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United States Handball Federation announces location, dates of College Nationals

The USA Team Handball Federation (USATH) has announced that the city of Auburn will host 2014 College National Championships from April 11-13. This will be the second time in the past decade that the state of Alabama will host the collegiate handball championships; the northern city Huntsville hosted it in 2007. The college town in the eastern part of the state is also the site of the residency programs for both the men's and women's teams.

Via press release the American handball federation announced its plans to hold next year's collegiate championship in Auburn, Alabama, also the site of the newly established residency program. It will be hosted by Auburn University's Handball Club, in partnership with the Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau.

The national organization had received multiple bids for hosting the College Nationals. "We were pleased with the quality of proposals received, but taking into consideration factors such as our strategic regional development pathways, the bid from Auburn provides opportunities that we hope to capitalize on in the coming years", stated USATH Technical Director Mariusz Wartalowicz in the press release.

The new club at Auburn should be expected to have a good performance at home, with a few of its players participating in national team practices on campus. However, they have a more than formidable opponent in West Point Military Academy, whose men's team has won the last seven collegiate championships in a row, starting in 2007; West Point's women also got the gold medal in this year's edition. Other likely participants for next year's event include the University of North Carolina, Air Force Academy from Colorado, Clemson University from South Carolina and Kennesaw State University from the neighboring state of Georgia.

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