2. ABR Scouted Tournament
3. Coach's recommendation

The regional event consists of a complete skills evaluation and simulated games. The top individuals will advance to the USSSA All-American Games to compete for a spot on the USSSA All-American Team.

### **What are the USSSA All-American Games?**

The top 14U-17U individuals from the "Journey to the Dream" tryouts are invited to Kissimmee, FL in August. The participants are run through an evaluated practice and then compete in 3-4 simulated games. Teams are rotated through an elite coaching staff selected by ABR National Scouting Director, Dan Murray. Following the event, USSSA names their First and Second Team All-Americans. The First Team and select members of the Second Team are named to Team USSSA. Team USSSA at the 14U, 15U & 17U divisions will compete in the Gold Medal Games which are hosted by USSSA in Kissimmee FL. The 16U USSSA Team will compete at an international location, where USSSA encumbers the majority of the expenses for the event.

### **Team USSSA & International Competition**

The First Team USSSA All-Americans and select members from the Second Team will be named to "Team USSSA" at each age division. The 14U, 15U & 17U divisions will compete in the Gold Medal Games the following summer in Kissimmee, FL. There are currently 8 countries traveling in for the 2010 Event. Each team will be represented by its country's top players.

Team USSSA at the 16U division will represent USSSA internationally. The International location will change each year. The 2009 team will be traveling to Osaka Japan this August. USSSA encumbers the majority of the expenses for the event including international airfare, housing, meals, & uniforms. The international location will change each year.

For Additional Information on ABR and its Products, please visit [www.amateurbaseballreport](http://www.amateurbaseballreport) or call 708.675.1500 or email [bwabick@abwcompanies.com](mailto:bwabick@abwcompanies.com)



*"The Amateur Baseball Report is the next step in the evolution of USSSA Baseball. USSSA Baseball has always strived to bring innovative and fresh approaches to youth baseball. The ABR will enhance the players' and parents' experience with USSSA; along with providing much needed education about the game we all love."*

*Rick Fortuna  
USSSA Executive VP Baseball Operations*