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United States of America Cricket Association

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### USACA Combine Invitees Announced

After a month of Regional trials across the nation, The United States of America Cricket Association (USACA), today announced that it has sent letters of invitation to 24 players to attend its inaugural U19 Combine to be held in Florida from May 31 to June 2, 2013.

An invitation to this inaugural USACA Combine is an honor and it gives players the opportunity to advance their cricket education and be part of the USACA Talented Player Pathway designed to track and support players from the youth level all the way up into the National senior team. By attending the Combine players will be included in USACA Talented Player database and will be targeted for future skills development. Performance at the local level will be monitored on an on-going basis.

The format of the Combine will include speed, endurance and strength tests and cricketing skills testing along with a series of matches of varying lengths. The Combine also provides the opportunity to assess technical, tactical, physical and mental strengths. All tests will be measurable to allow for direct comparisons between players.

Selwyn Caesar, Chair of USACA National Selection Committee commented

*“The USACA U19 Combine was designed to prepare players who were identified during the evaluation period. The selected players would be participating in multiple facets of physical training, dexterity and other cricket related activities which would be managed by Mr. Andy Pick, ICC Americas High Performance Manager in conjunction with coaches and other specialist trainers.”*

The Combine is one component of the USA National U19 Team preparation for ICC Americas U19 Tournament to be held in Toronto, Canada from July 7 to 15, 2013. Participating countries are USA, Bermuda and Canada. The winner automatically advances to ICC U19 2014 World Cup to be held in UAE.

**List of players invited to USACA U19 Combine:**

Raj	Bhavasara	AR
Rishi	Patel	AR
Ryan	Persaud	AR
Salman	Ahmed	CER
Jay	Pathak	CWR
Vibhav	Altekar	NWR
Arsh	Buch	NWR
Krish	Goel	NWR
Dave	Parikh	NWR
Roshan	Varadarajan	NWR
Omar	Afridi	NYR
Clifford	Hamilton	NYR
Aown	Iqbal	NYR
Amarnauth	Persaud	NYR
Keifer	Phill	NYR
Travis	Ross	NYR
Waqas	Shah	NYR
Randal	Wilson	NYR
Kwiese	Edmondson	SER
Patrick	Palmer	SER
Steven	Taylor	SER
Omari	Williams	SER
Shakeel	Ahmad	SWR
Sahaj	Patel	SWR

The list is also available at [www.usaca.org](http://www.usaca.org).

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