

NHSBCA/Baseball America High School Baseball
2014 Top 50 Pre-Season Rankings
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Several historically strong programs that won state titles last year had a strong case for being the No. 1 team heading into 2014.

St. Francis High (Mountain View, Calif.), Owasso (Okla.) High and Harvard-Westlake High (Studio City, Calif.) each finished in the Top 25 last year and remain there to start the year. But after finishing 2013 ranked second in the country following its second-consecutive state title, Venice (Fla.) High's history of sustained excellence and core of returning players made it the No. 1 team in the Baseball America/National High School Baseball Coaches Association Top 25.

As usual, the top-tier of teams resides in warm-weather states known as baseball powers. Eight of the top 10 teams come from the top four talent-producing states: California, Florida, Texas and Georgia. Even for their lofty historical standards, Florida and Georgia boast tremendous depth from a draft perspective this year.

National tournaments will again pit powerhouse programs from disparate regions against one another. The third-annual USA Baseball National High School Invitational has a loaded field featuring eight Preseason Top 25 teams, including No. 1 Venice and No. 5 Milton.

The second Boras Classic will host 32 teams from California and provide a measuring stick for the top teams in the most talent-laden state in the country. The teams will be divided into North and South brackets and the winners will square off at Pacific to determine a state champ.

#	<i>School-City-State</i>	<i>2013 Ranking</i>
1	Venice HS, FL	2
2	St. Francis HS, Mountain View, CA	6
3	Rancho Bernardo HS, San Diego, CA	NR
4	Owasso HS, OK	4
5	Milton HS, GA	20
6	Barbe HS, St. Charles, LA	NR
7	Archbishop McCarthy HS, SW Ranches, FL	14
8	Harvard-Westlake HS, Studio City, CA	1
9	Cy Ranch HS, Cypress, TX	NR
10	CC Moody HS, Corpus Christi, TX	NR
11	Dyer County HS, Newbern, TN	NR
12	JSerra Catholic HS, San Juan Capistrano, CA	NR
13	Bishop Gorman HS, La Vegas, NV	NR
14	Greenway HS, Phoenix, AZ	NR
15	Broken Arrow HS, OK	NR
16	Walton HS, GA	NR
17	Roberson HS, Ashville, NC	NR
18	Hanover HS, Richmond, VA	NR
19	Mountain Pointe HS, Phoenix, AZ	NR
20	Loyola HS, Los Angeles, CA	NR
21	Thunder Ridge HS, Highlands Ranch, CO	22
22	DeSoto Central HS, Southaven, MS	NR
23	Parkview HS, GA	NR
24	American Heritage HS, Plantation, FL	NR
25	Coral Springs Christian HS, FL	NR
26	Round Rock HS, TX	NR
27	Rio Rancho HS, NM	NR
28	Brimingham Brother Rice HS, MI	NR

29	Pope HS, Marietta, GA	NR
30	Archbishop Moeller HS, Cincinnati, OH	NR
31	Oak Grove HS, Hattiesburg, MS	NR
32	Mt. Belvieu Barber Hill HS, Mont Belvieu, TX	NR
33	Glocester Prep HS, NJ	NR
34	Flower Mound HS, TX	NR
35	Calvert Hall, Baltimore, MD	NR
36	Whitehouse HS, TX	NR
37	Laredo Alexander HS, TX	NR
38	Medina Valley HS, TX	NR
39	St. Laurence HS, IL	NR
40	Blue Valley West HS, Overland, KS	NR
41	Omaha Westside HS, NE	NR
42	Francis Howell HS, St. Charles, MO	24
43	Malvern Prep HS, MD	NR
44	Henderson County HS, KY	NR
45	Telecommunication HS, Bronx, NY	NR
46	Defiance HS, OH	NR
47	St. John College HS, Chevy Chase, DC	NR
48	Baldwinsville HS, NY	NR
49	Bishop Hendricken HS, Warwick, RI	NR
50	St. Xavier HS, KY	NR

The staffs of *Baseball America* and the NHSBCA compile the Top 25 rankings. In-season polls of the top 25 will be conducted every two weeks and released every other Tuesday throughout the season. The first in-season poll will be released on March 12 and the final poll will be released June 13. Records indicated do not include ties.

Other teams to watch:

Region 1

Amy HS, Amity CT

New Canaan HS, CT

Bridgewater-Raynham HS, MA

Boston College, Dorchester, MA

Westbrook HS, ME

Waterville HS, ME

Norman Thomas HS, NCY, NY

James Monroe, NYC, NY

Portsmouth HS, NH

Exeter HS, NH

North Kingstown HS, NH

South Kingstown HS, RI

Essex HS, VT

Champlain Valley HS, Hinesburg, VT

Region 3

Tampa Jesuit HS, FL

Starr's Mills HS, GA

George County HS, Lucedale, MS

Northwest Rankin HS, Brandon,, MS

Christian Brothers HS, Memphis, TN

Region 2

St. Marks Catholic, Wilmington, DE

Caravel Academy, Bear, DE

Gilman Prep, Baltimore, MD

Pennridge HS, Perkasie, PA

Conestoga HS, PA

Seton Hall HS, West Orange, NJ

Battlefield HS, Prince Williams, VA

James River HS, Richmond, VA

Hedgesville HS, WV

Nitro HS, WV

Region 4

Mount Carmel HS, IL

Elkhart Central HS, IN

Mercer County HS, KY

St. Xavier HS, Louisville, KY

Mercer County HS, KY

Farragut HS, TN
Flora HS, Columbia, SC

Region 5

Olathe South HS, KS
Wichita-Bishop Carroll, KS
Coons Rapids HS, MN
Delano HS, MN
Minnetonka HS, MN
Coons Rapids HS, MN
Lee's Summit West HS, MO
Rock Bridge HS, Columbia, MO
Millard West HS, NE
Creighton Prep HS, Omaha, NE

Region 7

Brophy College Prep HS, Phoenix, AZ
Hamilton HS, Chandler, AZ
Sandra Day O'Connor HS, Phoenix, AZ
Regis Jesuit HS, Aurora, CO
Rocky Mountain HS, Ft. Collins, CO
Coeur d'Alene HS, ID

Saline HS, MI
Rockford HS, MI
Mason HS, OH
Perrysburg HS, OH

Region 6

George County HS, Lucedale, MS
Harrison Central HS, Gulfport, MS
Northwest Rankin HS, Brandon, MS
Petal HS, MS
Cleburne HS, TX
Cypress HS, TX
Medina Valley, TX
Pearland HS, TX

Region 8

Chino Hills HS, CA
Agoura HS, Agoura Hills, CA
Huntington Beach HS, CA
Punahou HS, Honolulu, HI
Mid-Pacific Institute HS, Honolulu, HI
Lake Oswego HS, OR
Jesuit HS, Portland, OR
Skyview HS, Vancouver, WA
Kentridge HS, Kent, WA