



IMG Baseball Academy launches nation's first 12U Wood Bat League

BRADENTON, Fla. (November 22, 2011) – Today the IMG Baseball Academy announced the addition of a 12U Wood Bat League (WBL) to its legion of leagues sponsored by Under Armour, which already includes the popular 14U WBL in its second year, and the original High School WBL. The newest division is designed for players who are still on the youth fields but wish to take their game to the next level and train like the pros.

Players will have two exclusive youth fields, with 70' bases, 50' mounds and 225' outfield fences, as well as a 6,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art hitting complex with four covered tunnels, six T-stations, six outdoor batting cages, and a ProBatter Professional PX2 Video Pitching system.

IMG 12U WBL participants will be selected for four teams and assigned training, regular season and tournament game schedules. Players will train six days a week, and will learn from former collegiate and MLB coaches on IMG Academies' 400+ acre campus in Bradenton, Florida. On-field training and regular games will be complemented by speed, strength and agility training offered by experts at the world-renowned IMG Performance Institute.

The 2012 IMG 12U Wood Bat League will run July 15-August 11, 2012. An option for a pre-season add-on week is available July 8-15, 2012. All three Wood Bat Leagues are expected to sell out this year. To register, visit: <http://www.imgacademies.com/baseball-academy/wood-bat-league/12u-summer-wood-bat-baseball-league/>

About IMG Academies

IMG Academies, a division of IMG Worldwide, the global sports, fashion and media company, is the world's largest and most advanced multi-sport training and education complex dedicated to developing the TOTALATHLETE™. For more than 30 years, IMG Academies has helped countless youth, adult, collegiate and professional athletes reach their full potential in sport and life, by providing expert coaching, tailored programs and world-class facilities within an energetic environment across a 400-acre campus.

Today the Bradenton, Fla.-based campus attracts 20,000 athletes from nearly 100 countries annually. The Academies consists of the IMG Bollettieri Tennis Academy, IMG Leadbetter Golf Academy and adjacent IMG Academies Golf & Country Club, IMG Madden Football Academy, IMG Baseball, Basketball, Lacrosse and Soccer academies – all supported by the IMG Pendleton School and IMG Performance Institute's multi-faceted training disciplines. IMG Academies also conducts camps, clinics and events year-round, while providing support to teams and federations around the world. Find more info at www.imgacademies.com.

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