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Lee County hosts 2015 FHSAA Baseball State Championships at JetBlue Park May 13-21

FORT MYERS, Fla. (May 8, 2015) – The 2015 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Baseball State Championships will return to JetBlue Park May 13-21 for the third consecutive year. The 24-game series is expected to draw 10,000 fans from around the state as 32 teams face off. Last year, local schools Bishop Verot High School, Canterbury School and Seacrest Country Day School competed in the semifinals, and Seacrest played in the 2A Championship game. Lee County and JetBlue Park have hosted the FHSAA Baseball State Championships since 2013.

The event is being coordinated by Lee County Sports Development and Lee County Parks and Recreation, with support from The School District of Lee County. Lee County Sports Development estimates that the championships will have a direct economic impact of more than \$656,000 for Lee County, with approximately \$9,000 in bed taxes collected and more than 2,000 hotel rooms filled.

“With top-notch facilities like JetBlue Park and the great variety of activities for our visiting fans and families, we’re thrilled to be back in Lee County,” said Dr. Roger Dearing, executive director of FHSAA.

Admission is \$9 per day, and parking is \$10 for cars and \$50 for fan buses.

The Florida High School Athletic Association is the governing body for interscholastic athletic competition in Florida. It has a membership of more than 780 middle, junior and senior high schools.

About Lee County Sports Development

Created in 2003 to meet the growing demand for sports development in Lee County, the Lee County Sports Development office is recognized by the Florida Sports Foundation as one of the state’s 25 Regional Sports Commissions. The Lee County Sports Development office leads the recruitment and implementation of amateur and professional sports events and activities in Lee County, with the goal of providing economic impact to Lee County. Through local partnerships the Lee County Sports Development office provides services designed to address the needs of local, national and international sports entities including housing, access to venues, event management, transportation assistance, event promotion, marketing and local sponsorship opportunities. For more information, call 239-533-LCSD (5273) or visit www.LeeCountySports.org.

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